

MEETINGS: 19
NO. OF REGULAR: 17

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
December 10, 2024 7:00 PM**

ON A MOTION BY, Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Murawski the minutes of the November 26, 2024 village board meeting were approved.

Trustee Murawski - Y
Trustee Ziemba – Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

APPROVE AUCTION RESULTS

Trustee Murawski, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the results from Auctions International online auction ending 11-19-2024 totaling \$2,660.00 are approved as follows:

Lot 10: Bradco/New Holland Cold Planer Attachment \$2,500.00 Brian Schectman
Lot 12: Aluminum Slidemaster Telescoping Cargo Holder \$135.00 Andrew Schlaak
Lot 13: 3-Section 21' Conference Table \$25.00 Andrew Schlaak

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Kraft, and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Murawski - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

Trustee Kraft, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Permission is hereby granted to for use of the northside fire station on Friday, December 20th 2024 from 6:00 PM till 10:00 PM for a firefighters holiday appreciation event.

And

Permission is hereby granted to Cayuga Hose Company #3 to have their annual holiday & installation at the southside fire station on Saturday, January 25th 2025 from 5:00 PM till 11:00 PM.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziemba and **CARRIED**.

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Adolf, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Carmi DelConte, Village of Depew Building Department employee, has requested an unpaid medical leave of absence extension until January 9, 2025.

WHEREAS, Village Administrator, Regina Grzankowski, recommends the approval of this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board approves the period of leave stated above.

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Kraft, and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Murawski - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf -Y
Mayor Peterson -Y

ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS

Trustee Ziemba offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, on Monday December 2, 2024 the Depew Fire Department held their Annual Fire Department Chiefs Election with the following results.

Fire Chief - Brian Musielak
1st Assistant Chief – Joseph Aquino
2nd Assistant Chief – John Hughey

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the above election results and congratulates the elected Chief and Assistant Chiefs.

The following resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Murawski - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf -Y
Mayor Peterson -Y

AWARD BID- ACCESS CONTROL PANEL – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Kraft offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Village Administrator, the bid for the access control panel – police department from the bid opening December 4, 2024 in the bid amount of \$59,997.00 be awarded to:

Life Safety Integrated Systems
2133 Broadway St.
Buffalo, NY 14212

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Murawski and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Murawski - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Police November 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief McNamara, Police Department: The Depew Police Department responded to 1048 complaints this month. 935 of those complaints were non-criminal, making 113 criminal complaints. We had three vehicles stolen, we recovered all three of those vehicles. Total of 32 accidents, four of them were injury and one of them involved a bicycle. 35 arrests, 19 males, 15 females, and one juvenile. Seven parking tickets issued, 208 traffic summons issues. Working on snow plowing permits.

Mayor Peterson: Asked if bike accident was an E-bike and mentioned PSA for New York State about E-Bikes and encouraging the parents to go through the rules and regulations.

Chief Musielak, Fire Department: Good Evening everyone. Since our last Board meeting, we've had 12 calls, 373 year to date. We had a hands on training session this past Sunday afternoon at 113 Main St, an acquired structure that's behind the house, it's being slated for demolition and the owners of the property were to give us that property to train with. Whenever we can do that, that's some really good hands-on realistic training that we can give our members – we had a lot of young firefighters there that hadn't experienced a lot of the stuff they got to experience this past Sunday, really successful training session – thank you to the owners of that property and and thank the Village Board for allowing us to do it. Christmasville parade, we got snow just in time, about 15 minutes before we started the parade. Our Central Hose Company #4 Antique Truck actually took first place, it's like the fourth time they have done so, put a lot of work into it and they deserved it. We've had an uptick in CO detector activation calls, which is not uncommon for this time of year but the majority of them are outdated detectors. You typically get between six and eight years out of a carbon monoxide detector unless it is one of the newer ones which is supposed to have a 10 year battery life. If it's activated, please call us no matter what. If you flip it over, the manufacturer date is when it starts, not from the date you buy it. Just be mindful and make sure your detectors are up to date. The body is completely manufactured for the new truck, but hit hasn't gone to paint yet.

Kevin Ferguson, Recreation Director: Learn to skate is going well, 25 kids in learn to skate program, two new teachers, two young girls that are excellent, they bring a lot of energy to the table for the kids. Open skate is hit and miss – when the Bills are playing, you get 15, when the Bills aren't playing, that doubles, you get 30 to 35. 2 to 4 on Saturday and Sunday. New hours for open skate coming up for during the break and the big tournament is coming back.

Ken Pyc, DPW Superintendent: Our new salt bin is completed, it's in using and going to allow us to store more salt, a lot less worrying about holidays and getting trucks in. Keep your sidewalks clear and don't plow snow onto the streets or sidewalks and keep your hydrants clear.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: Keep your sidewalks cleared, if you don't clear your sidewalks, you'll get a violation letter from us.

Kate Zaganiaczyk: We need to make sure that commercial business and their plow drivers aren't pulsing the snow up onto the sidewalk, Our DPW a lot of times can get out and plow those sidewalks as a courtesy but it is still the property owner's responsibility to make sure those are clear in the end. In order to plow in the Village, if you're a sole proprietor with no employee, you have to come in with a CE-200, the certificate of exemption from New York State. We need a copy of your general liability policy as well as your registration and the registration name must match the name on the insurance policy. We have a form in our office and happy to email it too. If you are a company, have to provide us with liability, workers comp and disability insurances, as well as all the required information for all of the vehicles in your fleet. Make sure I send the updated plow list to the Police Department regularly.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: Especially the corner sections, keep it knocked down, so cars can see around the intersections. Keep the corner intersections down below 3ft if you can. Also need the license's of any registered drivers driving. Explained why we require snow plow permits because of the requirements of the municipality for snow removal.

Trustee Kraft: We haven't really had that much interest in the volunteer snow angel program but if anyone still wants to sign up, we have the Village broken up in zones and if you volunteer to remove the snow for your neighbor, it would just be your neighbor in that zone, its not like you have dedicate yourself to the whole Village. Don't need to sign up for the program to help your neighbor, just a more organized way to help.

Mayor Peterson: Really only had two people step forward, have to work on crew to get out there.

Kate Zaganiaczyk: Asked about high school students looking for volunteer hours, if they could join the snow angel program.

Trustee Kraft: Explained looking for volunteers that are 18+.

Trustee Ziembra: Congratulations to the elected Fire Chief and Assistant Chiefs, appreciate everything you do to keep the residents safe.

Trustee Murawski: Just keep your hydrants clean and thank you for this opportunity.

Deputy Mayor Adolf: We just submitted our application for Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation and we got regional approval which is great, so it is with the Arbor Day Foundation themselves at this point, our application is in the final stage. Thank you Ken, his department including Deborah, to get everything, all the information to me so that we could submit the application.

Mayor Peterson: Our Toys for Tots drive ends this week. The US Marine Corps will be by on Friday to pick up our toys. I think we've done pretty well. Another \$300 I have to pick up tonight and I got to stop at a couple places. Appreciate all the help from the Fire Department, we had a drive-thru the other day, it was about a box that we collected. Appreciate the help from the Trustees that came to sit out there for a while.

Paul Sprada, 58 Argus Drive: Asked if we still have a cooperation with Depew High students for snow removal by the fire hydrants.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziembra and seconded by Trustee Murawski the following claims are to be paid: \$2,646,099.54 General, \$989.00 Sewer, \$14,093.77 Capital Projects for a total \$2,661,182.31 was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kraft and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator