

MEETINGS: 2
NO. OF REGULAR: 2

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
April 10, 2023 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik
Trustee Ziemba
Trustee Kraft
Deputy Mayor Adolf
Mayor Peterson

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Hamernik the minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft the minutes of the April 3, 2023 Re Organization meeting were approved.

Public Comments for Agenda items only

No Public Comment

AUTHORIZATION EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR

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

WHEREAS, in response to a sewer issue at 43 Donna Ct, Depew, NY. The sewer is being repaired as part of an emergency order with E & R General Construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the work is authorized to be completed as per the proposal from E & R General Construction.

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

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

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, membership is hereby granted to the following in the Depew Fire Department effective April 3, 2023 pending the passing of his physical:

HOSE CO. #4

Tyler B Manth

The following resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department's West End Hose Company #6 to host a 50-Year Dinner for Firefighter Richard Brossard on Friday April 14th, 2023 from 4PM to 11PM.

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

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Kevin Peterson, do hereby appoint:

James Refermat

to the position of Detective effective April 11, 2023. This promotion is based on Civil Service Exam 71-205.

The forgoing nomination was acted upon in the following manner by the Board of Trustees:

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

PERMISSION LEADERSHIP COURSE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Capt. Tim Norek and Lt. Corry Skok to attend the FBI leadership course July 10-14, 2023 -being held at the University of Buffalo. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew would like to enter into an indemnification agreement with the Town of Cheektowaga to acquire dirt fill at no cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the agreement with the Town of Cheektowaga.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: Construction season is upon us, office has increase in phone calls and permits. Good News, tentative offer/contract for the purchase of the Hidden Shamrock again, looks like this one is going to go through. Already started the process to get the documentation in place to finally get that building up and running again. They are going to leave the upstairs as apartments and the downstairs for now, they are going to do a basic buildout. He collects pinball machines, wants a private club for him and his friends to store or work on machines, not 100% sure. It is a private club for just a few members, but according to what he said, they are going to redo the entire outside of the building, the roof, siding, damaged garage, take dead trees down, and do the outside of the building with new siding. It will be nice.

RJ Nieman, Office of Emergency Management: Not much to report, we got our new laptops in. They are up and running and we are both, Galen & myself are going to be taking some classes with Shelly on some operational type things with the police department.

Kevin Ferguson, Recreation Director: Today is the first day they guys are going back on days because they work the rink second shift. They have a lot of work ahead of them. They need to get all the fields ready, volleyball, the two softball leagues, the kickball league, lacrosse. I forgot to mention that Yoga is going to be moving to Veteran's Park this summer and I will make sure Marie put that in the Bee as well. The second year in a row we are going to have 10 floor hockey teams play in the rink this summer. They have a lot of work ahead of them coming up. States there are two wooden horses in the front, suggested a gate for the area to protect the public.

Mayor Peterson: We are not going to open the old bathrooms there, we are going to get Port-a-Jons because of the construction area. People would be going through the construction area. Stated there is a construction meeting tomorrow and will mention the gate.

Chief Gauthier, Fire Department: Hopefully warmer weather is upon us, with that comes BBQs and equipment in the backyard – things like that. Just be smart, be mindful of how you are cooking. Try to keep grills a bit away from the house. Other than that, so far we have had 9 calls in April, Year to date 89.

Chief Miller, Police Department: This year we have been very busy, currently had approximately 3,500 calls for service. In the month of March had 1072 calls for service. One stolen vehicle recovered and two stolen vehicles, 25 accidents, 22 property damage only, two with injury and one where a pedestrian was struck. We arrested 17 males, 8 females and issued 255 traffic summons. This month, we are participating in the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee enforcement initiative. The leading cause of death and serious injury for people ages 16 to 20 are motor vehicle accidents. As a result, we are participating in the no empty chair campaign from April 24th to 28th. Our hope is to turn a simple traffic stop into a teachable moment that saves teens lives. Enforcement will include speeding in school zones, seat belts, cell phone usage, underage drinking and operation. And Operation Safe stop that's for passing school buses.

Sam Alba, Village Attorney: Nothing from me.

Trustee Darrin Ziemba: May 6th, Northeast SouthTowns Hazard waste material is holding an event in Hamburg. I don't have all the details of what they are going to take at this time, so hopefully at the next meeting I can present you with all the details but Village of Depew residents will be eligible to participate.

Trustee Audrey Hamernik: Just a little side note about our building across the street, the Dom Polski Building. So far we've received over \$349,000 in donations with a value in that building right now of \$598,000. So we thank the community for everything that they have done for us and helped us with. We are getting ready to open in not too long.

Trustee Janelle Kraft: Nothing for me.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Adolf: It's that time of year again, April, so I am asking the Depew residents to be on the look out for the Arbor Day celebration that is coming soon. Everyone's favorite topic of trees. We've got an order coming in of saplings. Every Depew resident that comes out is entitled to a sapling. We have a variety of about 10 different trees this year, so look out for information on that which will be out soon. We have been a Tree Community for three years now, just last month our third year was awarded to the Village of Depew so we are very thankful for that and privileged to be a part of that program through the Arbor Day Foundation.

Trustee Hamernik: I just wanted to mention that we will be giving out CO detectors in the parking lot of the community center on April 22nd to low income residents of our Village from nine to noon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: -

No Public Comment

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, the following claims are to be paid: \$111,331.26 General, \$300,979.05 Capital Projects, with a total of \$412,310.31 was **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kraft and seconded by Trustee Hamernik the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator