

MEETINGS: 14
NO. OF REGULAR: 14

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
October 10, 2023 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik -ABS
Trustee Ziemba – PR
Trustee Kraft - PR
Deputy Mayor Adolf - PR
Mayor Peterson - PR

A special presentation was held to honor Disability Advocate Stephanie Speaker and her work on expanding ParaTransit accessibility. Mayor Kevin Peterson, Erie County Legislator Frank Todaro, Karen Howard on behalf of Senator Patrick Gallivan, Elizabeth Brinkworth on behalf of Assemblymember Monica Wallace and Mike Billoni honored Stephanie and her work.

ON A MOTION BY, Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft, the minutes of the September 25, 2023 village board meeting were approved.

Public Comment Agenda Items Only: NA

The public hearing was opened by Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf at 7:26 PM and closed at 7:28 PM.

Comments from Public Hearing: Mayor Peterson mentioned that the funding for the Lancaster side for sidewalk improvements are \$150,000 and they have identified areas that could use improvements.

COUNTY OF ERIE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant for the Lancaster and Cheektowaga sides of the Village of Depew at the Tuesday October 10, 2023 board meeting.

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

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

AETNA HOSE CO #2

James Haley III

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

SEQR Type II Determination (Marano Drive Culvert)

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew is considering improvements to correct deficiencies in the Village infrastructure for conveyance of stormwater runoff and improve overall system reliability and service to the Community; and

WHEREAS, DiDonato, engineering consulting firm prepared an Engineering Report to identify potential alternatives to replace the culvert that crosses Marran Drive

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 617.5(c)(1), 617.5(c)(2) and 617.5(c)(6) under SEQR, this project is a Type 2 Action as it involves the maintenance, repair and replacement in

kind of existing stormwater infrastructure with no substantial change to the overall existing drainage conveyance system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as a Type 2 action under SEQR, the project has been found categorically to not have significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review under SEQR is required.

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

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

APPOINT DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS MEO (Motor Equipment Operator)

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

Jeff Lee
Hunter Snyder
to the position of Public Works MEO effective October 11, 2023.

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

Trustee Hamernik - ABS
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 Depew Fire Department Engines 1 and 4 to attend IFO Training at Tonawanda Fire Academy located on Fire Tower Drive in Tonawanda on Sunday October 22nd. Engine 4 will be from 7:00am till 1:00pm and Engine 1 will be from 11:00am till 5:00 pm.

AND

Permission is hereby granted Depew Fire Department to take Engine 2 to Lancaster High school on Wednesday Oct 25th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for their first responder club meeting and Recruitment drive.

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

PERMISSION – POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Permission is hereby granted to Depew Police Department to conduct a joint training exercise with Depew Fire fighters on November 13, 2023, from 5-10pm at Our lady of Pompeii at 129 Laverack Ave. Lancaster NY.

APPOINT PART TIME LABORER RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

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

Nathan Ziemba

to the position of Part Time Laborer Recreation at the pay rate per the budget effective October 11, 2023.

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

Trustee Hamernik – ABS 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 the Depew Fire Department for use of the 1941 Central Hose Engine for the Village of Depew Fall Festival at Fireman’s Park from 11am to 5pm.

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

PERMISSION FOR THE DEPEW VILLAGE TO APPLY FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT

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

WHEREAS The Village of Depew is approving an application to the Erie County Municipal Planning Grant Program for updates to the Comprehensive Plan along with the Village of Lancaster who will be submitting the joint application on behalf of both municipalities.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Village of Depew the application to the Erie County Municipal Planning Grant Program.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – Rec Nathan Ziemba
DPW – Thomas McClain

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – September – Building and Police Depts

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Peterson: The funding received from the Town of Cheektowaga is \$100,000 and is good for areas west of Transit Rd, south of Broadway, east of Borden, and north of Zubrick. \$50,000 of those funds to the Senior Center and the other \$50,000 for sidewalk improvements. Excited about this week, for the most part 99% of the pavilion will be ready to go. Will have members of various departments there with information, looking for a good turn out. Explained the details of pavilion and its rental, that it is available year round, will have two separate facilities to rent, will have fireplaces, fridge, microwave and TV in each unit and pricing for weekdays and weekends.

Elizabeth Brinkworth, Assemblymember Monica Wallace’s office: This week is the start of Fire Prevention week and Assemblymember Wallace secured \$50,000 in funding for

U-Crest District #4 that allowed them to purchase CPR machines, new radios and jaw of life tools. Assemblymember Wallace met with constituent Nikki Baker to raise ostomy awareness and she also toured Erie 1 Boces Career and Technical Education Center and other events. Reminder of the PULP event at the Cheektowaga Senior Center this Friday from 2 to 5pm.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: The old bank in the D&L Plaza is getting a major interior and exterior facelift, its going to be a Good Neighbor Federal Credit Union. If you have open permits, if you are ready for an inspection, please call so we can get them closed out.

Captain Norek, Police Department: September stats, 100 criminal complaints, 994 non criminal complaints, for a total of 1094. We had 26 property damage accidents, 4 injury accidents, one bicycle, one pedestrian, accident, 30 male arrests and 9 female arrests 49 parking tickets were issued and 298 traffic summonses were issued.

Chief Gauthier, Fire Department: Cayuga Hose Company will be hosting their chicken bbq this Saturday at 45 Meridian, 11am until sold out. Next Monday, will be the High School Annual Bonfire, lighting the fire shortly before 7pm. Friday, the 20th will be the motorcade leaving the bus garage around noon. Fire Department will be holding a Trick or Treat detail on Sunday the 29th, trick or treating from 1pm to 4pm.

Sam Alba, Village Attorney: Not too much, a few article 7s, working on electric scooter law, public hearing will be next meeting.

Ken Pyc, DPW Superintendent: Working on the pavilion, reminder to keep leaves on the grass, not on the road and keep your storm drains clean, especially with the rain.

Regina Grzankowski: Fall Festival will Saturday from 11 to 5pm, a lot of family friendly activities, a beer garden, crafts for kids, bouncehouses, WNY Superheroes & Cosplayers, performance from the Ausländers, 5 food vendors and craft vendors.

Trustee Ziemba: Reminder residents about next Saturday, the 3rd annual E-Waste drop off at Village Hall from 9am to 2pm.

Trustee Kraft: Echo the sentiments from earlier in the meeting about Stephanie and her good works.

Deputy Mayor Adolf: Fall fest will be rain or shine, its going to be great!

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kraft and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf the following claims are to be paid: \$640,523.30 General, \$6663.25 Community Development, \$238.00 Sewer, \$5,544.70 Capital Projects for a total \$652,969.25 was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf with continued message to keep Trustee Hamernik in their thoughts, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator