

MEETINGS: 3
NO. OF REGULAR: 3

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
April 25, 2022 7:06 PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Adolf - PR
Trustee Ziemba - PR
Trustee Kucewicz - PR
Deputy Mayor Hamernik - PR
Mayor Peterson – PR - Virtually

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Adolf and seconded by Trustee Ziemba the April 11, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment Agenda Items Only: N/A

APPOINT SENIOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER

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

Shelley Matthews

to the position of Senior Public Safety Dispatcher, effective 4/26/2022. This appointment is from the promotional list #72-805. Rate of pay as per budget.

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

Trustee Adolf - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Deputy Mayor Hamernik -Y
Mayor Peterson – Y

We never had a trained Public Safety Dispatcher promoted to a supervisory position in the history of this department or Senior dispatcher. It's a position that has been needed for years but never addressed. The dispatch center has evolved over the years, but our patrol supervisors are just not trained enough to understand the complexity of the daily duties of a public safety dispatcher. The supervisor needs a strong background in dispatching and has a greater understanding of the complexity of what dispatchers confront on a daily basis. Shelley Matthews fits those needs.

She has been employed with this department for 20 years. She has a good working relationship with our entire staff and with her years of experience, she will have an immediate impact.

We look forward with working with her as part of our command staff – congratulations Shelley

ADOPT 2022-2023 BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Budget for the Village of Depew for the fiscal year 2022/2023 is hereby **ADOPTED** with a tax rate of \$9.5276451 per thousand for residents on the Cheektowaga portion of Depew and \$9.5276451 per thousand for residents on the Lancaster portion of Depew.

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

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

WEST DAWSON FIELD FARMER’S MARKETS

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

WHEREAS; Permission is hereby granted to The Lancaster Baseball Booster Club to open the West Dawson Farmer’s Markets this spring. The market will be located adjacent to the 96-Year-Old Historic Dawson Field in the Village of Depew and the Town of Lancaster and will be open from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM every other Saturday.

The following dates are when the market will be open:

June 4, 2022

June 18, 2022

July 2, 2022

July 16, 2022

July 30, 2022

August 13, 2022

August 27, 2022

September 10, 2022

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

Trustee Adolf - Y

Trustee Ziemba - Y

Trustee Kucewicz - Y

Deputy Mayor Hamernik - Y

Mayor Peterson - Y

Authorization for Mayor to sign GHD Engineering Agreement

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Peterson is authorized to execute the engineering agreement with GHD in the amount of \$120,000 to complete Phase 8 as outlined in GHD proposal dated April 19, 2021 as part of the awarded Engineering Planning Grant 107286.

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

Trustee Adolf - Y

Trustee Ziemba - Y

Trustee Kucewicz - Y

Deputy Mayor Hamernik - Y

Mayor Peterson - Y

PERMISSION CHICKEN BBQ

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Depew Central Hose Co. #4 to utilize the Northside Fire Station, 112 Brewster, Depew, NY on Sunday April 24, 2022 for their company’s Chicken BBQ from 11:00 AM until sold out.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Hamernik and **CARRIED.**

PERMISSION –WAIVE PERMIT FEE

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

WHEREAS, The Vine Wesleyan Church has requested permission to waive the permit fee for the demolition of the Grotto in the parking lot. The work is scheduled to be performed the week of May 9' 2022. There will be no parking of cars or trucks in the parking lot allowed during that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that permission is hereby granted to The Vine Wesleyan Church to waive the permit fee for the Grotto demolition.

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

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

ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS

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

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 7, 2022, the Depew Fire Department held their Annual Fire Department Chiefs Election with the following results.

Fire Chief	John Gauthier	Hose Company #1
1 st Assistant Chief	Brian Musielak	Hook & Ladder Company #1
2 nd Assistant Chief	Vacant	
3 rd Assistant Chief	Vacant	
4 th Assistant Chief	Vacant	
5 th Assistant Chief	Vacant	

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

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

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT – JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

Trustee Adolf, 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 their physicals:

Junior Firefighter's

Anna Maki
Gavyn Lyons

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

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to Depew Hook & Ladder Co. # to use the Southside Fire Station on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 3pm until midnight for a recognition dinner to honor Firefighter Richard Ball and his 50 years of service to the Depew Fire Department and the Hook & Ladder Co. #1.

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

PERMISSION –WAIVE PERMIT FEE

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

WHEREAS, The Depew Community Action Team has requested permission for a waiver for the Demo permit for 570 Gould Avenue. They will be demolishing the bowling alley part of the building

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that permission is hereby granted to The Depew Community Action Team for the waiver request for the Demo permit for 570 Gould Avenue.

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – Rec – McKenzie Dellaneve, Madison Masaro, Luisa Pyc

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Building Dept March 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS –

Mayor Peterson explained that the board and Administrator worked on the budget to get it from the original increase of 12.2% to a 1.4%. The board the initial percentage was not what they wanted to present in the budget. In all fairness to the Administrator, the budget that is presented in March has higher numbers than where we ended up. We looked at some of the projections and tweaked some of the figures to reflect the most recent numbers we were given. Health Insurance, Gasoline, Worker's Comp were all lowered. We were able to secure a 2-year set rate for Worker's Comp this year, at a lower rate than first projected. Garbage was another expense we lowered to reflect a smaller increase. He thinks this is a responsible budget that he and the board all worked together on to present.

Chief Miller -

Our department and our officers continue to do a great job. They are engaged with the community and are working hard to keep this community safe. Our officer's hard work is paying off as our solvability rates have been steadily increasing – they are really doing a great job.

We will be participating in the Governors Traffic Safety council - May mobilization, targeting aggressive drivers. That will occur in mid to late May

As the school year ends, we will be participating in the *Police Traffic Services (PTS) initiative* -targeting school zones and other aggressive driving

Both of these are grant funded with 100% reimbursement to the Village, for the additional patrols.

National Heatstroke Prevention Day is May 1, 2022 Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of vehicular not-in-traffic non-crash-related deaths for children. Sadly, since 1998 - 906 children have died from heatstroke in a hot car. Yet, this tragedy is 100% preventable. While it seems like an impossible mistake to make, every parent or caregiver can potentially become distracted, and distractions often fuel this devastating situation. No one is immune. We each have a role to play to help keep our kids safe. More info will be posted on our Facebook page or you can go [nhtsa.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov) for the park, look lock campaign

Just a reminder - please remember to lock your cars, take your keys, and remove your valuables. Items from unlocked cars is still occurring.

REC – Read by Trustee Kucewicz – Working on putting soft surface on Fireman’s Park as well as the other satellite parks. There are currently have 10 lifeguards that are hired, we are hopeful that we will be getting some from Rich from Lancaster. We are looking to paint the pool, the prices that we are getting are from \$70 - \$150 per gallon and we need 36 gallons. We are looking to buy chlorine in gallon barrels because currently the cost for chlorine has gone up to \$1.50 per gallon. The Rec team will be cleaning up the front of Village Hall and putting down a weed fabric. Audrey has a team of volunteers that will be putting down flowers on May 22, 2022. We have a gentleman from Blasdel who refurbishes Zamboni’s and will be coming to the rink to give us prices. Lacrosse will be happening 3 times a week on the soccer fields. Softball and kickball are completely full for the first session.

Bob Brandon – A group of 50 volunteers got together and teamed up to clean up the Hamlin Park area. 60 bags of trash were collected in an attempt to help clean up the area. A tax credit is being sought to help people purchase Geo Thermal heating pumps in an attempt to clean up the bad air. These pumps are becoming very popular. In committee is a bill to get all school districts some help to begin changing their fleets of school buses to electric. The redistricting that was just attempted has been over-turned and will remain the same.

Don Bielefeld in the Building Department said construction plans are starting to pick up in the Village now. He wanted to remind the residents that with the warmer weather, now is a good time to get outside and clean up your property from the winter season. Also, please keep your lawns cut and maintained.

Chief Gauthier – The Junior Firefighter program is excelling as of lately. We are up to 16 members of Juniors, that is the biggest numbers that I have even seen in the program in 26 years. Thank you for all the kids who joined and took the initiative to help their community. We have 13 calls for this month so far. 90 calls year to date. The weather is starting to change and it’s finally starting to warm up outside, with the warmer weather is going to come cook outs. Grills are to be 10 feet from any structure and any kind of overhang, in the case that it may rain and you still want to have a cook out please do not put your grill in your garage and try to cook there, it usually does not turn out well. When you are done cooking, please make sure the grill is cooled down before you put the grill back in the garage. In the case of charcoal, please make sure the charcoal has 24 to 36 hours to sit and cool down before disposing so hot embers do not start a fire. Open burn laws are in effect for the Village, fires can not be anymore then 2 ft x 2 ft in diameter and can not exceed two foot in height. You can not burn construction wood, materials or vegetation. Dry camp fire wood only. The full recreation fire law is available on the Village website under the Village code section. Chicken BBQ’s are underway for the individual departments. Central Hose just had theirs. Hose Co #1 will have theirs May 14, 2022. West End Hose Co will have theirs May 21, 2022. The Aetna Co will have theirs on June 4, 2022. Hook and Ladder will have theirs June 18, 2022. Talk to the members and they will be willing to sell you a ticket.

Kenneth Pyc – DPW – We are looking to plant trees throughout the Village in conjunction with Arbor Day. We are working on wrapping up the all-inclusive playground and then we are going to starting work on the Fitness Court in Fireman’s Park. The electrical department started taking the wires and lines out of the long shed to get ready for demolition at Fireman’s Park.

Attorney Alba updated the board on the purchase of the Sanilac Street lot. The deed has been filed and the property is ours to do with what we want. He is still talking with the solar farm company as well.

Deputy Mayor Hamernik reported that on May 27th, the folks from Centere Point Church will be working with our Recreation employees and the DPW to clean up the front of the Municipal Building. The volunteers from the church have offered to help us plant some flowers and shrubs to make it look better. We will also be working on all of the Gateway signs into the Village. The DCAT team is getting ready to demo the bowling area portion of the Dom Pulski building. If anyone is interested in a tour, please reach out to the DCAT team for assistance.

Trustee Ziemba – being that tonight is our last meeting before Mother’s Day, he wanted to wish all of the Mom’s, Mother in law’s, Godmother’s, etc., a very Happy Mother’s Day!!!

Trustee Kucewicz congratulated Chief Gauthier on his election to his new position. She also congratulated Senior Dispatcher Shelley Matthews.

Trustee Adolf reminded everyone that this coming Saturday, the 30th, the Village is hosting an Arbor Day event at Fireman’s Park from 11-12 noon. This is a first come, first serve tree giveaway with a number of types of trees. He hopes to see a lot of people there!!! It’s going to be nice to be able to get out and have this event, it’s been 2 years since we’ve been able to host it due to COVID.

Paul Sprada approached the board and told Trustee Adolf that on the same day as our Arbor Day event, Lancaster is having one of their own at Westwood Park. It's longer than ours, there will be with hay rides and planting of pansies for kids to give to their mother's on Mother's Day. This is a free event for the public and runs from 9am until approximately 2 or 3 in the afternoon. Trustee Adolf responded that since we are just starting out, we hope to achieve the same success that Lancaster already has.

Terry Wolfe, the Village Historian was present and explained to the audience that Erie County has a historical building that holds many different historical societies. The Village is not one, but a gentleman reached out to her about her doing something at the Erie County fair. She explained that the Village has a long history of transportation here. If anyone wants to take a train, anywhere in the State, for example, they need to come to Depew where the main station is. The railroads started in 1798 and became reasons for investors to come here.

Mayor Peterson thanked everyone for their cooperation with him holding the meeting virtually and wished a Happy Mother's Day to all Mom's out there.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the following claims are to be paid: \$469,215.59 General, \$1,843.85 Community Development, \$1,386.00 Sewer, \$31,602.55 Capital Projects, \$504,047.99 Capital was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Adolf and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hamernik the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Dennis Gerlock Lt who retired in 1999 after 31 years of service to the Village of Depew at 7:56 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak
Village Administrator