

MEETINGS: 9  
NO. OF REGULAR: 9

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

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

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

**Public Comment Agenda Items Only:** N/A

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the resignation of Alec Roberts as a Police Officer is accepted effective July 20, 2022.

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

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

**APPOINT POLICE OFFICER**

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

Jessica Saraceno

to the position of Police Officer effective August 1, 2022 pending the completion of her background check. The salary will be per the 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 - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**APPOINT POLICE OFFICER**

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

Jared Starzynski

to the position of Police Officer pending the completion of his background check. The salary will be per the 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 - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**APPOINT PART TIME BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLERK**

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

Rebecca Dell

to the position of Part Time Building Department Clerk, effective July 26, 2022. The salary will be as per budget.

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

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

**APPOINT PART TIME COURT OFFICER**

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

John Fleming

to the position of Part Time Court Officer, effective July 27, 2022. The salary will be as per budget.

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

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

**APPOINT PART TIME PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER**

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

Christina Ziolkowski

to the position Part Time Public Safety Dispatcher in the Police Department effective July 26, 2022. The salary will be as per budget.

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

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

**PERMISSION TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the lease agreement with the Erie County Board of Elections for utilizing the Village building for the Primary Elections this year.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziemba 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 – ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**AUTHORIZE AUTISTIC CHILD IN AREA SIGN – KAREN LANE**

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

**WHEREAS** there is an autistic child residing on Karen Ln. and for safety and notification reasons there should be a street sign noting this.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the request of the parent of the autistic child on Karen Ln, the Department of Public Works is authorized to place an Autistic Child sign on Karen Ln.

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Adolf 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 - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**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 junior firefighter program pending the passing of her physical:

**Junior Firefighter**

Caroline Wanat

The foregoing 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 - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

## **PERMISSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for Engine 3, Engine 4, Ladder 5, and Rescue 7 to attend our department drill on Tuesday, July 26th from 6:30 PM till 9:30 PM at the Fire Academy, 3359 Broadway # 2, Buffalo, NY 14227.

And

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for one of our Engines to attend our Lancaster Town wide drill at Bowmansville on Thursday, July 28th from 7:00 PM till 9:30 PM.

And

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department take Engine 3 out to Townline Fire Department, 6507 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 for a standby on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 PM to 11:30pm.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The above foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziemba 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 - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

## **EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** – Joshua Kendrick

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** – Building June 2022

Kevin Ferguson – Rec - Hello Everyone,

The good news is the impeller is due in on Wednesday and the company doing the repair is going to put our pool pump first. We should have the pump back on Thursday if everything goes according to the plan. We are going to keep the pool open an extra week, changing the closing day to August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The new fitness court is completed and looks amazing!

The gazebo is rented most weekends.

The playgrounds have been full with all the beautiful weather we are having.

The ice season is approaching and we are looking at a full schedule again. The ice will be started in the end of August with the opening day of September 11, 2022. The guys will switch to second shift on that day.

We have been looking for a Zamboni repair company but we have had no luck. The rinks that we have reached out to are all doing their repairs in house. The Zamboni repairs will be done in house. Mark will be going over the Zamboni and ordering the needed parts.

We will be using the money the is set for the rink.

Kevin will be back from vacation on Wednesday should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Chief Miller – Police - Jessica Saraceno – she comes with three years’ experience working with Niagara County Sheriffs office and the village of Albion Police Department. She comes fully trained and will have an immediate impact on this department as her field training will be greatly reduced due to her experience

Jared Starzynski – lifelong resident of Depew – he has been working for TSA for the past year and will be attending the Police Academy starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Christina Zilolowski – a long time resident of Depew. She has been working at a local business but really wanted to give back to the community and wanted to be part of public safety dispatch team. She will begin immediately and should be fully trained in 3-4 months

**Just a reminder - please remember to lock your cars, take your keys, and remove your valuables.**

Keep an eye out for pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles – slow down and drive safe  
Thank you

Superintendent of Public Works Ken Pyc said the first wave of milling and paving are done and they will be moving on to the second wave. All residents were notified by mail.

OEM Manager RJ Nieman told everyone that the NARCAN training went well and that the NARCAN supplies are ordered. They will be at the Village Hall for anyone who would like one. Congratulations on Founders' Days, it was a great success!!! Special thank you to Millgrove for their help during the event.

CEO Don Bielefeld apologized that the department may be a little behind since he has just returned from an illness. They are trying to catch up and will hopefully be caught up by the end of the week.

Trustee Ziemba thanked the newly hired police officers that were present for joining the force. Not many people want to do that kind of work so he appreciates them stepping up. Stay safe and keep our residents safe as well.

Trustee Kucewicz thanked all of the volunteers who helped make Founders' Days such a success.

Mayor Peterson wanted it on record that the Recreation department has contacted all residents who purchased season passes for the pool to offer them either a refund or a credit for the inconvenience of not having the pool open. We are hoping that our part will be in soon and that we can open as well. However, the pool will be open for one additional week this season so that we can honor the length of lessons that we promised. But he guarantees that one way or another, the residents will be reimbursed one way or another if they purchased passes. We are paying our lifeguards as this is their only means of income during the summer months and it is not their fault that the pool is not yet open.

Trustee Adolf told everyone that the Tree Presentation by Davey Tree that was scheduled for tonight had to be cancelled and rescheduled for one of our meetings in August.

Mayor Peterson stated that it has been a busy 4 days for the Terry Buchwald concert and then into the Founders' Days events. There were approximately 900 people at the Thursday concert and the park had a lot of people attending the Founders' Days' activities. He and Brian Musielak were both challenged to attend the yoga classes and both had a nice time. Will be at the next one as well. He is looking for a few ambassadors to help at the opening of our new Fitness Court. These ambassadors will be people that teach Zumba and Pilates classes. The fitness court cover was funded by Legislator Todaro. There is another fitness court in West Seneca also.

Mary Wanat of South Wenona Street came before the board to discuss the parking on her street and the narrowness of it. There are no sidewalks on her street and people are parking on both sides, sometimes right up on the dirt and grass. She is looking for help because there is no way that an emergency vehicle could possibly get down there when people are parked on both sides. The employees of Emerald Heating and Cooling are parking at Dairy Queen when they are not open. She thought that maybe they could get some kind of agreement with them and Magruder's to use their large lots.

Mayor Peterson told her that the board did discuss this at the pre-board meeting tonight and that they've made some decision. He deferred to Chief Miller who explained that he visited the location and agreed it is a hazard if people were parked on both sides. The board has decided to make it no parking on the East side of the street, which is where the fire hydrants are located. Mayor Peterson also said that Deputy Mayor Hamernik can act as the liaison for her since she is working closely with Emerald Heating and Cooling on

the community center. She could possibly reach out to Dairy Queen and Magraders to see if an agreement can be made.

Superintendent Pyc said that when his crews are finished with the paving they are doing now, he can come over and take a look at putting down some blacktop on the sides of the street. He can move some dirt and pave over there as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS –**

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Ziembra and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the following claims are to be paid: \$473,142.16 General, \$1,482.65 Community Development, \$859.00 Sewer Fund, \$8,604.83 Capital Projects, \$484,088.64 Capital was **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz the meeting was adjourned with asking to keep Deputy Mayor Hamernik in your thoughts at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator