

MEETINGS: 12  
NO. OF REGULAR: 12

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW**  
**September 12, 2022 7:06 PM**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Adolf and seconded by Trustee Ziemba the August 8, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Deputy Mayor Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Adolf the August 25, 2022 Zoning Board Minutes were accepted by a roll call vote.

1. Alison Cordaro - 2 Grant Street, of Chapter 260, §260-14(B)(1)(h), to allow them to construct a driveway within the required minimum setback of three feet to any interior, rear or exterior property line and such driveway does not project greater than five feet directly in front of the principal dwelling. Granted with stipulation that driveway cannot exceed the property line.

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

2. Mark Kobielski - 117 Preston St, of Chapter 260, §260-23(A)(2) to allow them to enclose a porch within the required 25ft front yard setback. Granted.

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Deputy Mayor Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Adolf the September 8, 2022 Zoning Board Minutes were accepted by a roll call vote.

1. Ari Goldberg of Barclay Damon, on behalf of Royal Wash Development LLC for property located at 4801 Broadway, for a rehearing of the tabled March 10, 2022 meeting for two variances, of Chapter 260, § 260-27(A)(2) for relief of the required side yard setback of 25 ft abutting a residential property, requesting 5.9ft and of Chapter 260, §260-37(E)Wall Sign(4), for relief from the maximum wall sign coverage on a single parcel of 100sqft, requesting an increase to 142sqft. Granted.

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

2. Ricky Wargala - 179 Wayside Dr., of Chapter 260, §260-14B(1)(e)(1) to allow him to place a generator within the required 5ft setback. Granted.

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

**Public Comment Agenda Items Only:**

No comments

## **APPOINT FULL TIME PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER**

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

Alex Zakowski

to the position of Full Time Public Safety Dispatcher in the Police Department effective September 12, 2022. The salary will be as per budget. He is being hired off the civil service eligibility list 67-201.

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 -Y  
Mayor Peterson - Y

## **WAGE INCREASES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator is authorized to pay retro wage payments to the following non union employees at the rate increase of 4.25 % for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023. The following titles are to be paid the retro due for the period above and their current salary adjusted for the wage increase along the same guidelines as the settled contract: Confidential Clerk – Typist, PT Confidential Account Clerk Police, Mayor’s Secretary, Confidential Court Clerk, and Village Administrator.

The foregoing 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 -Y  
Mayor Peterson - Y

## **RETRO WAGE PAYMENTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator is authorized to retro pay wage payments to the Police Chief at the rate increase of 4.25% for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 and to the Police Captains at the rate increase of 4.25 for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was seconded 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

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS 2022**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Kevin Peterson, is authorized to sign, submit, and execute a contract with the Community Development Block Grant for the following project(s) upon approval of ECCDBG-Project Ranked:

Sidewalk replacement and Senior Center expenses in the Village of Depew, Town of Cheektowaga, and Town of Lancaster sides for the year 2022 – 2023.

The foregoing 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 - Y  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**PERMISSION PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COURSE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Alex Zakowski and part time PSD Christina Ziolkowski to attend the Public Safety Telecommunications Course the week starting September 12. 2022 at The Town of Orchard Park Community Activity Center, 4520 California Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127. The class will be 8 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, and **CARRIED**.

**PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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 his physical:

**Central Hose Co. #4**

Tyler Kent

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 TRAINING SCHOOL**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Kenneth Pyc, Department of Public Works Superintendent, to attend the NYCOM Public Works School at Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center, 48 Canada St, Lake George, NY 12845 on October 3 – 5, 2022. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

### **CHANGE OF BOARD MEETING DATES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, due to the Columbus Day Holiday our Board Meeting Date will be Tuesday October 11, 2022 instead of Monday October 10, 2022.

And

**BE IT RESOLVED**, due to the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony the Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday November 29, 2022 instead of Monday November 28, 2022.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, and **CARRIED**.

### **AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG**

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

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant at the Tuesday October 11, 2022 board meeting.

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

### **PERMISSION GLOCK ARMORER COURSE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted officers T. Stranc, PO P. Canna, and PO B. Jones to the Glock Armorer course held in Lewiston Sept. 8, 2022. The course will be from 8 AM-5 PM on Sept. 8, 2022 at the Lewiston Fire Company #1, 145 N 6th St, Lewiston, NY 14092. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

And

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted PO James Wolfe to attend the Remington armorers course September 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Delaware Sheriff's office, 844 US-42 N, Delaware, OH 43015. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

### **PERMISSION TO SIGN WEST AVE PROPERTY TRANSFER**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the transfer of ownership of V/L West Ave (S.B.L – 104.78-1-42) from the Village of Depew to the Estate of Joseph Szuba.

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

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

## **PERMISSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to take Engine 1, Engine 6, and Ladder 5 to the Amherst Training Facility, 4220 Bailey Ave, Amherst, NY 14226 on Tuesday Sept 20, 2022 from 6pm to 10pm.

And

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to take Rescue 7 to Bowmansville, 36 Main St, Bowmansville, NY 14026 for training on Thursday Sept 22, 2022 from 9am to 12pm.

And

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to take Engine 3 to Town Line Fire Department, 6507 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 for training on Thursday Sept 22, 2022 from 6 pm to 9 pm.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The above foregoing resolutions are 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 - Y  
Mayor Peterson – Y

## **PERMISSION – FUNDS CONTRIBUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, it has always been the intention of the Depew Village Board to contribute in some way to assist the not-for-profit Depew Community Action Team (DCAT) with their repurposing of the Dom Polski Building at 570 Gould Avenue, Depew, NY 14043 into a new Depew Community Center:

And

**WHEREAS**, The Final interim rule, released by the Treasury on January 6, 2022 allows the Village of Depew to allocate funds received as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to assist DCAT in covering the costs of installing a new roof over what is a planned laundromat AND covering the cost to secure the Northwest side of the building.

**WHEREAS**, The Village will appropriate \$31,000 from its ARPA funds received from the Federal Government to DCAT as a part of its contribution to the project that will benefit many residents of Depew.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The above 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 - Abstain  
Mayor Peterson - Y

## **EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** – Eric Smith

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** – Building and Police August 2022

Don B and Kathy Z – Building Department – Many applications for new businesses going into existing locations within the village. Construction season is starting to wind down and property maintenance is starting to ramp up. We had some issues last meeting about drainage over on Brunswick and Patsy Ln. that we have addressed and hopefully it's taken care of. Time will tell until the next heavy rain fall. If it's not taken care of, we have a contingency plan to make it a little bit better. The Hidden Shamrock was sold again, we did a walk through with the realtor and it is looking positive. They are in the process of trying to locate the paperwork for the extra driveway. The Village is eager to see that developed as per the mayor. It is in surprisingly good shape inside, there are some vandal damages, but dry inside.

Ken Pyc - Department of Public Works – We have a salter that we made from an old street sweeper that should help in the winter months and snow falls. We are working on the roof at the rec department over the pool pump building, that is wrapped up. We are working on making the rear of police station usable after the contractor left. Mayor Peterson gave kudos to Ken and the mechanics for the out of box thinking for the salter. We replaced the street sweeper a couple years back and the old one would not get more the \$8,500 at auction. The sweeper has never seen snow or salt, so we have the street sweeper converted into a new salter at a very low cost to the village. It's a piece of equipment that will last us 8 to 10 years for a minimum investment. The salt truck chassis are \$138,000 and another \$50,000 for the salt body. Almost \$190,000 for a new salt truck. The cost of the remodel of the street sweeper to the salt truck was a cost to the taxpayer of \$43,000. Saved the village over \$100,000.

Kevin Ferguson – Recreation Department – Finished the softball league on Friday, we had 3 games. We still have yoga on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays until the weather breaks. We open up the rink on Sunday and that goes seven days a week. We have a packed schedule. According to Marie, by the end of the week we will have learn to skate and open skate by the end of the week. The mayor stated that bids will be open on Thursday for the pavilion and bathrooms for Fireman's Park, hoping for some good numbers.

Chief Miller – Police Department – September 24, 2022 child seat installation safety check at Depew High School. Information will be posted on website and Facebook page. New seats will be there, and technicians will be available to make sure they are installed properly. Monthly report for August – 1025 complaints, 923 were non-criminal, 102 criminal cases – 34 motor vehicle accidents, 30 of the accident were property damage only, and 4 injury accidents, we recovered 1 stolen vehicle. We had 24 arrests, 20 males, 4 females. We issued 228 traffic summonses. As school is back in session, keep as eye out for kids in the roadways and stop for them. Do not pass school busses when the lights are flashing. Mayor Peterson asked if there were winners in the lucky ducks, Chief Miller did not check into it. It was run by the PBA.

Chief Gauthier was not in attendance as he was at the Fill the Boot drive.

Sam Alba – Legal Department – The solar project is moving along we have an agreement on the building permit which took longer than expected to get together. Code and I are reviewing that. The final version of the lease is coming along very soon. Sam explained the process of the lower and upper portions of the parcels. We sold the upper parcel and kept the lower parcel that had the more environmental issues, we remediated those issues and now the solar company wants to lease that land from us. Now it is going to be covered in solar panels. I spoke to Liz Brinkworth could a bike path come along the water. It runs along Broadway and there is the field next to Twin Village, if there is a way to weave it in, it is stunning down there. There would be some hoops to jump through with the DEC and some other owners, but not outside the realm of possibility.

Terry Wachowiak – Village Administrator – Conference room updates – it is finally coming along. Encourage everyone to look at it, we are proud of it. The window is going

to take some time, it is a large window. By next week we should have everything ready and then get what we need for the inside. It is all covered from the insurance company.

Trustee Ziemba – Nothing

Trustee Kucewicz – Thank you to all involved with the contracts. I know it's a long process. Thank you for all your hard work.

Trustee Adolf – Also my thoughts, extending my gratitude for the work for the contracts. I know it's not easy. We are very fortunate as a village so you can see and to have the people that are here. We are really heading in a good direction as a village. We are very fortunate to have the team we have. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Hamernik - We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the team that we have working here. September 24, 2022, we are sponsoring a food drive at all three Tops Stores. Tops Transit & Rehm will benefit St. Marth's Food Pantry, Bowmansville Fire Department will be standing by there. Tops D & L Plaza the Depew High School there and that will benefit The Tri Community Food Pantry and Tops French and Transit, St. Mary's High School will be there and that will benefit Trinity Food Pantry along with The Twin District Fire Department. We collected over 10,000 LBS of food last year for the holidays from the three pantries and over \$2,000 in cash that we turned into gift cards so they could buy meats for the residents.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

During the explanation of agenda items, resolution #12 for West Ave, Mayor Peterson asked our legal department to offer a brief explanation. Attorney Alba told everyone that this was simply an error made many years ago and we are now correcting it. The property is essentially a paper street and it was never paid so it is just a vacant lot. This piece of property was supposed to be turned over to the Village, but never was completed. The owner's family requested that we complete the transfer now.

Deputy Mayor Hamernik explained that the DCAT building is the old Dom Pulski building. They purchased it for \$1 and are turning it into the community center. It will house a laundromat, a wellness clinic, a computer center and a clothes closet for those residents of low income in the Town of Lancaster and Village of Depew. Everything in the building has been donated. Total kitchen was donated by NY Kitchen & Bath. The total bathrooms were donated by Olive Tree Restaurant. Emerald Heating and Cooling donated the furnaces. Cheektowaga enterprise, used to the old crushed stone, donated \$30,000 to put up a concrete wall that when we take out the bowling alley will hold the soil when we turn it into a parking lot. Twin Village at the cost of \$100,000 is taking down the bowling alley, they are keeping the structural steel, but that is where we ran into a problem. The building on the Northwest side of the building is resting on the structural steel. If we take that back part of the structural steel out, the back part is going to collapse. It's going to cost us \$10,500 to shore up that back part of the building with a footing and concrete pillar to hold it up, before we can move on. \$27,500 was donated by a business on Terrace Blvd, called SEFAR, Inc. They are outfitting the laundromat with eight washers and dryers. We came to find out that with the flat roof over that part of the building, there was a belly so we had to put in a new roof so it doesn't leak. So far the community alone, all the businesses in the community, Eagles donated \$2500.00. We had over \$200,000 in in kind donations. We are hoping that Phase 1, which is the large gymnasium and the Police Athletic League, The police department is going to form a PAL league with the children in the area, will be open in November. Mayor Peterson added there was money from: Frank Todaro. Audrey did say they received \$15,000 from Legislator **Frank Todaro**. There are so many people who have donated. We sold the windows in the building, 53 of them for \$300 each and we were able to put new windows in with the sale of the old windows. The windows were dedicated to other people, loved ones, family members or someone else. We have an autism window. It really is a community project, so we hope that we see everyone there. We are going to open a soup kitchen come November.

Elizabeth Brinkworth – Assemblywomen Monica Wallace – Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Monica Wallace. \$15,000 for the Lancaster Public Library. The funding will allow the library to remain open on Sundays from 12PM – 5PM, as school in session,

students will be able to access computers, books, they have paper and projects to get done will be able to. She announced state funding to get a mural in the Village of Lancaster and sculpture in the Town of Cheektowaga Town Park. People with artistic abilities are encouraged to apply for the ASI grant. ASI is a non-profit agency located in Buffalo. We are accepting calls from artists until the end of the month. September 23, 2022 is the cut off. Saturday September 10, 2022 Assemblymember Wallace visited Bellevue Fire Department in Cheektowaga for the annual Tunnels to Towers 5K run. It is honoring the victims and heroes of 9/11. Assemblymember Wallace also participated in the Polaski Parade. First year held in downtown Buffalo. Please call the office with any state issues at 716-686-0080. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Bike path survey was launched online and is a couple questions just wanting everyone's input on what they would like on the path. The bike path project is a long-term project so we would like to hear from the public. Once the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Committee and in partnership with Go Bike Buffalo gets the results, they are going to compile a study that they can present to the public. We want to make sure this a community project and everyone has their input. Once they have the data then they will construct a plan for how the bike path will come about and do public meetings. Presentation boards, Justin Booth from Go Bike Buffalo will be present. We have to clear right of ways with the counties. The Mayor clarified the bike path will go from Lancaster, through Depew and into Cheektowaga. Liz said it would be the Lancaster Heritage Trail and then we found out there is a bike trail in the Town of Cheektowaga, The Le High Valley Trail. We thought it would be a great idea to connect them through Depew. Through state funding that Assemblymember Wallace was able to secure, the study will be conducted to see if this is feasible to connect the two bike trails. It just misses the Village of Sloan. We are looking to connect to the Fireman's Park stated Mayor Peterson. Deputy Mayor Hamernik has an artist in mind.

Frank Stalteri – 166 Sawyer Ave. – Last July of 2021, I brought the speeding to your attention and the Police Chief's. A couple months later the machines were put out to collect data for a couple weeks. You and the Police Chief would need some time to go through the data and figure out how you would like to proceed. In July 2022 the new machines were put out for a month and I was able to FOIA the statistics. Above 31 miles per hour on Main St and Sawyer 11,2036 speeding vehicles above 31 miles per hour. The more important issue to the Police Chief was the vehicles going over 41-65 miles per hour. 349 cars per month as the speed of 41-65 miles per hour. Total of almost 4200 speeding vehicles annually. Total number of tickets in the last 12 months were 9, which is not even one per month. Which represents a 2.5% ratio of tickets in the last month, that is for the 41 mile per hour range. 9 tickets written overall the cars would be .006%. It's hardly measurable and now that you have the new statistics, did you and the Police Chief have any thoughts about how you can curb the speeding. Mayor Peterson stated he listened to Mr. Stalteri the message he left him on Saturday. Mayor Peterson takes exception to the face that you say we haven't done anything. We have put signs up on the street to indicate what the speed limit is on Sawyer, Main St, and Penora. Which is something you requested. We put officers out in our cars. You want to interpret the data, I will give you my verbal of the letter that I had for you. 54,555 is the number you're talking about over a month. It was less then 17 days, so you probably doubled the number. I looked at the information as well. Mr. Stalteri said this is your information that I received. Mayor Peterson also said yes I have it right here. Of that 54,555, 43,319 were within the speed limit of 30 miles per hour. That is 79.4 % of all those cars. As we have discussed in previous meetings that we have had with you, the people that are driving 31 -35 miles per hour, 9,598 people, 17.59%. I don't consider stopping somebody doing 31 – 35 miles per hour, in a 30 mile per hour zone. I can not see putting resources out on Main St, to pull someone over when there is a? Police Chief Miller explained the Speed Estimation Course or radar school, there is a plus / minus 5 mile per hour differential. It is not enforceable at 5 mile per hour. Mayor Peterson stated 36 – 40 mile per hour – 1,289 vehicles, which is 2.36%, 41-45 miles per hour – 245 vehicles, which is .45%. These are out of the original 55,000 vehicles. 46 – 65 miles per hour – 104 vehicles - .19%. Those three categories that what I would consider and what the Chief points out what would be the appropriate plus / minus is 3.1%. I don't see devoting Village resources to find 3.1% over the one month. We could find any number of streets that are rated for 30 miles per hour in the Village that you have brought out that they are cut through streets. Mr. Stalteri asked what the 54,555 people going down the street for?



They are not going to the bakery. Chief Miller said you can not tell the public where to drive just because it's your street. It is an impossible task. We are not going to sit on the corner checking ID's to see if they are allowed to drive there. It's a public street, they are allowed to drive on it. I would ask you to look at the data, if you do the average speed for all the cars that travel, which we put the new sign up there, new technology, we had it up for a month, a little less than the old sign that you are using the data off, the medium speed of all cars in that area is 27.8 miles per hour. Far below the actual speed limit. There are out liars in every street. There are only 3.1% that are negatable at all in the 36 – 65 mile per hours, it is a very small percentage. Mr. Stalteri stated in the category in which you are interested in which is the 41 – 65 miles per hour there are 349 cars, you have less then 1 ticket per month that is being written, you can not claim that I am incorrect. Chief Miller is not denying the fact that there are speeders on every street in America and in The Village of Depew, but to put our resources for 3% or less then 3% of the cars driving on that street, it's an impossible task. We have done a lot more for you then most residents in the village, trying to curb the speeding. You can not expect us there every day. Mr. Stalteri stated the police are writing less then one ticket for month within a 12-month period. That's slightly over 348 cars per month that is getting away with speeding between 41 -65 miles per hour and you want me to accept that you are doing wonderful things. Chief Miller asked Mr. Stalteri to think about the other 125 streets we have in the village, and we write over 300 tickets a month, we can't be everywhere. We can not designate a car for a low percentage. Mr. Stalteri gave the options of stop signs or speed bumps; Buffalo is putting speed bumps on streets that do not need them. Chief Miller stated that has been a study that says it causes more accidents in you put a stop sign in the roadway without an intersection. The neighbors that live there will complain and not want speed bumps. Attorney Alba asked what is the speed limit on the street right now? The answer was 30, which is the village speed limit. Attorney Alba asked would it be helpful if the limit was lowered to 25? The answer was it wouldn't matter. The problem is you have people who don't live there and no not have any business being there and use it as a cut though. They hang a left on Sheldon. Flying down Penora. Some shoot to Central, but the majority shoot down Sheldon. Attorney Alba stated that we sympathize with the issues, but we are limited in what we can do. There is a new law that would let us lower the speed limit to 25. Mayor Peterson asked DPW Superintendent Pyc is speed bumps would be difficult with regards to plowing. The answer was it would be impossible. Mayor Peterson added that the City of Buffalo also put cameras in front of schools, how successful was that program? Mayor Peterson said you have a 14043-zip code, but you are in the Town of Lancaster. What has the Town of Lancaster done about it, how receptive have they been. Frank did not ask them. He states that most of the cars are coming through Depew. Mayor Peterson said that Depew has been receptive and has helped you. We will agree to disagree.

Robert Miechowicz – 40 Lackawanna Ave. – He read a passage from the Bee Heard in The Lancaster / Depew Bee from 8/18/2022. "Cars parked illegally on Terrace Blvd. There are no parking signs on the north side of Terrace, but there is always at least one car. The worst is Mooney's Bar always has cars that are parked illegally. The whole street of Lackawanna is no parking at any time on the West Side of the street except by Mooney's. The patrons park on the sidewalk, across the sidewalk, the length of the sidewalk and on the street. There are no parking signs by Mooney's, please do something about that." After Robert read the Bee Heard, he stated that he lives 3 houses from Mooney's, the last no parking sign in at 18 Lackawanna Ave from 18 Lackawanna to Broadway there is no sign that reads no parking anytime and that is why there are illegal cars that park there. Before I came here tonight and pulled out of my driveway, I looked down the street and there were actually 2 cars parked halfway on the sidewalk and the street. Can DPW put a no parking anytime sign either above the stop sign or below the stop sign? If not possible can a brand new no parking sign be put up that would stop the illegal parking on the sign of Mooney's bar. Robert was asked what side of the street to you live on. Answered the left side. Chief Miller will look into it. The Mayor stated that all the streets from A Street east all the streets are the same. Mr. Miechowicz the best time to look into the cars at Mooney's is right around 5PM. Mayor Peterson asked Chief Miller if the signs do not go all the way down. He was told they stop at 18 Lackawanna Ave. Mr. Miechowicz said that he travels Terrace Blvd and will see at least one car park right in front of the no parking sign, in reference to the Bee Heard.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus Dr. – Two positive things: 1. Audrey's work at the Dom Polski is phenomenal. Her hard work and the amount of money that she got donated from various businesses to improve that building to what it is now and what it will be is tremendous. 2. I noticed coming here the two new benches by the Little Free Library by the Boys and Girls Club. I don't know who put those in, but nice touch. Credit goes to DPW.

Matt Green – 21 S. Wynona – The no parking signs that were put up on the street. The complaint is the heating place parks down the whole side of the street that is allowed. I have parked in front of my house for 27 years and never had a problem. My neighbor across the street asked what the no parking signs were up for. It was put up because they were coming around tearing up the ground. Mayor Peterson replied Short St? Answer was yes. Petition signed by neighbors to remove the no parking signs because what if we have family or friends over? There has been a car parked on the street for two weeks and the cops gave him a warning ticket and it's still sitting there. My neighbor has cameras on his house and saw someone get papers out of the car that has been sitting there. I do not know if the car is stolen. It was stated that when we put the signs up the reasoning were, asking Chief Miller. Chief Miller answered because of the narrowness of the street. The neighbor did complain. The roadway is just too narrow for parking on both sides. Mr. Green said I have been there 27 years and it's never been a problem. Chief Miller said we look at it as public safety issues...can we get an ambulance or emergency vehicles down there. Mr. Green said from my truck to my neighbors car is 13 feet wide. There is no fire truck, ambulance, or bus 13 feet wide. Don from Code Enforcement said that problem we had was they were parking over the sidewalks into the right of way. Mr. Green said the heating guys park down the whole street, they just had a parking lot done. The neighbors are afraid of pulling out of the driveway because the big trucks of the heating place block the view of cars coming. Mayor Peterson said you have a petition to take down all the no parking signs. That would open it back up both street parking. Even including the heating and cooling place. The answer was yes from Mr. Green. Kokomo street is just as wide and there are no signs. He heard a concrete company is going in on Kokomo. Mayor Peterson said we know about this street and the issues, but this is a different spin. The small business on the corner maybe a T shirt place, parks on the sidewalk and on the street. Mr. Green handed the petition to Mayor Peterson. Mayor Peterson wanted to know what addresses they are. If also seems to be if there were no no parking signs, then everyone would park everywhere. Asked if he can put the addresses on the petition and bring it back. The answer was yes, I could do that. He is not sure why the heating guy and the employees have to park on the street. Code enforcement said that is part of the problem the heating and cooling company is out growing his property. Mayor Peterson said the other thing is put no parking signs on both sides of the street. He also said I don't think you can tell the business that he can't park there. Chief Miller said we must be business friendly. They made a difference in our community. We do not want to push them out of the village. It was discussed to have a sit down conversation with the business.

### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Ziembra and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the following claims are to be paid: \$586,491.52 General, \$1,492.40 Sewer, \$80,349.98 Capital Projects, \$668,333.90 Capital was **CARRIED**.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Deputy Mayor Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Adolf the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence in remembrance of those that were killed during the attacks on 9/11/2001 and those that have passed since from complications from Ground Zero and Queen Elizabeth II at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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