

MEETINGS: 5  
NO. OF REGULAR: 5

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
May 26, 2020 7:00PM**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jakubowski – Pr  
Trustee Michaels - Pr  
Trustee Stempniak - Pr  
Trustee Hamernik - Pr  
Mayor Peterson– Pr

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Jakubowski and seconded by Trustee Hamernik the May 26, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mayor Peterson introduced Dave Britton, our Engineer from GHD and asked him to explain the 1<sup>st</sup> motion on the agenda to sign an agreement with Didonato Engineering for Fireman’s Park. Dave explained that this firm will give the Village a better scope and cost of work to update and repair buildings at the park. Trustee Stempniak stated that the Village has been working on this project since she and the Mayor took office and that everyone looks forward to seeing it get revitalized.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Depew would like to use Didonato Engineering & Architectural Professionals, 689 Main St. Buffalo, NY for Fireman’s Park Upgrades. The cost of this service is \$8,900.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the agreement with Didonato Engineering & Architectural Professionals.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y  
Trustee Voll - Y  
Trustee Hamernik - Y  
Trustee Stempniak - Y  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**PERMISSION CONFERENCE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Police Chief Jerome Miller to attend the 2020 International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on October 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

**PERMISSION TO SIGN – COMPENSATION ALLIANCE**

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

WHEREAS there has been proposed a "NEW YORK STATE MUNICIPAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALLIANCE PLAN DOCUMENT" pursuant to Section 50 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law (hereinafter "the Plan"); and

WHEREAS the Village of Depew is eligible for membership in the Plan;  
and

WHEREAS the Village of Depew has made an independent investigation of the Plan and reviewed the Plan document, and has concluded that it would be in the interests of the Village of Depew to participate therein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Village of Depew enter into membership in the Plan pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of the Workers' Compensation Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Village Administrator, Teresa Wachowiak be and hereby is authorized and instructed to execute the Plan's charter document on behalf of the Village of Depew; for a period of two years at a locked in rate and be it further

RESOLVED, that the custody of all joint Plan moneys by the Plan Administrator under the Plan be and the same hereby is approved.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y  
Trustee Voll - Y  
Trustee Hamernik - Y  
Trustee Stempniak - Y  
Mayor Peterson - Y

#### **PERMISSION – FREED MAXICK AUDITING FIRM**

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

**WHEREAS**, Freed Maxick to be hired for the Annual Village Audit, for a period of three years at a locked in rate.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The above foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hamernik and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Jakubowski - Y  
Trustee Voll - Y  
Trustee Hamernik - Y  
Trustee Stempniak - Y  
Mayor Peterson – Y

#### **PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT**

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

Permission is hereby granted to The Hook & Ladder Co. #1 to use the Southside Fire Station for their Chicken BBQ on Saturday June 20, 2020 from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM. This will be a drive thru only fundraising event.

and

Permission is hereby granted to The Central Hose #4 to use the Northside Fire Station for their Chicken BBQ on Sunday July 12, 2020 from 11:00 AM–5:00 PM. This will be a drive thru only fundraising event.

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

#### **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 pending the passing of his physical:

**Central Hose #4**

Colleen Park

**Aetna Hose Company**

John Jaroszewski III

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y

Trustee Voll -Y

Trustee Hamernik - Y

Trustee Stempniak - Y

Mayor Peterson - Y

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** – Rec – Jacob Maciejewski

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS -** Police April 2020

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS -** N/A

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Chief Miller read a prepared statement

Chief Rzeszutek read a prepared statement

OEM Director RJ spoke on the preparations being taken in lieu of employees returning to work

Mayor Peterson stated that it is his intent to bring all employees back to work beginning Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Rec Director Ferguson said that the parks have been closed and posted that no activities should be taking place. The exercise program for adults will begin again this summer three times a week while practicing social distancing. The pool will not open as scheduled and he is hoping to be able to start using the rink at some time for indoor Lacrosse once we are allowed to open.

Superintendent Mazurek is on vacation Mayor Peterson reported and said that the DPW workers are busy cleaning the Village, mowing grass and picking up brush. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> residents will see full crews and stump grinding will begin shortly after. He asked the residents to give the employees time to get at least a week under their belt to get scheduling worked out, etc.

Attorney Alba reported that a letter went out to Blue Wireless to let them know of our dissatisfaction. He is waiting to hear back from them.

Trustee Hamernik reported that over 100 families were given food at the Tri Community Food Truck last Saturday and Mayor Peterson was there to hand out face masks.

The Mayor stated that both Towns of Lancaster and Cheektowaga supplied the Village with face masks and as soon as we come up with a plan on how to get them distributed to residents we will post something on Facebook.

Trustee Jakubowski said all necessary MWBE paperwork has been completed and turned into EFC. He thanked Municipal Solutions for their help in completing the paperwork.

Trustee Stempniak said that the May Tree Committee meeting has been cancelled. She added that the agreement with Didonato is a good idea because even if we do not get funding in this cycle we will have the plan and it will just need to be updated to use in other funding years.

Mayor Peterson explained that the Governor has allowed him to give residents an additional 21 days to pay their property taxes penalty free. This period ends on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. At that time, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and going forward, the Village's normal penalty phases will be followed. He sadly reported that the summer concert series has been cancelled but the good news is all participants have agreed to come back in 2021. Steve Hoffman gave a \$1000 donation to the fire department. \$600 of which he normally gives as a sponsor to the summer concert series. Thank you very much Steve!!!

Trustee Hamernik read a Memorial Day Tribute that she wrote on her own to share with everyone. Thank you Audrey, very nice!

Bob Brandon of Senator Kennedy's office said that their office is open and they have the phones manned. Anyone needing assistance is urged to call and leave a message. The next Feed NY drive is on 5/27 from 10-1pm at Botanical Gardens. The Senator is back in Albany and there are a number of bills being considered in the rules committee. Property Tax deferment is one of them, but this may never even get out of the rules committee. Another is for a moratorium on utility bills. Price gouging is another one of topic due to the effects of the COVID-19. People charging exorbitant amounts for face masks, sanitizers, etc.

Trustee Jakubowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and asking everyone to be careful during all phases of the re-opening. Please stay 6 ft apart, wear face masks, use sanitizers, etc. Trustee Hamernik also wanted everyone to keep the office who was injured in Tonawanda in their prayers.

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Stempniak, the following claims are to be paid: \$77,058.87 General, \$120.00 Sewer and \$77,178.87 Capital was **CARRIED**.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Voll, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator