

MEETINGS: 9
NO. OF REGULAR: 9

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
July 27, 2020 7:00PM

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Stempniak the July 13, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Voll read a question regarding the “portable shed” at Dawson Field and how large it was and where it was going? Mayor Peterson said he didn’t know for sure, but maybe on the 3rd base line by the bleachers, however he will follow up on that.

SEQR Type II Determination

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew intends to implement traffic safety solutions with warning systems at two sites on George Urban Boulevard: the first at the railroad bridge at 2570 George Urban and second location at 2049 George Urban adjacent to the campus of the Cantalician Center; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conversation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Depew hereby determines that the installation of traffic warning systems is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(22), which constitutes installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways, and is therefore not subject to further review under SEQR.

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 STORAGE CONTAINER

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

WHEREAS, Lancaster Baseball Booster Club has requested permission to have the ability to install a temporary A-Verti storage container at Historic Dawson Field until their new shed arrives late summer / early fall 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED, Lancaster Baseball Booster Club has been given permission to have the ability to install a temporary A-Verti storage container at Historic Dawson Field until their new shed arrives late summer / early fall 2020.

The 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 CHICKEN BBQ

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Parish of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 496 Terrace Blvd, Depew, NY, to hold a TAKE OUT ONLY Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday August 15, 2020 from 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM. The dinner will be take out only from the triangular parking lot of the school building.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Voll and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Depew Fire Department is requesting permission to take Ladder #5 & Engine 6 to The Erie County Training Facility, 3359 Broadway # 2, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 for training on Tuesday July 28, 2020 from 6:45 PM – 11 PM.

And

WHEREAS, Depew Fire Department is requesting permission to take Engine 3, Engine 4 & Engine 1 to The Erie County Training Facility, 3359 Broadway # 2, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 for training on Tuesday August 25, 2020 from 6:45 PM – 9 PM.

And

WHEREAS, Depew Fire Department is requesting permission to take Engine 2, Engine 5, Rescue 7 & Ladder 5 to The Erie County Training Facility, 3359 Broadway # 2, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 for training on Tuesday September 29, 2020 from 6:45 PM – 9 PM.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The above foregoing resolutions were 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 – FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Central Hose Co. #4 is requesting permission to use Northside Fire Station, on Saturday August 15, 2020 from 6:00 PM – Midnight for an awards ceremony. The event will be outdoors and all social distancing guidelines will be followed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The above foregoing resolutions were 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 - N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - N/A

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS - N/A

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Bob Brandon of Senator Kennedy’s office let everyone know that schools are preparing to open and their plan to do so must be in and reviewed. He reviewed Depew’s plan, which is 57 pages, very detailed. Another bill the Senator is working on is for the poverty areas in our district, Cheektowaga, Lackawanna, Buffalo for example, to introduce the FRESH Act which addresses license renovation. It would eliminate the fees for the people that qualify as living in these poverty areas. Mayor Peterson asked Chief Miller what his thoughts were on this proposed bill. Chief

Miller said it certainly isn't his favorite and asked what the intent was and if they should just stop writing them. Mr. Brandon explained that no, the Senator was just looking for ways to help the people and they are thinking of a possible payment plan. The Chief really didn't think it was a good idea!

Elizabeth Brinkworth said Assembly Woman Wallace has been very active getting 2 laws passed. One is for the CARE act, dealing with abused children. The other to help give municipalities help with Zombie properties.

OEM manager Nieman reported that all is quiet in his department, which is a very good sign that the pandemic is at a lull.

Superintendent Mazurek is on vacation the Mayor said but that the paving and milling will be starting within the next week.

Rec Director Ferguson said that he is seeing approximately 40 people at each yoga class at Fireman's Park! Getting the rink ready now and after the winter season it will be used for Lacrosse in the summer.

Attorney Alba reported that the repeal of 50a is causing a lot of issues for a lot of police departments. Fortunately we have not had many and he has been able to deal with them as they are requesting a ridiculous amount of information.

Trustee Hamernik reported that the food distribution from the weekend was very successful and well planned out. Helped about 140 families. The next one is the second week in August.

Trustee Jakubowski had nothing to report this week.

Trustee Voll told everyone that July 26th is the 30th year of the ADA being in effect. The number of people that it helps is amazing, however, there is still much to do. He will follow up on the shed issue with Tony.

Trustee Stempniak will hopefully be having a meeting, virtually, regarding the design of revamping Fireman's Park.

Mayor Peterson let residents know that he and the board are working with local restaurants to allow them outdoor dining to help get them through these difficult times. They are making sure that everyone attending these restaurants will be safe.

A few comments from viewers came in and one was questioning the development behind A Street. Attorney Alba said the project is still ongoing at this time. Another resident questioned the basketball net at the park on George Urban Blvd and Mayor Peterson replied that he is aware of this and he saw the grassy patch area where kids had to play. That area will be blacktopped for the kids to use as a court, he has already talked with Superintendent Mazurek.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the following claims are to be paid: \$184,774.24 General, \$240,545.34 Sewer Projects, \$425,319.58 Capital was **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Stempniak, pursuant to Open Meeting Law Section 105 we adjourn to executive session to discuss a matter.

The Executive Session Began: 7:56 PM and was adjourned with the meeting being called back to order by Mayor Peterson at 8: 07 PM

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Voll, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Doug Grzlewski at 8:09 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak
Village Administrator