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Cheektowaga Town Board fills five police vacancies

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The Cheektowaga Town Board has appointed five police officers to fill the five vacancies that previously existed in the department.

The following officers were appointed at Tuesday's board meeting: Jennifer Szmania and Mark Maggio Jr., both of West Seneca; Christopher Dahar of Buffalo; Jonathan Anger of Cheektowaga; and Mary Dougherty of Depew. All appointments go into effect on Thursday, Aug. 2.

"Each candidate was thoroughly vetted by our recruitment staff," said Police Chief David Zack. "In a very competitive field, we feel that these five are most deserving of the opportunity and privilege to serve our community. Honor, integrity, discipline and respect are the values that represent our organization's highest priorities. We believe that these recruits share those values required for today's law enforcement."

In another matter, the Town Board authorized National Grid to remove two streetlights on Bigelow Road. The Cleveland Hill School District's ongoing capital project includes the reconfiguration of the bus loop on Bigelow, which requires the removal of the two lights. Once the project is complete, the two existing lights will be replaced with six new lights to be owned and maintained by the school district.

"The Cleveland Hill School District superintendent, Jon MacSwan, called to thank us for getting this done for them because this will help with their capital project that is nearly complete," said Town Supervisor Diane Benczkowski.


The board approved the application for the annual "National Night Out" event from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, in the pavilion at Cheektowaga Town Park.

This event, which is organized by the Neighborhood Watch Group, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate support for the local anti-drug and anti-crime programs. It is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make local neighborhoods safer.

The next Town Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Town Hall, 3301 Broadway. To learn more, visit www.tocny.org.

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