

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Monday, April 18, 2022** at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor: Sridhar Samudrala  
Trustees: Jeremy Fitch, Ian Lamont, Janet Tweed and Jeffrey Gearhart

Visitors: Lisa Tessier, Vicky Klukkert, Eileen Kline and Cindi Cobbe

Privilege of the floor was granted to –

SUNY Presentations to the Village Board by Professor Lisa Tessier's class –

Morgan Condon – Solar Canopy & Kayak Rentals  
Delaney Brown – Sustainable Kiosk & Native Plants/Pollinator Pathways  
Zoë Meyer – Hiking and Biking Trails & Recycling Bins  
Jenna Martin – Crosswalk Updates & Sidewalk Extensions

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 regular meeting, and March 28, 2022 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed with YES votes from Trustees Fitch and Lamont and Mayor Samudrala with abstentions from Trustees Tweed and Gearhart, as they were not official at those meetings.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed with YES votes from Trustees Fitch and Tweed as well as Mayor Samudrala with abstentions from Trustees Lamont and Gearhart, who were not present at this meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #011 dated April 18, 2022 in the amount of \$137,102.76 (General fund \$25,141.28, Water fund \$11,323.90, Sewer fund \$100,346.08, and Trust & Agency fund \$291.50). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept Police Report for March, Street Report dated April 18, 2022, Water Report dated 4/11/2022, Sewer Report dated April 13, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated March 16 – April 12, 2022, Treasurers Report for February and March 2022, and Village Clerk's Report dated April 18, 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering was not present at the meeting but he sent an email to Mayor Samudrala – the funding applications were submitted for the WIIA and fluoride grants are still pending, no announcements have been made by the state. Bill Brown also advised in his email that CWC agreed to fund the design for the sewer extension to the motel.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart and seconded by Trustee Lamont to approve the following appointments made by Mayor Samudrala:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Jean Yager
Deputy Mayor	Jeremy Fitch
Village Attorney	Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux, LLP
Code Enforcement Officer	Thomas Little

Health Officer  
Village Historian

Regina Krzyston  
Gabrielle Pierce

Appointments were passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont and seconded by Trustee Tweed for the following items relating to the organizational meeting:

- to establish the official meeting time of the Village Board as the first Thursday of every month, at 5:30 PM in the Village Hall Board Room.
- designating The Reporter as the official newspaper for the Village of Delhi.
- designating the Delaware National Bank as the official depository for the Village of Delhi.
- authorizing Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to be signatories for all village checking, savings and investment accounts.
- designating Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. as the Village Financial Advisor.
- authorizing Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk and Mayor to be the signatories on the Small Cities Grant account.
- authorizing Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be signatories on the Trust & Agency Payroll Account.
- authorizing Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to pay all utilities, freight and postage expenses as needed.
- directing the Clerk to advertise the name of the official newspaper and official depository, the official meeting time of the Board of Trustees and the date and time of the 2023-2024 Organizational Meeting (4/20/2023 @ 5:30 PM) of the Village Board.

The Village Board was unanimous in voting on all above items relating to the organizational meeting.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee. Chief Mills received a letter from Matthew Vogel withdrawing his acceptance of the full-time position as a police officer effective 4/22/2022.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the withdrawal from Matthew Vogel from the position of full-time police officer effective 4/22/2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to pursue a police vehicle with fund balance this budget year at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch indicated Jim Warren will be working on repairing/replacing 5 building lights at Village Hall and our PD car is in Sidney for work that will be covered under warranty.

Trustee Lamont reported for the DPW Committee.

A request for relief – acct #A0700 – Orchardel LLC – 20 Orchard Street was received. After discussion by the Village Board, there will be no additional relief given beyond what has been adjusted by the Village Clerk per the current policy.

DRNC Bar Screen – discussion / review documents provided by Trustee Lamont.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Resolution #7 of 2022 – SEQR Negative Declaration Resolution “SEQR Negative Declaration Resolution

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Delhi is undertaking the Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (DRNC) Bar Screen Project (hereinafter called “the Project”) to construct a manually-cleaned bar screen and appurtenances on the sewer that connects DRNC with the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP);

WHEREAS, the DRNC wastewater discharge has been problematic to WWTP operations, as it has contained a high concentration of wipes, diapers, and other unacceptable materials;

WHEREAS, the Village has applied for and received a \$50,000 State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant that is being administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to offset project costs;

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the probable environmental impacts of the Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (DRNC) Bar Screen Project have been carefully considered by the Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi adopts the findings and conclusions relating to the probable environmental impacts contained in the attached Environmental Assessment Form and files the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to take such further steps as might be necessary to the discharge of the Village Board’s responsibility for this action.”

Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

The Village Board had a discussion about the quote from GP Jager for the muffin monster (auger/grinder).

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve moving forward with the GP Jager quote, #26286-011222, in the amount of \$63,948.51 and up to \$10,000 to cover the labor for installation of the auger/grinder. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Water/Street Committee. Trustee Lamont and Fitch had a meeting with Jay Decker and Daren Evans. There needs to be a contractor hired to replace Ron Pagerie, who will not be returning to mow the Village parks, etc.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to direct the Clerk to advertise seeking bids from a contractor to replace Ron Pagerie to mow Village parks, etc. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont went on to report that High Street has been complained about numerous times for large truck traffic – perhaps a sign “no thru traffic” would be appropriate. This will be discussed in the Police Committee and they can bring back a recommendation to the Village Board. Trustee Lamont also said there is a manhole at Steele Brook they have been looking to get repaired – it may be this year – Jay Decker is getting a quote. Trustee Lamont also reported there is flood damage at Bridgeside Park. Trustee Lamont indicated that the Sewer Department would be buying a generator. Trustee Lamont also indicated that Sewer Specialty did work this year.

Mayor Samudrala reported that we are looking to transfer the Town pool to the Village with the cost associated with running the pool paid by the Town of Delhi.

Trustee Lamont indicated that he is not surprised that the Town of Delhi wants to give the Village of Delhi the pool but he is not sure why the Village of Delhi would want to accept the town pool. He is not in favor of this transfer.

Mayor Samudrala indicated that he and Trustee Tweed need to meet to move forward on this issue.

The Mayor Cup Basketball Tournament that is being planned by Tom Smith for July 16, 2022 was discussed, as this is to be held at SUNY-Delhi for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up ages and in the Village of Delhi for the 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grade children being coordinated by Laura Gioffe and Gerald Cheshire. There were many questions that need to be answered on this so that the Village Board can approve this event as a Village event and thus cover under our insurance policy with NYMIR. Trustee Tweed will gather additional information from Tom Smith, Laura Gioffe, Gerald Cheshire and Christopher Slonaker (NYMIR insurance agent) and bring information back to the Village board for further discussion at the May 5, 2022 meeting.

There was no official report from the Codes, Building & Planning Committee as this is a new Committee assignment to Trustees Gearhart and Fitch and they haven't met on this committee yet.

The Village of Delhi received a request from Quarter Moon Cafe along with a Sidewalk Café Permit Application, asking for the Village Board to consider a reduction (or waiving) of the cost of the sidewalk permit fee.

Trustee Lamont indicated he would abstain from voting on this matter as he is good friends with Jonah Shaw, however, he would have no problem with the Village of Delhi suspending/waiving fees for the Sidewalk Café Permit for the 2022 season for everyone. This request from Quarter Moon Café is tabled until the 5/5/2022 meeting and the committee Trustees Gearhart and Fitch will come back with a recommendation.

Mayor Samudrala also indicated that he wants an update from the Codes Committee for the Bishop building at 56 Main Street as well as information regarding the sign at the Neroni building at 83 Main Street.

The Village Board had discussion about the 2022-2023 budget with the two changes that were made as requested at the 4/4/2022 tentative budget public hearing.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept 2022-2023 budget with total appropriations of \$4,289,109.41 (General fund \$1,926,554.00, Water fund \$866,930.00, Sewer fund \$1,468,675.41 and Joint Activity fund \$26,950.00). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize moving ahead with ordering an additional vehicle for Police Department that is budgeted under the 2022-2023 budget at an amount not to exceed \$70,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Discussion was had about Chris Bodo doing nuisance critters for the Village of Delhi as a contractor. He is currently not licensed to do this and licensing would be approximately \$200. This item is being tabled until the 5/5/2022 meeting and Trustee Lamont will talk to Chris Bodo about him getting licensed and price per critter.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize payment of expenses to Trustee Jeffrey Gearhart relating to room, board and mileage to attend the NYCOM conference May 4-6, 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns  
Village Clerk