

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, June 2, 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

Absent: Trustee Jeffrey Gearhart

Visitors: Cindi Cobbe, Sarah Poole and Bill Brown

Privilege of the floor was granted to –

Cooper Dungen and Nikola Krzyston wrote a letter to Mayor Samudrala and were to be present at the Board meeting to address them but they were sick and unable to attend.

Mayor Samudrala indicated they had made request to him (and Village Board) dated 5/27/2022 as follows “Dear Mayor Samudrala – Village code 106-8 A states that no person shall maintain fowl in the village. I am asking the village to temporarily allow each household up to 3 laying hens. I think that this is a reasonable request, and the responsible thing for the village to allow considering the high cost of food and our difficult economy. Delhi has always been an agricultural community and I believe allowing local residents to have a few birds for the production of eggs reflects our roots. Sincerely, Nikola Krzyston & Cooper Dungen”

Trustee Lamont indicated this issue is being addressed by the Zoning Review Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #013 dated June 2, 2022 in the amount of \$149,152.16 (General fund \$37,613.00, Water fund \$11,430.90, Sewer fund \$78,302.05, Joint Activities fund \$149.97 and Trust & Agency fund \$21,656.24) and Abstract #001 dated June 2, 2022 in the amount of \$72,412.35 (General fund \$54,624.15 and Sewer fund \$17,788.20). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 5/11/2022, Police Report April 2022, Street Report, Water Report dated 5/25/2022, Sewer Report dated May 25, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer’s Report dated April 29 – May 26, 2022, Treasurers Report April 2022, Village Clerk Report dated 6/2/2022 and Historian Report dated 5/26/2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering was present and reported on the following items: Andes Road Sewer Extension, Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA Funding), and NYSDOH Fluoride Grant

Bill Brown indicated NYSDEC is soliciting projects for funding with Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. The project listing forms need to be submitted to EFC by June 17, 2022.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize Bill Brown to move forward with a submission for the Village of Delhi under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding and authorize Mayor Samudrala

to sign all documents relating to this submission to EFC. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown also recommends the Village of Delhi board authorize the attached SEQR resolution.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize Resolution #9 of 2022 “**NYS Rte 28 Sewer Extension Board Resolution – SEQR Type II Action**”

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

WHEREAS, the a property owner on NYS Rte 28 in the Village of Delhi is proposing to connect to the Village sanitary sewer system, and is seeking funding from Catskill Watershed Corporation to extend sewer infrastructure to their parcel and to connect to that infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, at completion of the planned work the Village intends to assume the gravity portion of the sewer main along NYS 28 and for the property owner to retain the pump station and forcemain piping that will remain on their property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is to be completed in accordance with the Village of Delhi Sewer Code; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(11) identifies the “*extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list*”, as a Type II action under SEQR and has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and is, therefore, precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law Article 8; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds established in Section 617.4;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing:

The Village of Delhi Board of Trustees hereby determines that the proposed “NYS Rte 28 Sewer Extension Project” is a Type II action and is, therefore, not subject to further review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.”

Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously by all those present.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Parking Study – Trustee Fitch advised the board that the price for the GPI quote would be \$21,500.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to move forward with the GPI quote of \$21,500 with Delaware County IDA contributing 1/3 (approximately \$7,000). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported that the Police Committee and Chief Mills would like to hire Justin Baxter as a full-time officer effective 6/17/2022 at a rate of \$24.09 (step 2) with a probationary period of 12 months.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to hire Justin Baxter as FT Police officer eff 6/17/2022 at a rate of \$24.09 (step 2) with a probationary period of 12-months. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to purchase body cameras at a price not to exceed \$6,500. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to order new tasers at a price of \$12,598.19 for a 60 month lease. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee. Trustee Tweed advised that we need to advertise for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to advertise for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee position. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Water/Street Committee. Trustee Lamont wanted to commend our Water and Street employees for a great job!

Trustee Lamont advised that we need to hire a contractor to mow our Village parks.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to hire N & M Property Maintenance LLC as a contractor per their quote of \$250 per week. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously. It was noted that the contractor needs to provide the Village of Delhi with proof of their GL & WC insurance.

Trustee Lamont advised that we also need to hire a contractor to handle the lawn maintenance of village properties.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to hire Heinz Bernecker as a contractor at a rate of up to \$80 per hour. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously. It was also noted that this contractor needs to provide the Village of Delhi with proof their GL & WC insurance.

Trustee Tweed reported for Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with American Fireworks for the Village fireworks display on July 1, 2022 (raindate July 8, 2022). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the Mayor to sign the updated SUNY-Delhi contract for fireworks display on July 1, 2022 (raindate July 8, 2022). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the Mayor to sign the SUNY-Delhi contract for Tennis Lessons for Summer 2022 Recreation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the Mayor to sign the SUNY-Delhi contract for Mayor's Cup Basketball Tournament 7/16/2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to hire Gerald Cheshire as the Basketball Director for \$1,300 for the Summer 2022 season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala mentioned to the Village board that perhaps we should consider doing a Joint Town and Village meeting.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Codes, Building and Planning Committee.

There was a quote from our current Village Hall cleaner to work at a rate of \$25 and he will obtain GL insurance and provide proof of that the Village of Delhi.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Cory Ventura to clean Village Hall at a rate of \$25 per hour and provide proof of GL insurance with a limit of \$1,000 per occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Trustee Fitch indicated that the Trustees have talked about the Ben Decker & ZS Security quotes in excess of \$30,000 and there is not enough board support to move forward. Trustee Lamont indicated that he is concerned that the estimate is so high to replace a single door. Trustee Lamont suggested that the scope might need to be expanded to include the other doors in the building that need securing and then the whole project put out to bid. Trustee Tweed indicated if other doors are required maybe we need more information. Trustee Fitch said he would talk to Tom Little to see about using the current door and stabilizing with the keypad proposed by ZS Security. Ben Decker even felt we needed an engineer.

Trustee Fitch indicated that he and Trustee Gearhart would review with Tom Little and bring recommendations back to the Village board.

Bishop Building (56 Main Street) – Mayor Samudrala indicated the next court date is 6/28/2022.

Trustee Fitch indicated Village of Delhi has 23 old chairs from the Town of Delhi Court that we are not using. We need to surplus these chairs that are in the downstairs hallway. There is not much interest but there may be a group that Tom Little is aware of that would take the chairs and get them out of handicap entrance hallway.

MAYOR'S REPORT – thank you for the individuals involved in cleaning up Reservoir Park.

Mayor Samudrala indicated he had submitted a small grant that might offset the expenses at Reservoir Park.

ANIMAL CONTROL – never motioned a per critter rate last month

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to pay animal control for nuisance animals at a rate of \$50 per critter. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Sarah Poole presented a quote to Mayor Samudrala of \$978.28 based on prices from Curtis Lumber to buy materials to make 6 Adirondack chairs for our Village parks. Sarah would volunteer her time with Delaware Academy students to make these chairs. There were some small incidental costs that brought the price to \$1,098.20 for the 6 Adirondack chairs.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to allow Sarah Poole move ahead with making the 6 Adirondack chairs at a cost not to exceed \$1,100. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch also reported that the Police Department has ordered 1 vehicle and is searching for the second car.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to enter Executive Session for the purpose of employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and executive session started

at 6:41 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and the board went back to open session at 7:36 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve payment of the difference between the quote of \$1,569.75 for Little League caps and the amount raised by donations under the program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Clerk