

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, July 7, 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: Margaret Baldwin, Cindi Cobbe, Bill Brown, Michael Tweed, Mary Crisafulli and Gabrielle Pierce

Privilege of the floor was granted to –

Gabrielle Pierce, Village of Delhi Historian, spoke about the neglected burial ground she wrote about in her monthly board report. This cemetery is on Arbor Hill Lane.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 regular meeting, June 13, 2022 special meeting and June 28, 2022 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Trustee Lamont abstained from voting for the 6/13/2022 minutes as he was not present at that meeting and Trustee Tweed abstained from voting for the 6/28/2022 minutes as she was not present at that meeting. All other trustees were in favor and motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to approve Abstract #014 dated July 7, 2022 in the amount of \$64,562.50 (General fund \$15,083.89, Water fund \$2,440.57, and Sewer fund \$47,038.04) and Abstract #002 dated July 7, 2022 in the amount of \$68,258.97 (General fund \$20,058.63, Water fund \$369.93, Sewer fund \$23,038.33, Joint Activity fund \$3,530.34 and Trust and Agency fund \$21,261.74). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the Police Report May 2022, Street Report dated 6/28/2022, Water Report dated 6/28/2022, Sewer Report dated June 30, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated May 27 – June 30, 2022, Treasurers Report May 2022, Village Clerk Report dated 7/7/2022 and Historian Report dated 7/1/2022. 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 reported that the paperwork from the NYSDOH Fluoride Grant has been sent back to New York State. Village of Delhi was not awarded for our Water Project under the WIIA Funding but Delaware Engineering has updated our application and submitted this to NYS EFC.

Bill Brown also reported that things are moving along with the Buena Vista sewer extension Being funded by CWC. The bids have been received by CWC and should be awarded shortly.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee. Trustee Fitch indicated that one police vehicle was ordered (2 were authorized by the Village board). The police department have located 2 additional vehicles (both Durango).

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the grant aware from The A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000 to be used toward the cost of purchasing a new patrol vehicle. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize the Police Dept. to secure a third police vehicle (Durango) up to \$42,000

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize installing internet and managed wi-fi service at 169 J. Small Range Road through DTC at a cost of \$87.98 per month (to include a **1 year contract**) for installation of business internet and a 1 year contract for installation of managed wi-fi). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee. The contracts for the industries – talks are continuing to update the contracts for the industries and get them to NYC DEC for approval.

Trustees Lamont and Gearhart reported for the Water/Street Committee.

Trustee Gearhart indicated that well 1 and 2 pumps are ordered.

There were three (3) quotes from Kevin Brown of ZS Security to install cameras at: Pump Station/Prospect Street in the amount of \$1,964.85, Delaware Avenue in the amount of \$1,964.85 and Depot Street in the amount of \$3,237.23. Discussion was had that we should talk to Delhi Telephone Company (DTC) about security. These quotes were tables and Trustee Gearhart will talk to DTC and get back to the Village Board next month.

Sidewalk Committee – final report – discussion

Michael Tweed was available with the 2022 Sidewalk Committee Report.

The report has three parts and is divided into three zones to prioritize. Main Street is the priority with streets around Main Street being the second priority and the balance of the Village streets falling into the third priority.

Mayor Samudrala suggested there might be some grants available to get some additional funding for sidewalks. Chairman Michael Tweed seemed agreeable to helping with some grant paperwork seeking grant funds.

Mayor Samudrala wanted to thank the Water and Street employees for all their help with special projects in addition to their already busy schedules.

Trustee Tweed reported for Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

Trustee Tweed deferred to Mayor Samudrala to give an update on his meeting Supervisor Mark Tuthill. There was discussion regarding the pool, relocation of the highway garage and fire tower. Mayor Samudrala would like to have a monthly meeting with the supervisor and joint meeting with the Village and Town of Delhi.

Trustee Tweed spoke about Recreation – she indicated that shared services needs to continue to investigate doing joint recreation programs with the Town as well as possibly creating a parks & recreation committee, hire a recreation director?

Trustee Lamont, after discussion by the Village board, decided it might be good to have a separate Village Committee for Parks & Recreation. Trustees Lamont and Tweed agreed to serve on this new committee.

It was mentioned that the first Fair on the Square for the season was July 1, 2022 – it was a great time and a good crowd. Trustee Fitch indicated the Fair on the Square Committee is doing a great

job.

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

Trustee Gearhart reported on the list of Village Hall Projects created by Code Officer Tom Little. Mayor Samudrala indicated this should be tabled until we have a quote and information to act on.

It was mentioned that the Bishop building at 56 Main Street will next be in Town of Delhi court in September 2022. Mayor Samudrala was not pleased that things are not moving along but the committee (Trustees Gearhart and Fitch) indicated that this continues to move along even though it has been delayed a bit in the court.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize Village Clerk to request an increased credit limit of \$15,000 with WEX Bank. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

A question was asked about where we stand with chickens in the Village? Trustee Lamont indicated this item should be discussed at the Zoning Review meeting on Tuesday, 7/12/2022 and the board should send a recommendation to the Village Board.

There was a question about rate of pay for Al Alwine for the nuisance lawns he was approved to handle. He was approved for \$70 per hour rate at the 6/28/2022 meeting. Al came into the Clerk's office after the approval and indicated that his rate would be \$75. The Village Board indicated that he was approved for a \$70 per hour rate.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept donations as follows: \$100 from Nicci Piroha to the Delhi Police Dept, \$100 donation to the Delhi Police Dept. for the website and \$100 donation from Carol Little to the Delhi Police Dept. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala received a thank you note from Lisa Tessier's class from SUNY Delhi thanking the Village Board for allowing the students to present their project ideas and getting feedback from the Village Board.

Mayor Samudrala put forth the following appointments to the Village Board for the Zoning Review Board – Chris McKeegan, Matt Marchese and Sheri Fabian.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept appointments of Chris McKeegan, Matt Marchese and Sheri Fabian to the Village of Delhi Zoning Review Board. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala also reported that our EV charging stations are up and running.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Clerk