

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, August 4, 2022** at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 5:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Visitors: Peg Baldwin, Cindi Cobbe, Bill Brown, Mary Crisafulli, Sherry Fabian and Greg Cromer
(Aerial Photography)

Privilege of the floor was granted to Greg Cromer with Aerial Photography- He presented the board with a beautiful aerial photo of the Village of Delhi which is available for purchase. He presented the available sizes and price list. Greg left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously. Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #003 dated August 4, 2022 in the amount of \$164,735.19, including all additions as follows- (Dept. of Labor, in the amount of \$844.66 for 2022 Interest Assessment Surcharge, Area Sewage Disposal Service, in the amount of \$648.00 for Port- A- John Rental at Fair on the Square for the month of July 2022, Delhi Auto & Truck Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$830.84 for 10 invoices for month of July 2022 and Curtis Lumber, in the amount of \$313.90 for 2 invoices for month of July 2022) Totals: (General fund \$59,807.20, Water fund \$16,515.94, Sewer fund \$65,231.62, Joint Activity fund \$2194.50 and Trust & Agency fund \$23,623.33) Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 7/20/22, Police Report dated June 2022, Street Report dated July 2022, Water Report dated 7/22/2022, Sewer Report dated July 29, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated July 1-28, 2022, Clerk's Report dated 8/4/22, and Historian Report dated 7/28/2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown was present and reported on the following items: CWC is in the planning stages of connecting the village's sewer extension to the Buena Vista. This is currently being reviewed by the CWC for approval and to order the pipes. This project is expected to be completed before November.

Bill Brown recommended that we reapply for the WIIA project funding for water system upgrades. The deadline for this is the beginning of September.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Project Resolution #11 and to reapply for the WIIA Project funding for water system upgrades and to authorize the mayor to sign the WIIA grant application. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gearhart - not Present, Trustee Fitch – Yes, Trustee Lamont – Yes, Trustee Tweed – Yes and Mayor Samudrala- Yes.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee. Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to move forward with outfitting the 2 Police cars through Auto Solutions of New York: Regular patrol car not to exceed

\$16,000 and the K9 car not to exceed \$24,000 to be "road ready". Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch would like to thank Officer Mohr and Officer K9 Dexter for tracking and locating the lost individual this week in the Village of Delhi. Trustee Fitch reported that Officer K9 Dexter came to us by a \$25,000 donation from the O'Connor Foundation.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Zoning Advisory Committee. The ZAC has submitted a report recommending the elimination of the Village's mandatory minimum parking requirements with certain exceptions. Trustee Lamont reported that under the existing code, any business coming into the village is required to provide a certain number of parking spots. Based on the fact that the Village's buildings largely date from the 19th century when parking was not an issue, and there is a growing movement away from such requirements, the ZAC's report recommends removing all minimum parking requirements. Applicants for certain projects would be required to have a demand analysis done so that the Planning Board could determine whether adequate parking exists. The ZAC looked to the City of Canandaigua's code as a model, since they eliminated minimum parking requirements in 2020 with good results. Trustee Lamont suggested that the next step is to draft a proposed code to be sent to the village attorney for approval. This may take a couple months to go through. Mayor Samudrala commended Trustee Lamont on his effort to allow new businesses to further promote themselves in the Village of Delhi. Trustee Lamont wants to also commend Sarah Poole as chair of the ZAC on her efforts as well. Discussion was had that we will need to do a public hearing for this.

Trustee Fitch reported that a parking study was done for 3 days last week in the village.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Sewer Committee. Trustee Lamont has spoken to Lamont Engineers and in order to get EFC funding for Lamont Engineer's preliminary work on the wastewater containment tank project, the village will need to be billed under a separate retaining letter from Lamont Engineering.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the mayor to sign the new retainer Letter of Agreement with Lamont Engineering for project development- Industrial Containment Tank System. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala reported that Cornell Cooperative Extension wants to assist in our community gardens. They have some remaining funds left and would like to give it to the village to use towards our gardens. They will have a specific site plan to do this work, so the planters can go in and work in an organized manner. Mayor Samudrala reported that the new flower beds would be stand- up ones, so the planters are not on their knees. Mayor Samudrala wants to utilize the funding to hire a contractor to clear the area out. He feels this will take some time. Mayor Samudrala reported that a contractor is in the process of clearing out trees, which has resulted in a delay for a couple of weeks. Mayor Samudrala would like to thank Cornell Cooperative Extension and especially Carla Crim and her team for giving us this opportunity to help the village with their gardens.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to have the mayor sign the Cornell Cooperative Extension Contract/Construction Agreement to receive up to \$11,000 for work to be done at the Sheldon Park Garden. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the purchase of 2 new Motorola portable radios and programming from Tri County Community in the amount of \$874.60, which will allow the Street Dept. to have more flexibility. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported that he spoke to the Water Dept Head, Jay Decker who advised the stonework for armoring the manhole in Steele Brook has been completed.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee: Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the following reports: Volleyball 2022 report from Savannah Wake, Basketball 2022 report from Gerald Cheshire and Little League 2022 report from Christopher Maney. The village board is reserving on the tennis report at this time, as this program is still on-going. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont wants to thank all of the program directors for coordinating this recreation program and reported that there were a lot of kids who participated this summer.

Discussion was had regarding the recreation budgets and Trustee Tweed asked if we need to change our budget next year for recreation? Mayor Samudrala feels that every single category needs to be increased by 20-30% next year to keep up with the cost of inflation. Trustee Lamont recommended that we need to raise the cost of some of the fees to cover this increase. Mayor Samudrala reported that the other municipalities who participated in our summer recreation program paid the cost of the increase we charged this year, except for the Town of Delhi.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to reimburse the Little League Director Christopher Maney \$526.17 that he paid for the medals this year as the budget was overspent. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for Joint Services & Recreation Committee: The Committee took a break for a month after just finishing up with the Fair on the Square. Trustee Fitch reported that the Fair on the Square had a wonderful year. Trustee Fitch reported the bounce house was a success with the kids and that the committee hopes to start planning next month for the FOS 50th year. Trustee Fitch wants to thank everyone that helped and especially June Barringer. Trustee Fitch reported that there were 16 entries for the Soap Box Derby. Mayor Samudrala wanted to thank Jeremy Fitch and the Fair on the Square Committee for all of their hard work and for a great year and to The Reporter for doing a wonderful job on taking pictures throughout the month

Trustee Fitch reported for the Codes, Building & Planning Committee: We are still moving forward with the front door project and still waiting for some numbers. Mayor Samudrala reported that the Bandstand is falling apart and we need a mechanism to fix this. Trustee Fitch wants to reach out to Joe Cantwell as he feels there is a community fund to help pay for this. Mayor Samudrala said there is a downtown rehabilitation fund and wants to apply for this from New York State.

Discussion was had about Chickens in the village: Trustee Lamont reported that the Zoning Advisory Committee has deliberated quite a bit on this subject and reviewed the codes from the Villages of Hobart and Walton. Trustee Lamont reported that there was quite a bit of discussion about the potential of rodents and other pests being attracted in the village and it was decided to not recommend changing our code based on this discussion. The committee did request that if the Village of Delhi Board wants to amend the code, the committee be involved in making recommends. Mayor Samudrala spoke to the Mayor of Walton and the Code Enforcement Officer of Walton & believes they have had a code since 2013, which permits a village resident to have 6 chickens and also requires a permit which costs \$25 per year. The chickens must be kept in pens. The Village of Walton currently has 6 people who have chickens in the village. Mayor Samudrala advised we have a rodent officer in the village that will monitor the rodents. Mayor Samudrala feels that as long as people apply for the chicken permit then this is something the village should consider. He feels that we live in a rural area and that children have requested this. Mayor Samudrala disagrees w/ the committee's decision. He would like for us to look at doing this for a year and if it doesn't work we will put a stop to it. Trustee Lamont feels the cost to change the village code is a lot and the cost for resident to do proper fencing and enclosures would be a lot and then to possibly change it a year later isn't very equitable. Trustee Lamont asked about doing an informal poll on Face Book to see how much community interest there is in this. Discussion was had that we would not allow roosters and a maximum of 6 chickens. Mayor Samudrala said Walton and

Hobart have had minimal complaints and feels it's up to the residents to worry about costs. More discussion was had about the Face Book poll. Trustee Lamont feels it's a lot of expense if it were to be changed after a year, Trustee Tweed likes the idea of a poll on Face Book, but wonders how we get an accurate poll and is worried that someone would try to find a hack to overrun the poll. Mayor Samudrala wants to have a poll and Trustee Fitch does not think we need to ruin our beautiful community with chickens in the village. Village resident, Cindi Cobbe spoke and said there were no zoning codes years ago and that people are going back to hard times in Delhi and they should be allowed to have chickens. Cindi is concerned though that some people won't clean up after them which will create a rodent problem. More discussion was had and Mayor Samudrala agrees with Trustee Lamont proposing a poll to get the community's response but that regulations need to be stated in the poll. Village resident, Peg Baldwin requested the poll to be put on both our website and on paper as not everyone is on line. Mayor Samudrala wants the poll to have 2 month deadline.

Mayor Samudrala spoke for the Finance Committee and about budget modifications and the fact of incurring costs of fuel and extra expenditures that require maintenance and modifications. Trustee Fitch stated that it looks like we have over-spent a lot, but that the village has also under- spent a lot too and that in a long shot, it's not as bad as it looks. Discussion was had that there are monies given to the village that aren't showing up in these figures. Mayor Samudrala reported that he and Trustee Fitch are working with EFPR Group (Village accountants) to get figures on a monthly bases which will give a better snapshot to be more clear.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the budget modifications as follows:

General (A) Fund	34 budget lines overspent	\$171,601.43
Water (F) Fund	4 budget lines overspent	\$ 63,663.18
Sewer (G) Fund	20 budget lines overspent	\$155,824.94
Recreation (J) Fund	2 budget lines overspent	<u>\$ 5,836.08</u>
Total Fund Balance		\$396,925.63

Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to transfer \$11,557.26 to A231 (Street Equipment Reserve) – per the Clerk's report and was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to transfer \$24,789.62 to F231 (Water Equipment Reserve) – per the Clerk's report and was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to transfer \$23,950.00 to G235 (Sewer I & I Reserve) – per the Clerk's report and was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize Village Clerk to establish a new bank account for ARPA Funds with The Delaware National Bank and transfer the \$151,230.32 already on deposit in the General fund. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed spoke about NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) and that this is a way for municipalities to have their money make more money, but still is accessible for use. Trustee Tweed reported that the interest rate is significantly higher than a regular bank account and that the Village of Walton has been doing this for a few years and hasn't had any problems getting access to their money when needed.

(General fund money market with The Delaware National Bank as of May 2022 annual percentage yield was 0.11% and rate with NYCLASS on 7/11/2022 was 0.9629% for a 30-day yield)

Trustee Tweed reported that we will have a lot of control over this account and is another way to make our money go a little further. Discussion was had as to what funds would go into this account and wanting to do what is best for the village. Trustee Tweed and Mayor Samudrala said the bank is in favor

of us doing this and that they both feel confident that other villages are doing this too and that this is NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) approved too. Trustee Fitch and Mayor Samudrala would like Trustee Tweed and Trustee Gearhart to work with the Village Clerk and Deputy- Clerk to get this done. Mayor Samudrala recommends picking the top 3 highest funds to move as well as all of our reserve accounts.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Resolution #10 and to authorize the Village Clerk to submit paperwork to take advantage of higher rates and to move 3 of the village's highest fund accounts. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made reluctantly by Trustee Fitch to accept the resignation letter from Amber Phraner- Assistant Clerk effective 8/15/22. Discussion was had and Trustee Lamont would like to thank Amber for some really good service. Mayor Samudrala wants to thank Amber for 6 years of dedicated service and stated that she has done a wonderful job and takes care of all of our village residents. Motion was reluctantly seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to accept a \$600 donation from C.L.A.S.I. (Delhi Bridge Run) for the Delhi Police Dept. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala spoke about correspondence received from Jehed Diamond on 7/2/22 and reported that it was passed on to our Police Dept regarding the noise ordinance and that they are reviewing it and will look into this further.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to enter executive session about a personnel matter at 6:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to exit executive session at 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to buy the framed 20x28 aerial photo in the amount of \$195 and the digital file for \$50 from Aerial Photography. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Yager
Deputy- Clerk