

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Monday, January 24, 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, Barbara Jones and Ian Lamont
Absent: Christopher Maney
Visitors: Margaret Baldwin, Sarah Poole, Ed Chytalo, and William Brown

Privilege of the floor was granted to Ed Chytalo who presented a framed photo of the Village Square and hoped this might hang prominently in the Village for all residents to see when they visit Village Hall.

Privilege of the floor was also granted to Carlos Cabrera, Dean – Applied Technologies at SUNY-Delhi and Jared Yando, Professor – Applied Technologies at SUNY Delhi. They have met on several occasions with Mayor Samudrala and would like to collaborate with their students to do some projects for class that could also benefit the Village of Delhi. They would like to create a sort of competition among the students with three teams. They would like 3 locations and a vision of what the Village of Delhi would like, ie size so the students could create different designs to present to the Village of Delhi. Trustee Jones indicated there would be a Shared Services meeting soon and it would be good to get their input. Trustee Jones will follow up with the board and Professor Yando by 2/15/2022.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve Abstract #008 dated January 24, 2022 in the amount of \$122,004.81 (General fund \$25,263.95, Water fund \$21,062.83, Sewer fund \$50,980.00, and Trust & Agency fund \$24,698.03). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to accept Bingo Inspection report of 1/5/2022, Police Report for December, Street Report dated January 2022, Water Report dated 1/10/2022, Sewer Report dated January 19, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated December 16 – January 14, 2022, Treasurers Report for December 2021, Village Clerk's Report dated January 24, 2022 and Historian Report dated 1/20/2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering was present with documents that need to be signed by Mayor Samudrala to close out the generator grant funding.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Mayor to sign the close out documents presented by Bill Brown for the DEC01-C01086GG Climate Smart Communities grant. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Chief Mills is looking for the Village Board to approve the hire of a new crossing guard.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to hire Louis Hood as a crossing guard at the current rate of \$20 per hour. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

James Williams has requested that he be allowed to purchase his duty weapon prior to his expected retirement this Spring. Chief Mills stated "I am supportive of his request. The Board has approved these purchases in the past, allowing retiring officers to purchase their duty weapon at the "trade in" value of the firearm. I believe this to be a good practice, as it encourages and allows the PD to upgrade their issued firearms at a nominal cost."

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to allow Detective James Williams to purchase his duty weapon prior to his expected retirement this Spring. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

"I would also like to request that the Village allow the PD to utilize funds that we received from the District Attorney's Office in October 2021 for the purpose of off-setting the cost of discovery reform to upgrade our aging desktop computers and purchase a dedicated document scanner. The amount was received was \$9,570."

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to allow the PD to utilize the \$9,570 received from District Attorney's Office to upgrade the desktop computers and document scanner. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Chief Mills also requested "that the Village transfer revenues generated by the PD's training program be transferred into the "Vehicle Reserve" account. From June 2021 to December 2021 this amount (after expenses are subtracted) was \$5,240.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to transfer \$5,240 from General fund to Vehicle Reserve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the resignation from Police Officer Richard Pagillo. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously. Officer Pagillo was thanked by the Village Board for his many years of service.

Mayor Samudrala gave a report to the Village Board about the Catskill Watershed Corporation letter of 1/12/2022 to expand the septic program at Buena Vista Motel – 18718 NY 28, LLC.

Motion was made by Trustee Jones to move forward with Resolution #1 of 2022 "Supporting Connection of Buena Vista Motel to Village of Delhi Sewer Collection System WHEREAS, the Village of Delhi owns and operates a wastewater treatment plan for the benefit of property owners within the Village; and WHEREAS, the Buena Vista Motel in the Village of Delhi experienced a failure of its onsite septic system; and WHEREAS, the best permanent solution to resolve the Buena Vista's septic failure is a connection to the Village's wastewater treatment plant; WHEREAS, CWC requested a resolution from the Village of Delhi confirming that it would allow the Buena Vista Motel to connect to the wastewater collection system provided that the connection is designed and constructed in accordance with Village Law. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Delhi Council supports the connection of the Buena Vista Motel to the Village's wastewater collection system. NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Village Law §235-35, upon completion and approval of design and construction and acceptance by the Village, the Village of Delhi confirms that it will own a sewer main or extension (as those terms are defined in Delhi Sewer Law) constructed to connect the Buena Vista Motel to the Village's wastewater collection system." Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for the DPW Committee. The Sewer Department is looking to phase out the aging copper water lines throughout the wastewater plant and replace them with Cross-Linked

Polyethylene (PEX) lines. PEX is rated for high pressure and variable temperatures, but it's also extremely versatile, easy to maintain and durable. Unfortunately, it does require specialized tools to utilize the product. Items needed are: Milwaukee M18 Fuel 2" ProPEX expander \$1,699.99, 3/8 inch ProPEX expansion head \$49.99, 1 inch ProPEX expander head w/rapid seal \$69.99, 1/2 inch ProPEX expander head w/rapid seal \$69.99, 5/8 inch ProPEX expander head w/rapid seal \$69.99, and 3/4 inch ProPEX expander head w/rapid seal \$69.99 = \$2,029.94.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to purchase above specialized tools above at a cost of \$2,029.94. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve purchase of Blower and Motor as quoted by USA Bluebook for a cost not to exceed \$22,000 per quote RQ-12450. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept bid from Jeff Scanlan for snow and ice removal at a rate of \$55 per sidewalk with additional cost for salt as needed. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize Mayor to sign NYSEG Street Light Request Form – Service Class 3 to install 2 new poles and 3 fixtures (amending lumens to 10,000 for all three). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported that there will be a Sidewalk Committee meeting this Wednesday at 5:30 PM. Trustee Jones reported there would be a Shared Services meeting on Friday and SUNY-Delhi will be doing their Community Service Day on 4/30/2022.

The Village of Delhi has a request from Delaware County Economic Development on behalf of the Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the 10th Village of Delhi St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Mayor to sign PERM 33c application for NYS DOT as the applicant and for the Village to handle any insurance requirements. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Resolution #2 of 2022

“VILLAGE OF DELHI - BOARD RESOLUTION TO CREATE A ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS section 7-700 of the New York State Village Law authorizes the board of trustees of a village to enact local zoning laws “[f]or the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, or the general welfare of the community”; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi (the “Board”) adopted zoning laws and regulations, which are set forth in what is now known as Chapter 300 of the Code of the Village of Delhi (the “Zoning Code”); and

WHEREAS it becomes necessary from time to time to amend the Zoning Code to better promote the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the community within the Village of Delhi (the “Village”); and

WHEREAS the Board deems it necessary and convenient to establish a standing committee to provide advice and recommendations to the Board on matters relating to the Zoning Code

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees establishes a Zoning Advisory Committee (the “Committee”), which shall investigate the needs of the Village as they relate to the Zoning Code, make recommendations as to amendment of the Zoning Code, and perform such other functions as are necessary or appropriate to further the Committee’s purposes or as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Committee shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be residents of the Village, including three members of the Village Planning Board, two members of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, and at least one member of the Village Board of Trustees. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board. Of the nine members, the Mayor of the Village of Delhi (the “Mayor”) shall appoint a chairperson. All members shall serve without compensation; and it is further

RESOLVED that committee members shall initially be appointed as follows: three for one year, three for two years, and three for three years. Thereafter, appointment shall be for three years. On the expiration of the term of any member, or to fill vacancies, a successor shall be appointed by the Board to serve for the unexpired term; and it is further

RESOLVED that within a reasonable time after the appointment of the Committee and chairperson, the Committee shall meet and organize by providing for the adoption of such rules and procedures and for the holding of regular and special meetings as the Committee shall deem advisable and necessary in order to perform the duties set forth. The Committee shall, however, meet at least once per year.”

Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

The Zoning Advisory Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Committee members, Chair and terms will be confirmed to the Village Board at the February 28, 2022 meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize Mayor to sign the engagement letter from EFPR Group for the year ended May 31, 2021 at a cost of \$17,200 per letter dated September 14, 2021. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept a donation of \$100 from Carol Little for Police Department and \$100 donation of \$100 for Little League from Anna Waring-remembrance of Lynn Waring. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont directing Mayor to sign “Notification of Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics”. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to appoint Ruth Vredenburg and Suzanne MacDonald as election inspectors for the March 15, 2022 Village Elections. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

A Discussion was had by the Village Board about scheduling budget meetings. The following schedule was concluded and the Village Clerk will advertise for meetings:

2/7/2022	6:00 PM	Sewer budget
2/8/2022	6:00 PM	General fund (Mayor, Clerk & Building, Police, Street, Code Enforcement) & Recreation fund
2/17/2022	6:00 PM	Water

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Clerk