

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Monday, February 28, 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: Christopher Maney, Jeremy Fitch and Ian Lamont  
Via Zoom: Barbara Jones

Visitors: Sarah Poole, Lisa Henderson, Cindi Cobbe, Rick Ackerly, Peg Baldwin, John Kolodziej, Tom Smith, Laura Stewart, Bill Brown and Mina Takahashi

Privilege of the floor was granted to Laura Stewart who was representing the Delhi Chamber of Commerce. The Delhi Chamber would like to have a "Gerry Pellegrino Day" approved by the Village of Delhi board to coincide with the awarding of their grant funds.

Privilege of the floor was also granted to Rick Ackerly of High Street, who indicated large trucks coming up Court Street to get to Route 28 have been a problem for the 2 years he has owned his property.

Privilege of the floor was also granted to Tom Smith who wanted to thank the Village of Delhi for their support of the 3x3 basketball tournament. He indicated this is no longer a Village event but a SUNY Delhi event. SUNY has agreed to host the event and allow the use of the Clark Sport facilities. Tom indicated this would be for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Privilege of the floor was also granted to Cindi Cobbe, who is a crossing guard for the Village of Delhi. She is very concerned with the 6" of ice on her corner that is going to cause harm to the kids or our seniors when crossing in that area.

Privilege of the floor was also granted to Ian Lamont, who indicated today was the last day for Harold & Jane Eustis at Delhi Paint & Paper. He congratulated them on their wonderful business and service to their customers.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 regular meeting, February 7, 2022 budget meeting, February 8, 2022 budget meeting and February 17, 2022 budget meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Maney and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Maney to approve Abstract #009 dated February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$163,722.83 (General fund \$31,283.86, Water fund \$16,225.89, Sewer fund \$68,424.79, and Trust & Agency fund \$47,788.29). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Maney to accept Police Report for January, Street Report dated February 2022, Water Report dated 2/22/2022, Sewer Report dated February 22, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated January 15 – February 22, 2022, Treasurer's Report for January 2022, Village Clerk's Report dated February 28, 2022 and Historian Report dated February 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering was present and indicated he didn't need anything this evening from the Village board. The funding applications have been submitted and we are waiting to hear back. Bill has also submitted reimbursement for the generator project at the Water plant in the

amount of \$82,000 and we will receive that reimbursement from them shortly. Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee. Trustee Fitch indicated we need a motion to approve the vest purchase under invoice #222-04 from Lombardi & Assoc, LLC.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to move forward with the purchase of vests from Lombardi & Assoc, LLC in the amount of \$14,635.33. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for the DPW Committee.

Resolution #3 of 2022 – “Bond Resolution of the Village of Delhi, New York (The Village) dated February 28, 2022” was tabled by Trustee Lamont.

Resolution #4 of 2022 – “SEQR Funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant” was tabled by Trustee Lamont.

Village Clerk indicated that Resolution #5 of 2022 – “renaming the road at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant – J. Small Range Road” needs to be approved to submit to NYS DOT for them to update the Village roads eligible under CHIPS funding.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Resolution #5 of 2022 as follows:

**“Village of Delhi**  
RESOLUTION #5 of 2022

In recognition of the generous contributions made by James Small to the Village of Delhi.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Delhi hereby renames the road leading to the Wastewater Treatment Plant “J. Small Range Road”.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Delhi hereby authorizes the renaming of road at the entrance to the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant as “J. Small Range Road”.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve RESOLUTION #6 of 2022 as follows:

“SEQR Resolution - #6 of 2022 Date: February 28, 2022

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 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 is it has contained a high concentration of wipes, diapers, and other unacceptable materials; and

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;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF DELHI AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Village Board intends to proceed with the Project to construct a manually-cleaned bar screen on the sewer that connects DRNC with the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP);
2. The Village Board hereby determines that the Project is an Unlisted Action and an uncoordinated review will be conducted pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation law and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617; and
3. The Village Board hereby instructs the Mayor, with the assistance of the consulting engineer, to further initiate the review of the Project under the SEQRA regulations; and
3. The Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign all environmental review and funding documents for the Project on their behalf.”

Motion was seconded by Trustee Maney and passed unanimously.

It was also noted by Trustee Maney that any cost over \$50,000 should be billed directly to Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (DRNC).

BDP Estimate #21489 \$20,560.29 for the sludge pump was presented by Trustee Lamont.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve BDP estimate #21489 for \$20,560.29. Motion was seconded by Trustee Maney and passed unanimously.

The request from C.L.A.S.I. regarding the proposed Bridge Run Route 2022 was discussed by the Village Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Maney to grant the request from C.L.A.S.I. regarding the proposed Run Route 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Joint Services had a meeting recently and the pool and playground were discussed. The Village of Delhi needs to decide whether they are willing to entertain discussions with the Town of Delhi about taking over the pool or considering a management agreement for the pool/playground.

Trustee Jones indicated it was nice to get input by the town board members as to the parks and what SUNY Delhi could potentially do for the village parks.

Trustee Jones will get in touch with Jared Yando @ SUNY Delhi to schedule a meeting for 3/21/2022 at 5:30 PM for the students to present to the Village Board at the start of our monthly meeting, if that evening works. If that evening doesn't work, possibly the Village Board could meet 3/28/2022 at SUNY Campus as originally proposed.

Trustee Maney indicated the Village of Delhi is on the schedule for fireworks on July 1, 2022 or a raindate of July 8, 2022. Contracts can be drafted once insurance renews and the fireworks company can develop the cost for our fireworks show.

Trustee Lamont presented Resolution #7 of 2022 as follows:

**“VILLAGE OF DELHI – RESOLUTION #7 OF 2022**

**AMENDED 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 no fewer than five and no more than nine members, all of whom shall be residents of the Village, including at least one member of the Village Planning Board, at least one member 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 made by Trustee Lamont to approve Resolution #7 of 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Motion was made to appoint the following committee members to the Zoning Advisory Committee with their term of office as follows:

Sarah Poole – 1 year

Barb Jones – 1 year

Ian Lamont – 1 year

Dave Kopecek – 2 years

Heather Phelps-Lipton – 2 years

Duane Sturdevant – 3 years

Nancy Hughes – 3 years

Motion was seconded by Trustee Jones and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont indicated to Mayor Samudrala the last item would be for him to appoint Sarah Poole

as the Chair of the Zoning Advisory Committee.

Mayor Samudrala appointed Sarah Poole as Chair of the Zoning Advisory Committee. The entire board was in agreement to this appointment.

Trustee Lamont indicated he had spoken to Chris Bodo regarding the Animal Control position. Trustee Lamont is working with Chris Bodo on the final details. This should be ready to come to the Village Board at the March 2022 meeting.

Lumia easement @ 205 Main Street – paperwork was presented for discussion by the Village Board to authorize Mayor to sign the documents to accomplish this transfer.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Mayor to sign the documents to accomplish the transfer for 205 Main Street. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

The Water QuickPay Contract was presented to the Village Board for discussion.

Motion was made by Trustee Maney authorizing the Mayor to sign the Water/Sewer Email Billing w/Water QuickPay Contract with Williamson Law Book Company and directing the Clerk to remit payment in the amount of \$191.25 for the period 1/26/22 – 4/30/22. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Maney to accept a donation of \$5,000 from the O'Connor Foundation for the basketball lights. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

There was a discussion among the board members as to whether we should continue a discussion with the Town of Delhi about the pool and playground. Trustee Lamont said he would be okay with discussion of a Management Agreement for the Village to manage the pool/playground and Town of Delhi would maintain ownership but he is not sure why the Village of Delhi would want to own the pool and playground. Trustee Fitch is against the Village of Delhi taking ownership of the pool and playground.

Discussion was had about the budget and the Village board advised the Village Clerk to amend the budget as follows:

A3510.400 Animal Control – increase to \$2,500

A8510.400 Beautification – increase to \$2,000

Village board also authorized the Village Clerk to advertise a public hearing on 4/4/2022 during our Organizational meeting (6:00 PM)

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns  
Village Clerk