

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, October 6, 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

Guests: Mary Crisafulli, Bill Brown, James Noviello and Matt Dreyfus

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Matt Dreyfus – wanted to say hello to the Village board. Matt will be back at the November 3, 2022 board meeting with some residents from Elm Street. He is concerned with speed and pedestrian safety on Elm Street.

James Noviello – owner of Bagel 'n Cream on Main Street. He was disappointed by the boards decision last month not to allow him relief on his leak at 4 Elm Street. He said the Village has changed a good deal over the years. James said he likes to follow rules but cannot understand why the board couldn't have allowed him some relief on the Sewer portion of his bill for 50,000 gallons of water on his last quarterly bill. James also indicated he had never seen the "Water Leak and Non-Sewer Discharge policy" and indicated there should be a contact phone number for people to call if they have questions and he also wasn't able to find this policy on the Village of Delhi website.

Mayor Samudrala indicated to James Noviello that perhaps the Water policy should be updated and the Village will look into that.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 regular meeting and minutes of the September 12, 2022 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart. Trustee Tweed abstained from the vote for the 9/1/2022 minutes as she wasn't present and Trustee Lamont abstained from the vote for the 9/12/0222, all others present were in favor.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Abstract #005 dated October 5, 2022 in the amount of \$215,166.82 (General fund \$41,803.27, Water fund \$27,175.37, Sewer fund \$122,406.37, Recreation fund \$2,798.80, and Trust & Agency fund \$20,983.01) Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Bingo Inspection Reports dated 8/10/22, 8/24/22 and 9/28/22, Police Report dated August 2022, Street Report dated October 2022, Water Report dated 9/26/2022, Sewer Report dated September 29, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated September 1-27, 2022, Treasurers Report for August 2022, Clerk's Repot dated 10/6/22, and Historian Report dated September 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown was present and reported on the following items:

Andes Road Sewer Extension, Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA Funding), NYSDOH Fluoride Grant and WWTP Analysis.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to hire Justin Mohr as Detective provisionally effective 10/7/2022 per Chief Michael Mills request at a rate of \$1.36/hr in addition to his current of \$25.70/hr. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch informed the board the Police Committee is in discussion with Chief Michael Mills for his own contract or resolution. Trustee Gearhart felt it would be better to have a contract for Chief Mills. The committee will work on this and report back to the board with recommendation back to the board.

Trustee Fitch asked that board members to review the noise ordinance and make recommendations to the Police Committee. The Police Committee would like to make recommendations to the board at the October or November 2022 meeting.

Trustee Fitch advised that the police vehicles are in progress.

Mayor Samudrala advised he has reached out to Michael Wieszchowski from GPI regarding the parking study and is awaiting a response back from him.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee.

The committee toured the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the quote from Siewert Equipment for One (1) Franklin Miller TM8516 wet end only in the amount of \$17,619. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch mentioned that all of the Department heads should be updating their inventory.

Trustee Tweed indicated that the interviews for a WWTP Operator trainee are continuing.

Trustee Lamont reported for Water/Street Committee.

Trustee Lamont commended the Water Department for their recent report from the health department. Trustee Lamont also thanked the Water Department employees for their assistance with improvements at the police range.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept Larry Govendo's bid of \$35/hour for labor to fix the Village garage wall @ 1 Depot Street for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 including materials. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Discussion of DTC Monitoring at Well houses. DTC did not include wi-fi in their quote for the Prospect Street well.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to add wi-fi at the Prospect Street well at a cost not to exceed \$90/month from DTC. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont indicated that the 2017 F450 Street vehicle is at Don's Diesel for manifold work.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Street department to go ahead with work at Don's

Diesel for the manifold work on the 2017 F450 not to exceed \$6,500. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont indicated that Daren Evans, Street Superintendent included a list of trees for take-down. When asked what his priority was with the \$8,000 budget we have, he responded the trees at 23 Clinton and 4 Woolerton.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to allow Daren to go ahead with Smith Tree Service to take trees down at 23 Clinton Street and 4 Woolerton at a cost of \$8,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee:

It was noted that the park near the Bishop building on Main Street (Cannon Park) is in bad shape after the work on the Bishop building was done. Mayor Samudrala indicated he is working with SUNY-Delhi to see if we can get some of their students to do some work in that park. Mayor Samudrala will report back to the Park committee once he hears back from SUNY-Delhi.

Trustee Fitch indicated that repairs need to be made to the Village bandstand – it is dangerous. Trustee Gearhart will talk to Larry Govendo to see if he can get an estimate. There should be money available through the Community Fund to pay for repairs to the bandstand.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

Trustee Tweed mentioned the Mayor had Comprehensive Plan later on the agenda.

Mayor Samudrala indicated he wanted to create a Comprehensive Plan committee to consist of Janet Tweed, Mayor Samudrala, Town Executives and volunteers. He indicated he would like to create an undated Comprehensive Plan by April 2023. Trustee Lamont asked if there are grants available for this Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion was had about proposed Resolution #15 to implement a Climate Smart Community Task Force and appoint a Climate Smart Community Coordinator. Trustee Lamont would like more information before we move forward with this. Trustee Tweed indicated she doesn't have time to commit to this. Trustee Lamont indicated he would like to table this item to the November 3, 2022 meeting.

Trustee Gearhart reported for the Codes, Building & Planning Committee.

Trustee Gearhart indicated that Tom Little, Code Officer has received and rejected 2 plans from Bishop's contractor for the property on Main Street. Trustee Lamont indicated that Bishop is on the Court schedule next Tuesday (10/11/2022).

Trustee Lamont indicated the survey for chickens in the village is being developed by Dave Kopecek and we will need to publicize to residents so we get input even from residents who do not have internet. Trustee Lamont was going to forward the draft of the survey to the board members.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the Mayor's appointment of Michael Gately to the Planning Board, replacing Andrea Ghersi, with his term to expire in 2027. Motion was seconded by

Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala reported for the Finance Committee. We have a draft financial from EFPR Group that need to be approved.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the draft financial report from EFPR Group for May 31, 2021. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept a \$500 donation from Ken Haas for the Delhi Police Dept. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

9/12/2022 letter from John & Lois Haight – Mayor Samudrala indicated to the board that he received a letter from Haight's and this has been fixed. Trustee Fitch said he would have liked to hear about this sooner as he and others on the board were questioned by residents and didn't know anything about this.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to enter Executive Session for the purpose of employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and executive session started at 6:44 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and the board went back to open session at 8:12 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer