

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, November 3, 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: Margaret Baldwin Anne Stack, Lori Teitelbaum, Kevin Morse, Cindi Cobbe, Matt Dreyfus, Joan Townsend, Mina Takahashi, Mari Crisafulli and Bill Brown

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Peg Baldwin who complained that 18 Clinton Street is out of hand with noise. She is concerned that someone is going to get hurt and would like more police presence in the neighborhood.

Ann Stack, Peg Baldwin's neighbor concurred with Peg's assessment of the situation at 18 Clinton Street and that this has been going on for several months since students returned to campus.

Mayor Samudrala indicated to Ann Stack that police will patrol and the Village will look into this matter further.

Mina Takahashi addressed the Village board and indicated there is a group – Delaware County Citizens for Refugee Support (DCCRS) in our community. This group has a program November 4, 2022 from 5:30 – 7 pm at Bushel (106 Main Street) where the community is invited to come hear about Boris & Maria, a Russian couple, both doctors, who wish to seek asylum in Delaware County.

Matt Dreyfus – “Let's Make Delhi a Safer Place for Pedestrians, Especially Our Children”. Matt indicated he reached out to approximately 60 residents in the Village and had approximately 40 signatures from residents. Matt spoke of “Keep Kids Alive – Drive 25”. Matt is advocating to prevent tragedy with kids, and older/elderly residents because of speed. Matt asked “What kind of community do you want?”

Mayor Samudrala indicated to Matt that the Police Committee is and will continue to look into these issues and implementing these and other ideas to make the Village of Delhi a safer place to live.

Kevin Morse – Kaatirondack (Village Health Insurance agent) – 2023 Renewal for Village Health & Dental Insurance for PBA and Non-Unit members. The one significant change effective 1/1/2023 would be the deductible for individuals increase from \$7,000 to \$7,500 and the family deductible increase from \$14,000 to \$15,000. Kevin indicated that the LDS paperwork needs to be done no later than November 15, 2022 to have things in place for the 2023 calendar year.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #006 dated November 3, 2022 in the amount of \$153,373.33 (General fund \$41,455.68, Water fund \$16,991.82, Sewer fund \$67,524.89, Recreation fund \$7,705.55, and Trust & Agency fund \$19,695.39) Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the Bingo Inspection Reports dated 10/12/22, Police Report dated September 2022, Street Report dated November 2022, Water Report dated 10/20/2022, Sewer Report dated September 29, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated October 1-28, 2022, Treasurers Report for September 2022, Clerk's Report dated 11/3/22, and Historian Report dated October 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.

Trustee Fitch updated the board that the Police Committee is working on a resolution with Chief Michael Mills.

Trustee Fitch also indicated they are looking for recommendations from the Village board for noise ordinance. He would like recommendations from the board members by 11/18/2022 so that they can come back to the board with the Police Committee's decision.

Trustee Fitch indicated that he is looking at obtaining 7 AEDs for Village (2 @ Village Hall, 1 @ Street garage, 1 @ WWTP and 3 for police vehicles). He has pricing of approximately \$1,900 each and Justin Mohr is looking for grant funds that might be available to offset our costs.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to use ARPA funding to procure 7 AEDs with the cost not to exceed \$14,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to schedule a public hearing on December 1, 2022 at Delaware Academy High School auditorium at 6:00 PM to implement paid parking in the Village of Delhi. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

It was noted that the consultant that created the parking study would be present December 1, 2022 to give a presentation and answer questions.

Trustee Fitch indicated he has given everyone the K9 MOU from Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux. He would like the board members to review so that we can approve this at the December 1, 2022 meeting.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the purchase of a new DR3900 color spectrometer for the Sewer lab per the updated quote of \$6,474.19 from USA Bluebook. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to hire Henry Post as WWTP Trainee, to start 11/27/22 at a rate of \$22.86. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for Water/Street Committee.

Trustee Lamont indicated the Street Department has a quote from Milton CAT to obtain a CAT 2023 908M per quote of \$84,144.00, which includes a trade in of \$45,000 on our CAT 2015 906M. Trustee Lamont indicated that after we purchase this equipment from CAT, we would be able to do a 2 year

replacement, at an approximate cost of \$18,000 every two years. The actual cost would be based on the number of hours the equipment was actually in service. Trustee Lamont indicated that we could authorize the CAT loader be built for us and refuse it when it is ready, if necessary.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Mayor to sign the purchase order to have the CAT loader be built per the quote of \$84,144. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont also wanted to commend the Water Department again for their clean bill of health from the Department of Health and the Street Department for all their work with leaf pickup.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Clerk to issue a check in the amount of \$1,925 to Delhi Beautification Committee for the Bicentennial plantings that will be done in Hoyt Park in the Spring of 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed spoke that Delhi Beautification in coordination with Sarah Poole from SUNY Delhi have created a plan for addressing the state of repairs to Cannon Memorial Park.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to move forward with the plan in Cannon Memorial Park to remove the stones from the park, store them at the WWTP for placement at a later date. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize Mayor Samudrala to sign the Cornell Cooperative Extension Contractor Agreement for Sheldon Park Garden project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed indicated that the Girl Scouts (Carrie Fishner) along with Marianne Greenfield project for the Village of Delhi Burial Ground at the end of Court Street. Trustee Tweed will coordinate with Girl Scouts to present at our December 1, 2022 meeting.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the Holiday Parade on December 2, 2022 and Mayor Samudrala 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 Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Gearhart indicated that Bishop's contractor has submitted plan for 56 Main Street that is acceptable to Tom Little, Code Officer. Ben Decker (Bishop contractor) is working on the building.

Trustee Gearhart also reported that one of the front door at Village Hall has been replaced. Davies lock will be back next Tuesday (11/8/2022) to finish the second door and Kevin Brown from ZS Security will come in for the security portion of the door.

Trustee Gearhart also reported to Auchinachie will be here tomorrow (11/4/2022) at 1:00 pm to look at the furnace at Village Hall. Trustee Gearhart also advised that the furnace failed the recent inspection.

Trustee Lamont advised that the chicken survey is ready to go online and paper copies will be available at Village Hall.

Motion was by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Clerk to advertise that the chicken survey is available at Village Hall and online and will take input from residents until the end of the year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch brought up the old election machine that in downstairs and he would like it gone by November 11, 2022. The Village Clerk indicated that we have some interest from Delaware County Historical Association and they are going to come to Village Hall to see if they have room for the election machine.

Mayor Samudrala reported for the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to pass Resolution No. 16 of 2022 "Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials" for Janet Tweed. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch. Trustee abstained from voting and all others were in agreement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to accept a \$50 donation from Bagels 'n Cream and a \$50 donation from Francesca's for advertising on the PD website. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Samudrala reported again that he would like to update Comprehensive Plan – create committee – Janet Tweed, Mayor Samudrala & Town Executives and volunteers requested to participate. Let's create an updated plan by April 2023. Peg Baldwin was present and she said she would take this back to the Town of Delhi Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch approving Resolution #15 of 2022 to implement a Climate Smart Community Task Force and appoint a Climate Smart Community Coordinator that reads as follows:

“RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE AND APPOINT A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Village of Delhi adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge by Resolution on November 3, 2022 and

WHEREAS, the Village of Delhi wishes to obtain Certification under the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program by taking proactive steps towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Smart Community Task Force serves as a central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies within the community and will act as an advisory group to the municipality on any community issues related to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the CSC Task Force will meet at least twice a year and maintain meeting minutes and attendance records for each meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CSC Task Force will consist of community members, municipal representatives, and other relevant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, a CSC Coordinator is responsible for convening and managing the task force as Chair, serving as a liaison between the CSC task force and the chief executive officer and other officials, and interfacing with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on the CSC program as needed.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a Climate Smart Community Task Force be initiated with the initial membership list below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Delhi appoints Jean Yager, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator.

Initial Membership List for CSC Task Force:

Name	Affiliation
Sridhar Samudrala	Mayor
Jean Yager	Coordinator
Kelly Zimmerman	Superintendent – Delaware Academy CSD
Ron Cieri	Businessman
Matt Krzyston	Councilman - Delhi

Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and executive session started at 7:02 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and the board went back to open session at 7:05 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize the Clerk to move forward with health/dental insurance paperwork with Kevin Morse of Kaatirondack as proposed (same as last year with full HRA funding of individual deductible \$7,500 and family deductible of \$15,000). Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and executive session started at 7:06 p.m.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer