

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, January 5, 2023** 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

Absent:

Guests: Margaret Baldwin, David Truscott, Cindie Smart, Jim Smart, Sarah Poole, Glenn Reynolds, Ellen Pringle, Richard Lamsom, Anne Aikens, Maya Boukai, Ed Chytalo, PJ Harmer and Lillian Browne (The Reporter)

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Maya Boukai from 97 Delaware Avenue spoke of their brainstorming session with Mayor Samudrala earlier this week. She was interested in having a meeting Monday (1/9/2023 at 6:30 PM) with the Mayor and Trustees. The Village Clerk advised this meeting will need to be advertised.

Glenn Reynolds from 2 Woolerton Street said he knows that the trustees listened to concerns from residents at the 12/1/2022 public hearing regarding paid parking in the Village of Delhi. He also spoke in opposition of chickens coming into the Village of Delhi.

David Truscott from 10 Orchard Street indicated that in his opinion paid parking is a dead issue. He offered suggestion of alternate ways to gain revenue:

- solar panels at the vacant WWTP building/old dump
- encourage more housing / individual lots
- encourage annexation of surrounding area such as Sherwood and Delside

Richard Lamsom from Birdsong Farm spoke about the homeless shelter to be rebuilding in the Village of Delhi by Delaware County at a cost of \$1.2 million. He asked if there is anything the village can do about that as the cost is way high based on his expertise. He also indicated they had a \$100,000 furniture allotment for this homeless shelter. He indicated it is a shame to take away Main Street property that could be used by a business on Main Street and perhaps the homeless shelter could be place in the Page Avenue building that will be left vacant?

Mayor Samudrala spoke to Richard Lamsom that Delaware County has never communicated with him, as he has requested, regarding this \$1.2 million project.

Richard Lamsom said that Delaware County meeting don't allow people to speak at their meetings.

Mayor Samudrala indicated he has been trying to get a meeting with Tina Mole and Vice Chairman Tuthill.

Richard Lamsom also indicated there is better use of this land than the homeless shelter.

PJ Harmer from Clinton Street spoke about chickens in the Village. He indicated that if the Village implements chickens in the Village, his concern would be the enforcement.

Maya Boukai indicated they have a meeting with Tina Mole and Vice Chairman Tuthill. Their meeting is the end of January but they will let people know when it is, if they would like to attend.

Jim Smart from Orchard Street asked if there was a planning commission that regulates what can happen in the Village? He said the new building on Main Street is awful.

Peg Baldwin "I love the healthy discussion here tonight"

Mayor Samudrala indicated that Delaware County and Village need an Executive Director.

Trustee Ian Lamont indicated that the Executive Director is the Mayor's opinion, not the Village board.

Delhi Girl Scouts and the Delhi Burial Grounds project – Carrie Fishner

A presentation was made by the Girl Scouts of Troop 60301 (Girl Scouts - Jillian Fishner, Nora Piurowski, Grace Piurowski and Briannah Pringle). The Cemetery Project – for their Silver Award the girls would like to help restore The Delhi Village Burial Ground.

The Girl Scouts indicated they spoke with Marianne Greenfield, who gave them the history of the cemetery. The Girl Scouts will be working with instructors from Delaware Academy and SUNY-Delhi throughout this process. They would like to start the planning in 2023 and done by March 2023. They would plan to do a cleanup of this site in April and June 2023 they would plan to have information on the website to educate others of the cemetery history/education of the public. The Girl Scouts would also like to do a historic marker for the Delhi Burial Ground but that would come in a later phase.

Trustee Lamont indicated he hoped they did not plan to take out the myrtle ground covering as that is nice. Girl Scouts indicated there was not intend to take the myrtle out – they would be looking at more like clearing old tree limbs, etc.

The Girl Scouts are looking for the okay from Village of Delhi to move ahead with Phase 1 (cleanup, box and lights).

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to allow the Girl Scouts to move along with Phase 1 of their Silver Award project in the Delhi Burial Grounds. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

CANNON MEMORIAL PARK project – Sarah Poole

Sarah Poole, an instructor at SUNY Delhi for the Construction Management program indicated the Beautification Committee previously removed the old stones and they are being stored to preserve them until this project is complete. Cannon Memorial Park is located at the corner of Main Street and Franklin Street in the Village of Delhi. Sarah is planning to have her students create a design for Cannon Memorial Park. She would like to have a public forum to get input from villagers regarding memorial wall. Time table will be approximately 2 months to create a design. There will be a meeting in approximately 2 weeks – more information to come. Someone asked how many stones are there? Sarah indicated there were 30 (2 ft x 2 ft).

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 regular meeting with correction to page 4 "remove spoke on behalf of the village board" in reference to Trustee Lamont's

comment regarding paid parking and December 12, 2022 special budget workshop. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed. Trustee Fitch abstained from the 12/1/2022 minutes, all others were in favor and of both minutes and motion was passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to approve Abstract #008 dated January 5, 2023 in the amount of \$265,468.63 (General fund \$101,038.82, Water fund \$23,774.62, Sewer fund \$115,682.09, and Trust & Agency fund \$24,973.10) Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont directing the Mayor to sign the Delaware County Planning Advisory Service Contract for 2023 and authorize the Clerk to remit payment of \$3,500. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 12/21/2022, Police Report dated November 2022, Street Report dated January 2023, Water Report dated 12/28/2022, Sewer Report dated December 28, 2022, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated November 23 – December 29, 2022, Treasurers Report for November 2022, Clerk's Report dated 1/5/2023, and Historian Report dated December 2022. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown was present and reported on the following items:

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

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Trustee Fitch reported that 2 vehicles are in, AEDs are in and First Aid equipment is in.

Email was received after the 12/1/2022 public hearing for the paid parking study:

12/01/2022 Jane Cormack

Trustee Fitch reported that there is a meeting schedule with Delaware County. People spoke at the 12/1/2022 public hearing regarding paid parking study and this is a dead issue.

Trustee Lamont agreed that paid parking is a dead issue in the Village of Delhi as did Trustee Tweed agree that paid parking is a dead issue.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee.

Trustee Tweed indicated we have a proposal from Taggart Electric, Inc. for electrical work needed on the belt press.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve moving forward with the quote of \$3,100 from Taggart Electric, Inc. for electrical work needed on the belt press. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed indicated that we received an email from Absolute Auctions for the Ingersoll Rand dual compressor - bid for \$1,300 and CATA 3150 diesel general – bid \$3,900.

Motion was by Trustee Tweed to accept the two bids totaling \$5,200. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for Water/Street Committee.

Trustee Lamont wanted to commend the Street Dept. for their work during the snow. Trustee Lamont also wanted to let the board and audience know that Jerome "Jay" Decker is being honored at the May 2023 meeting of Rural Water as Water Operation Specialist of the Year

Jay gave two quotes with his monthly report for work that he feels needs to be done at the Prospect Street pump station.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to allow Jay to move forward with the quote from Ti Sales in the amount of \$6,015 for a " Siemens Mag meter and S & H Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$7,400 for installation.

Trustee Lamont / Tweed reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Matthew Marchese – motion to authorize adjustment to water/sewer – acct #B3520 because the property owner allowed Delhi Beautification to use his water during the summer months to water plants on Main Street.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to make an adjustment to water/sewer – acct #B3520 reducing it by \$49.72 for Water, \$24.86 for CAP charge and \$24.94 for Sewer charge, bringing the 10/1/2022 billing to \$54.16. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Samudrala reported for the Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

Mayor Samudrala urged the Town of Delhi to meeting the Village of Delhi.

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

Delta Engineers – proposal to provide Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for HVAC study. Trustee Gearhart indicated this what the village would need to provide documents to put this project out to bid.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to move forward with the quote from Delta Engineers in the amount of \$13,550 to create bid documents to allow Village of Delhi to put the HVAC for Village Hall out to bid. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the chicken survey.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to not allow chickens in the Village of Delhi. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart. Trustee Tweed originally wanted to have chickens in the Village but now has concern, she said she is a NO now. Trustee Lamont was also interest in having chickens but felt enforcement would be the issue and he is not currently in agreement with chickens in the Village. All 4 trustees were in agreement that there should be no chickens in the Village of Delhi.

Mayor Samudrala reported for the Finance Committee.

Trustee Fitch made a motion to increase the limit on the VISA with Delaware National Bank to \$4,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the Mayor to sign the Payroll Software Support Contract and Municipal Accounting & Budget Preparation Software Contract with Williamson Law Book Company and directing the Clerk to remit payment in the amount of \$1,093.00 for each. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the ISD Network Maintenance, Service and Support Agreement adding 50 hours of support time and authorizing the Deputy-Clerk to remit payment in the amount of \$3,825.00 was tabled as Trustee Fitch wants a breakdown of time used from the Clerk's office as he is not sure how 50 hours could have been used this quickly.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to appoint Ruth Vredenburg and Suzanne MacDonald as election inspectors for the March 21, 2023 Village Elections. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart directing Mayor to sign "Notification of Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics". Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont 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 Tweed and executive session started at 7:13 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and the board went back to open session at 8:00 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize Mayor to sign MOU's with PBA regarding vehicle and animal handler. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer