

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Thursday, February 2, 2023** at 5:30 PM at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor: Sridhar Samudrala
Trustees: Jeremy Fitch, Ian Lamont, Janet Tweed and Jeffrey Gearhart

Guests: Margaret Baldwin, Dan Ayres, Kelly Reynolds, Matty Dreyfus, Cynthia Cobbe, Jim Smart, Cindie Smart, Lillian Browne (The Reporter), and Mary Crisafulli (Mountain Eagle)

Mayor Samudrala congratulated the Delhi Men's Basketball team, who is currently #1 in the State.

Mayor Sridhar Samudrala went on to read a statement and announced he is withdrawing from the upcoming election for Mayor of the Village of Delhi.

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Matt Dreyfus spoke and asked the Village Board how is the pedestrian safety issue conversation going. He stated he is ready to help the Village board in any way that he can.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 regular meeting and January 17, 2023 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart. Trustee Tweed abstained from the 1/17/2023 minutes, as she was not present but all others were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Abstract #009 dated February 2, 2023 in the amount of \$140,871.88 (General fund \$30,914.98, Water fund \$10,355.47, Sewer fund \$76,094.93, and Trust & Agency fund \$23,506.50) Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve reimbursement to Justin Mohr in the amount of \$1,975 for construction of new cabinets / desks for Delhi Police Department. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 1/18/2023, Police Report dated December 2022, Street Report dated February 2023, Water Report dated 1/26/2023, Sewer Report dated January 25, 2023, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated January 1 – January 27, 2023 ember 23 – December 29, 2022, Treasurers Report for December 2022, and Clerk's Report dated 2/2/2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed 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.

Bill Brown had a Department of Health form that he required a signature from Mayor Samudrala. Bill Brown also requested the Village Board authorize Clerk to advertise for bids for the Depot Street Wellhouse Fluoridation Equipment Replacement Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids for the Depot Street Wellhouse Fluoridation Equipment Replacement Project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Trustee Fitch indicated we are getting the new police vehicles ready. The Police Department should be picking up the third police vehicle tomorrow.

Trustee Gearhart mentioned that the work at the range classroom is almost complete. The funds used for this project was covered by a grant Captain Small requested and received from Delaware County under their ARPA funding.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the resignation of Samuel M. Nichols as a part-time police officer effective 1/27/2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee.

Trustee Tweed reported that the high bid for the CAT generator at the WWTP never came to pick this item up. Absolute Auction indicated the second bid was \$3,200 for the CAT generator.

Motion was by Trustee Tweed to accept the next highest accepted bid of \$3,200 for the generator at the WWTP. Motion was seconded by Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Lamont reported for Water/Street Committee.

Trustee Lamont reported that the Street Department has completed Christmas tree pickup and equipment maintenance is being done.

Trustee Lamont reported that the Water Department has received the meter for the Prospect Street pump station. The Water Department will be rebuilding and repainting some of our fire hydrants and sewer lines will be handled in the Spring.

Trustee Lamont reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Trustee Lamont indicated the committee has been in communication with the recreation directors, all but Gerald Cheshire plan to return for the summer 2023 season. We will need to find a basketball director for the summer 2023 season.

The Village of Delhi has a request from Delaware County Economic Development on behalf of the Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the 11th Village of Delhi St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

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 Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch indicated we are on the calendar for fireworks on July 7, 2023, with a raindate of July 14, 2023. We need to get paperwork done with SUNY Delhi and will bring this back to the Village board at a later date for approval and signing of the contract. Trustee Fitch also indicated this will be the 50th Anniversary of Fair on the Square.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

There was nothing new to report at this time.

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

Trustee Gearhart reported that Delta Engineers was at Village Hall on 1/25/2023 to look through the building and gather information for their report. Trustee Gearhart also reported that Larry Govendo made repairs to the front steps at Village Hall but they need to be replaced.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the Mayor's appointment of James Smart to the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing Bryan Boyer with his term to expire 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch indicated Tom Little has spoken to him about an additional vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that needs to be filled. There is an application that will soon come before the ZBA board that some of the members will need to recuse themselves because they are in the development area.

Local zoning codes and which entities are and are not exempt – was presented by Trustee Janet Tweed. Trustee Lamont indicated the next step would be to have a public workshop to hear from the public.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to schedule a public **workshop** regarding the recommendations from the Zoning Review Board on March 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM @ Village Hall. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously. The Village Clerk will advertise this public hearing.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize Mayor to sign the engagement letter from EFPR Group for the year ended May 31, 2022 at a cost of \$19,000 per letter dated January 17, 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Samudrala mentioned there was a Youth Basketball Tournament this past Sunday organized by Laura Gioffe and others that drew more than 1,000 people to the Village of Delhi. We need more things like this to happen in our village. Trustee Fitch commented that some of the SUNY Delhi basketball players were referees for this event.

Trustee Fitch stated again that Village of Delhi should start process on delinquent taxes with our Village attorney. He will reach out to Earl Redding @ Roemer to get information to allow us to move forward on our delinquent village taxes.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and executive session started at 6:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and the board went back to open session at 7:00 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer