

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

The meeting started at 5:37 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Deputy Mayor: Jeremy Fitch

Trustees: Ian Lamont, Janet Tweed and Jeffrey Gearhart

Absent: Sridhar Samudrala, Mayor

Guests: Peg Baldwin, Belinda Watts, Mary Anne Bailey, Dan Ayres, Chris Schultz, Sarah Poole and Cynthia Cobbe

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Sarah Poole who gave an update of the student presentations that were given to the Village Board on 2/20/2023 on campus for Cannon Memorial Park. There were 4 presentations given on 2/20/2023 and there was a public hearing in January 2023 to get input from Village residents. The plan includes 4 light posts, 3 planter boxes, benches and a wall at Greenfield property, which would provide additional seating. Rick Roberts, a local stone mason, has been part of the planning of this project and will work with the students. A question was asked about the lifetime of the lights? Chris Schultz (SUNY student) who was present with Sarah indicated the planter light post has a 20 year life but he wasn't sure about the old time light posts lifetime. Someone raised a question about grass seed not being included in the proposal. Sarah indicated she should have enough to cover the grass seed with the 10% contingency.

There was discussion among the board what the village could authorize now to allow the students to get Work started.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to move ahead with Phase 1 and the two picnic tables under 1A at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

It was noted that the board could revisit approval for additional work for the SUNY students at the organizational meeting on April 3, 2023 or the regular board meeting on April 6, 2023.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 regular Board meeting (amending the March 8, 2023 to reflect as a workshop instead of a public hearing), February 7, 2023 budget meeting and February 8, 2023 budget meeting (adding A7510-Historian – board would like a year end presentation). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Abstract #010 dated March 2, 2023 in the amount of \$121,993.96 (General fund \$26,593.89, Water fund \$19,551.82, Sewer fund \$52,668.01, and Trust & Agency fund \$23,180.24) Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 2/15/2023, Police Report dated January 2023, Street Report dated March 2023, Water Report dated 2/23/2023, Sewer Report dated February 24, 2023, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated January 28 – February 23, 2023, Treasurers Report for January 2023, and Clerk's Report dated 3/2/2023, and Historian Report dated 2/22/2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown was not present and he indicated to the Village Clerk that he had no request for the board to act on this month. He should be at the April meeting.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Trustee Fitch indicated all the police vehicles are here and they are waiting for installation on the last vehicle. Trustee Fitch also reported that Chief Mills waiting on a quote for a decibel meter.

The board asked Trustee Fitch if the Police Committee has reviewed the proposal for lowering the speed limit presented by Matt Dreyfus. Trustee Fitch indicated the committee has been quite busy and haven't discussed this item. Trustee Fitch indicated the Police Committee will discuss Dreyfus proposal and will report back to the board at the April board meeting.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Sewer Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the O & M budget of \$1,310,402.98 and authorize Stacey Eggers @ Red Door to submit Village of Delhi budget to NYC DEP for their approval.

The Sewer committee just received BDP Quote #23564 for \$5,463.15 from Dave. Committee will discuss this with Dave and bring back to the April meeting for approval.

Trustee Lamont reported for Water/Street Committee.

Trustee Lamont reported that the CAT loader is almost ready for delivery. Street Department is under budget under the Misc. Special project (A5110.459) and feel they have enough to pay for this is the 2022 – 2023 budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve CAT loader at a cost of \$84,144 under A5110.200 in the 2022 – 2023 budget. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed indicated she had talked to Jay Decker regarding a project at Reservoir Park and he suggested a park clean up at Reservoir Park.

The Village Board discussed electronic billing – Village residents still have an option to receive a paper bill as well as the electronic billing option.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

The Village of Delhi has a request from The Greater Delhi Chamber of Commerce (Delhi Bridge Run Committee) regarding the proposed Bridge Run June 3, 2023

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the Greater Delhi Chamber of Commerce / Delhi Bridge Run Committee request for Hoyt Park for the bridge run on June 3, 2023 from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Joint Services, Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize Deputy Mayor Fitch to sign A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation \$5,000 grant award for the 2023 Summer Little League program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the resignation from Michael Gately from the Planning Board effective 2/13/2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the resignation from James Smart from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 2/27/2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to accept the Mayor's appointment of James Smart to the Planning Board, replacing Michael Gately with his term to expire 2027. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Gearhart to appoint Belinda Watts and Michael Tweed to Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Trustee Tweed abstained from vote. All other were in favor of the appointments.

Trustee Gearhart said he spoke to Delta prior to the meeting tonight and they will be providing us 4 options for the boiler with various cost. They will get us a cost report. Trustee Gearhart also mentioned Village Hall building is aged and the board will need to figure out what option is the best choice for us at this point.

Trustee Gearhart also indicated he is still waiting for a call from Kevin regarding the keypad for the front door at village hall.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to schedule public hearing for the proposed 2023 – 2024 Village of Delhi budget on April 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to schedule public hearing for proposed Local Law #1 "Tax Cap Override" on April 3, 2023 at 6:15 PM. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gearhart and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch advised that last month we received \$5,000 from Helgott-Renfroe Foundation for Street and Community projects.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve deposit of \$2,000 to General fund for Street and \$3,000 to Joint Activity for use for community projects. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed 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 Gearhart and executive session started at 7:08 p.m.

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 8:36 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer