

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Monday, August 21, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor: Jeffrey Gearhart  
Trustees: Jeremy Fitch, Ian Lamont, Janet Tweed and Barbara Sturdevant

Guests: Matty Dreyfus, David Kopecek, Barb Kopecek and Jim Smart,

Mayor Gearhart indicated he was remiss in not congratulating Trustee Lamont last month on the birth of his daughter – Winifred Grace on 7/4/2023.

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Matty Dreyfus wanted to thank Village of Delhi for the Pedestrian Safety public hearing – he is passionate on safety and he has signs available “Please Drive 25 Delhi Loves Our Kids”

Mayor Gearhart indicated the Village of Delhi has a request in to New York State for 25 MPH in the Village and it is out for study.

James Smart spoke to the fact that slowing down will also help with the loud sound on Main Street.

Barbara and Dave Kopecek talk about website and answer questions.

Dave Kopecek spoke to the fact that the website was designed to have lots of documents and information available for residents. Barb and Dave are in the process of cleaning up the website and would love information people want on the website sent to Barb directly.

Bill Brown was not present this evening as he was traveling back from vacation. Bill’s email indicated he didn’t have anything formal to ask of the board. Bill indicated he submitted the funding application to NYSEFC for the water project, expecting determinations later this fall. Jay and Bill met with the controls vendor last week to scope out the radios and are waiting for a quote from them to present the Board

Daren Evans to speak about street work and answer questions.

Daren Evans spoke about micro surfacing, which is a pavement restoration and the product is mixed on-site. Daren indicated it could replace oil & stone that we currently do. Daren indicated the product is more consistent than oil & stone. The approximate cost is \$53,000 for oil & stone and \$58,000-\$59,000 for the micro surfacing process. The cost is slightly more but the micro surfacing should last longer than the oil & stone. The dry time for micro surfacing is 1 – 2 hours.

Daren Evans spoke about a quote he received from Sourcewell for a John Deere 410 Backhoe, which would cost \$151,845.03, which includes \$22,000 - \$23,000 trade-in for our current backhoe. Daren indicated this would be CHIPS eligible.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to pursue John Deer 410 backhoe or similar unit with a cost not to exceed \$160,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Daren Evans spoke about the 88 International which was advertised for bid – the high bid was \$1,250.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the bid of \$1,250 for the 88 International. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Daren Evans also spoke of the 2005 Freightliner which is not currently in service and at Don's Diesel for service. The 2020 HINO went in for an inspection at which time there was a broken rear spring but the HINO is back in service. The 2015 F450 was in need of new brakes at an approximate cost of \$3,000 but is now back in service also.

There was talk of a storm window on Edgerton Street that needs repair after a piece of an old stump went through the residents storm window. Village of Delhi will take care of this repair.

There was mention that we still are waiting for a quote from Alpine for the Street roof for Depot Street.

Daren Evans also handed out a "2023 Proposed Road Work List" for items that needed to be taken care of, of which three (3) items had already been completed since he created the list.

Mayor Gearhart wanted to thank Daren and his employees for all their hard work.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve Abstract #003 dated August 21, 2023 in the amount of \$160,363.55 (General fund \$38,329.71, Water fund \$14,889.44, Sewer fund \$84,489.82, Joint Activities fund \$1,326.15 and Trust and Agency fund \$21,328.43). Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the Police Report dated July 2023, Street Report dated August 2023, Water Report dated 8/15/2023, Sewer Report dated August 16, 2023, Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated 8/1 – 8/15/23, , and Clerk's Report dated August 21, 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart indicated he will ask the Village Historian to do write ups for the website.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Trustee Fitch indicated he would like to surplus the police vehicles – 2013 Impala, 2016 Charger and 2014 Durango with a minimum bid of \$2,500 each.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to surplus the 2013 Impala, 2016 Charger and 2014 Durango with a minimum bid of \$2,500 for each of these vehicles. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Noise ordinance Procedure – discussion. The board seemed agreeable to try to proposed procedure and indicated it will be an enforcement issue.

Mayor Gearhart reported for the Public Works Committee.

The updated Delaware County Leachate Disposal agreement – has been signed by Mayor Gearhart and emailed to Tyson Robb to present to Delaware County Board of Supervisors.

Roof for building @ 1 Depot Street - \$25,000 ARPA funds available. This item is tabled until the September 2023 meeting as we need a quote from Alpine Roof.

Accept resignation of Kathleen Meszler effective 7/30/2023 -

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the resignation of Kathleen Meszler effective 7/30/2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Jay Decker and Daren Evans to go to Public Works Training School – NYCOM October 16 – 18, 2023 – High Peaks, Lake Placid. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding a BDP Industries estimate #24643 in the amount of \$23,721.05 for the sludge fee pump but there were questions as to whether this item was budgeted and how much would be paid by NYC and how much Village would be responsible for. This item was tabled for the committee to go back and clarify.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize Mayor to sign PERM 33c “Application for the Use of State Highway” for their 5K Run on 9/23/2023 this year as the applicant and for the Village to handle any insurance requirements.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the Volley and Basketball Reports for Summer 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant indicated she had no report for the Joint Services Committee.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that he had no report for the Codes, Building & Planning Committee.

Trustee Lamont indicated that he would like to nominate Michael Tweed to replace Sarah Poole as Chair of the Zoning Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to appoint Michael Tweed as Chair of the Zoning Review Committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch. Janet Tweed abstained from vote and all others were in favor of this appointment.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the budget modifications as follows for the 22/23 fiscal year:

General (A) Fund	23 budget lines overspent	\$308,171.42
Water (F) Fund	3 budget lines overspent	\$ 35,638.22
Sewer (G) Fund	14 budget lines overspent	\$ 43,112.41
Recreation (J) Fund	5 budget lines overspent	<u>\$ 2,291.95</u>
Total Fund Balance		\$389,214.00

Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the journal entries to move ARPA Money

General A688		Other Liabilities – Deferred Revenue	\$169,880.64	
	A630	Due to Other Funds		\$ 50,000.00
	A4089	COVID Relief Fund		\$119,880.64
Water F391		Due to other funds	\$25,000.00	
	F4089	COVID Relief Funds		\$25,000.00
Sewer G391		Due to other funds	\$25,000.00	
	G4089	COVID Relief Funds		\$25,000.00
			\$219,880.64	\$219,880.64

Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to make the recurring Support Services bill for ISD in the amount of \$399.99 to be a pre-pay for the Deputy Clerk. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize the Village Clerk to establish an additional accounts with NYCLASS for HRA funding for current Excellus plan as well as Teamster health insurance. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

EV charging station – update – Mayor Gearhart indicated that he is talking about a 4 station EV charging station that will end up owing the Village \$1,329.50 with the funding sources that have been identified.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to move ahead with the 4 station EV charging station per the contract. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Children at Play Signs – Matt Dreyfus spoke earlier and had 3 Children at Play Signs available.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gearhart indicated Village of Delhi joined the Delaware County Chamber at a cost of \$99.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that Eastman will start work on the front steps at Village Hall the week of September 11, 2023.

#### NYSERDA – Janet & Mayor

Trustee Tweed indicated there are several campaigns for Climate Smart & Clean Energy that we can earl points toward grants as well as fund through NYSERDA for running these campaigns.

## Mayor's Report

Stephen Willem Crews – Painting and Historic Restorations – presented us with a quote of \$59,160 to paint Village Hall. We will need to let them know if we want them to paint to get on their schedule.

Committee to form Plan for Main Street – Allows application for grants – Mayor Gearhart would like to form a committee and would like input from the trustees to full this committee.

Mayor Gearhart indicated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayors meeting went well – they have talked about forming a recognized group through NYCOM.

Delhi Chamber request -

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to allow Greater Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce “parking spaces on Court Street to be reserved on the evening of Friday, Sept 22, so they are open for early Saturday morning and for Church Street to be blocked off the morning of September 23” as requested. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to enter executive session for the purpose of

Employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and executive session started at 9:11 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and the board went back to open session at 9:45 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns  
Clerk-Treasurer