

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Monday, September 18, 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: Elizabeth DeFalco-The Reporter, Scott Jeansen-DA Public Information Specialist, Cindi Cobbe, Kelly Zimmerman and Bill Brown.

Privilege of the floor was granted to:

Kelly Zimmerman to discuss capital projects coming up for vote.

Kelly Zimmerman gave a handout "Capital Improvement Project 2023 Community Information Forum". Kelly advised the final community presentation will be October 11, 2023.

Someone questioned how long turf field will last – Kelly advised that Clark indicates 15 – 20 year life.

Someone asked if there would be savings for not having to use the Legion field? Kelly advised there would be a cost saving in maintenance costs.

Mayor Gearhart asked about Tech and Ag programs and instructors – Kelly advised they are looking for a 2nd FT Tech teacher and an Ag FT teacher

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 submitted the third application to EFC – November / December 2023 we should hear something – if we receive funding, there will be a year of paperwork.

Bill advised that he is working with Jay Decker and General Controls on the telemetry.

Bill advised that the bids for the fluoride grant were higher than expected – DPW is looking to do some of the work internally to save money to stay within the funding/budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 special meeting board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 special meeting board meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #004 dated September 18, 2023 in the amount of \$243,385.78 (General fund \$166,455.04, Water fund \$15,050.16, Sewer fund \$38,855.31, Joint Activities fund \$2,055.98 and Trust and Agency fund \$20,969.29). Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Police Report dated August 2023, Street Report dated September 2023, Water Report dated 9/11/2023, Sewer Report dated September 12, 2023,

Code Enforcement Officer's Report dated 8/16/23 – 9/13/23, Clerk's Report dated September 18, 2023 and Historian Report for September 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the Police Committee.

Trustee Fitch advised we received a bid from Ringwood Motors for each of the 3 surplus police vehicles (2013 Chevrolet Impala - \$1,380; 2016 Dodge Charger - \$3,180; and 2014 Dodge Durango – \$2,680)

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the three bids – totaling \$7,240. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart reported for the Public Works Committee.

Mayor reported that we have a quote from Ingersoll Rand for a 5 year agreement to service on their rotary compressor and air dryer systems for the dual sand filters with the annual cost for Year 1 – \$18,795.74, Year 2 - \$19,359.61, Year 3 - \$19,940.40, Year 4 - \$20,538.61 and Year 5 - \$21,154.77

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to authorize Mayor to sign the 5 year agreement with Ingersoll Rand under quote #CTS-133330. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Roof for building @ 1 Depot Street - Alpine Roofing quote - \$19,050

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to authorize Mayor to accept quote from Alpine Metal Roofing in the amount of \$19,050. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Trustee Fitch voted NO and all others voted YES.

Trustee Tweed reported for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the Little League and Tennis Reports for Summer 2023. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously

Bandstand repairs & lights - discussion

Trustee Tweed indicated that the Community Fund had in excess of \$7,000 for repairs for the bandstand. Trustee Tweed indicated that perhaps we need to have Joe Cantwell look at the bandstand and indicate to the board what are critical repairs, etc. and report back to the entire board.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize Mayor to sign PERM 33c "Application for Special Use for their Delhi Holiday Parade on 12/1/2023 this year as the applicant and for the Village to handle any insurance requirements. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Tweed indicated that the objective is to revise the Joint Town and Village Comprehensive Plan.

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

Bishop update – Marty Greenfield received a phone call from Ben Decker (contractor) as he needs access to back of the Bishop building – access would be at Greenfield property or Cannon Memorial Park (Village property) and he is not willing to grant without paperwork from the contractor.

Trustee Tweed also brought up issue of lights at the basketball court @ Hoyt Park. Mayor Gearhart advised that Tweed should contact Daren Evans and he will contact Jim Warren if timer needs to be adjusted at Hoyt Park.

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019 – Transient Rental Regulations (from Village of Margaretville) – discussion

Mayor Gearhart felt the Village should update this for our Village. Village board agreed this item should be referred to the Zoning Review Board. Trustee Tweed will pass this Local Law to Michael Tweed, who is chairing the Zoning Review Board now.

Cloud Permitting Software for Code Enforcement

Mayor Gearhart advised that Josh Morgan, Village of Delhi Code Officer is looking into software. The village board felt it might be good to have Josh Morgan attend the 10/16/2023 meeting to give them an update on the permitting software.

Treffeisen – approve boiler quote

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize the Mayor to accept the A. Treffeisen proposal #BO-003 for the boiler at Village Hall at a cost of \$63,880. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant asked that A. Treffeisen breakdown the material and labor cost on the boiler so that we can submit under ARPA funding.

Trustee Sturdevant advised she has no report for the Finance Committee.

There was discussion regarding Sewer monthly report that spoke of 2012 Ford pickup needing repairs = brake hose/lines replacement, rear differential cover, transmission pan and lines, front brake calipers, pads, and rotors.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve repairs to 2012 Ford pickup at a cost not to exceed \$2,800. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

EV charging station – update – Mayor Gearhart advised that the paperwork for funding has been completed for the EV charging station. We will hear back shortly and the charging station can be installed in 1 day with the cost to the Village being approximately \$1,300.

Children at Play Signs –

Additional signs may be available through Matt Dreyfus and donations are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS

NYSERDA – Janet & Mayor

Trustee Tweed spoke about the possibility of an intern through NYSERDA. Tweed also indicated the Village of Delhi is looking at possibly doing an electric charging booth at the Harvest Festival 9/23/2023. Tweed will also ask Kristina Zill to get Barb Kopecek information for NYSERDA eligible for the Village website.

Trustee Tweed also indicated that the Climate Smart committee that was created hasn't met in the last year. Trustee Twee indicated that Amanda with Climate Smart would be willing to help with getting the Climate Smart committee activated.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to have 4 members from the community – Christina Viafore, Kathy Mario, Amy Warner and Janet Tweed for the Climate Smart committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Possible appointment of Safety Officer for Water and Street Dept.

There was discussion about appointing Jerome Decker as Safety Officer for Water and Street Dept. but this item was tabled as the board felt there should be more details of duties and responsibilities and Mayor Gearhart was going to reach out to Nick Guth to see if he would be interested in being the Safety Officer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Postage expense - Mayor Gearhart spoke to the board members and indicated that we spend a lot of money for postage – we need to try to figure out how to reduce this cost.

Mayor's Report

Committee to form Plan for Main Street – allows application for grants

Mayor Gearhart will get going on this committee as this is very important for us applying for grant funding.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to enter executive session for the purpose of Employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and executive session started at 8:22 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 10:04 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to offer position to fill office vacancy to Sarah Ackerly. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Clerk-Treasurer