

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Monday, May 20, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 6:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Late: Trustee Janet Tweed – arrived at 6:59 PM

Guests: Alyshia Korba – The Reporter, David Gensler and Bill Brown

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tyler Hymers sent an email request for permission to plant silage corn in the field behind the WWTP.

The board seemed to be okay with Hymers request but felt we should get proof of insurance in the form of a certificate of insurance. Mayor Gearhart will also speak to Earl Redding to go over this before moving ahead with allowing Hymers to plant his silage corn.

Chris Starr – NYCLASS – Chris was present at the meeting and gave the board a one page sheet with portfolio allocations, NYCLASS Governing Board and Participant Breakdown by type and discussed our funds that we have with them. Chris indicated that NYCLASS was designed for local governments. Chris was also available to answer questions the board members had.

Bill Brown was present and reported on the following items: Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA Funding), NYSDOH Fluoride Grant, Telemetry Upgrades, and Lead Service Line Inventory.

Bill Brown had a request to the Village Board to authorize payment to General Controls Systems Inc. in amount of \$22,063 for invoice dated 5/15/2024.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch authorizing the Clerk to make payment of \$22,063 to General Control Systems Inc. for Invoice ID: 30002723. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously by all present.

Trustee Janet Tweed arrived at 6:59 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve Abstract #012 dated May 20, 2024 in the amount of \$130,383.60 (General fund \$27,451.51, Water fund \$15,905.70, Sewer fund \$64,589.22, and Trust & Agency fund \$22,437.17). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Police Report dated April 2024, Street Report dated May 2024, Water Report dated 5/16/2024, Sewer Report dated May 14, 2024, Code Enforcement Report 3/13/2024 – 5/17/2024, Treasurer Report for April 2024, and Clerk Report dated May 20, 2024. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the **Police Committee**

Trustee Fitch indicated we need to schedule 4 public hearings for the June 2024 board meeting

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to schedule public hearing on 6/17/2024 at 6:15 PM for Local Law #2 of 2024 – amend Village Code 276-12 – Traffic Regulations. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to schedule public hearing on 6/17/2024 at 6:30 PM for Local Law #3 of 2024 – amend Village Code 276-40 – Vehicle and Traffic. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to schedule public hearing on 6/17/2024 at 6:45 PM for Local Law #4 of 2024 – amend Village Code 287 Water. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to schedule public hearing on 6/17/2024 at 7:00 PM for Local Law #5 of 2024 – amend Village Code Chapter 276-28 Handicapped Parking. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Resignation – Cody Tromblee submitted his resignation to Delhi PD.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept Cody Tromblee’s resignation dated 4/25/2024. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch address the fact that there have been issues in the parks in the Village of Delhi and we need to have signage, etc. to increase knowledge of the rules in our parks.

Trustee Lamont reported for the **Public Works Committee**.

Shrier-Martin quote #10922 – 200 Nopol diffusers - \$16,480 presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Shier-Martin quote #109222 – 200 Nopol diffusers in the amount of \$16,480. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Siewert Eq. file #WA-24-3011-D – submersible pumps - \$34,741.00 + additional cost for wiring & Installation was presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Siewert Equipment file #WA-24-3011-D – submersible pump in the amount of \$34,741 + additional cost for wiring and installation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Pump Service & Supply quote #15670 – HOMA return/waste activated sludge pumps - \$2,578 was presented.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Pump Service & Supply quote #15670 – HOMA return/waste activated sludge pumps in the amount of \$2,578. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

There was mention that there was a tree on Clinton Street taken down. Mayor Gearhart indicated that he and Daren Evans need to create a list of trees for takedown.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Joint Services Committee**.

Community Clean Up Day – May 11, 2024 – Trustee Tweed indicated that a group of individuals did a clean up on highway of Route 10 at entry of Village of Delhi. Trustee Tweed indicated that the younger kids worked on the rail trail clean up. The group would like to make this an annual project.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to appoint the following recreation directors:

Eileen Kline – Tennis Director

Savannah Wake – Volley Director

Laura Gioffe & Sharon Reichert-Morgan – Co Directors for Little League

Alyssa Gioffe & Brenna Gioffe – Co Directors for Basketball.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Request from Delhi Alliance Church regarding the 5K Run August 31, 2024 was received. They are still working on meeting insurance requirements for the PERM 33b (New York State Department of Transportation Application for Special Use Permit).

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the Delhi Alliance Church 5K Run on 8/31/2024 if they are able to complete the PERM 33b and comply with the requirements of NYS DOT. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Request from Delhi Bridge Run Committee for 6/1/2024 7:00 AM – noon was received.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the Delhi Bridge Run Committee request for support of the Village Police force for 6/1/2024 from 7:00 AM – noon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart indicated the Town of Delhi has talked about bringing back arts and crafts during the summer for the kids.

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

Bishop building update – use of property (Canon Park) – Mayor Gearhart indicated that things are moving along – Josh is getting a list for Bishop to complete. The neighbor (Greenfield) has previously addressed pieces of material have fallen off the roof. There also seems to be evidence of rats in the building. Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Officer has issued a letter and given Bishop 30 days to comply.

Mayor Gearhart also complimented how nice things are looking at Canon Park.

There was some discussion regarding lawn maintenance.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to suspend lawns for May for “No Mow May”. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Furnace at Village Hall – completion of project – Mayor Gearhart indicated that the work on the furnace at Village Hall has been completed and Code Enforcement has closed his file on this item.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**.

Tax Foreclosures – board decision after the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter (30 day) is sent by Roemer giving property owners until end of June 2024 to pay.

Raises for non-union employees for fiscal year 2024 – 2025 need to be approved by the Village Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve raises for non-union employees for fiscal year 2024 – 2025 as follows:

Clerk - \$24.72/hr

Treasurer - \$28.98/hr

Code Enforcement Officer - \$27.81/hr

Police Chief - \$39.31/hr

PT Police Officers - \$23.00/hr.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to pay Kimberly Cairns for 81.75 hours of unused vacation time at a rate of \$28.14/hr. for a total of \$2,300.45. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

EV charging station – Mayor Gearhart indicated that he has increased the charge to 30 center per kilowatt hour.

Meadow Solar Contract – need approval to authorize Mayor to sign contact – savings indicated by Andy Cahill would be 10% or more over Constellation.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Meadow Solar after it has been review by Earl Redding and we are certain we would not have a problem breaking the contract if something better was to become available. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Climate Smart Communities – Trustee Tweed indicated the next meeting is Wednesday (5/22/2024) at 4:30 PM. Tweed also indicated we have reached Tier 1 with NYSERDA. We should hear from NYSERDA 3 – 4 weeks allowing us \$15,000 of funds and the cost for 3 units from Kennedy would be approximately \$16,000.

Restore NY Funding – Trustee Sturdevant indicated that she, Josh Morgan and Kent Manuel are working on the Pro Housing. Sturdevant indicated the next step #2 would be to adopt the Pro-Housing Communities Model Resolution (handout was given).

DNB safety deposit box – after some discussion, it was decided Village of Delhi should close our safety deposit box and remove voucher #498 in the amount of \$33 from abstract #012.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to close the safety deposit box at Delaware National Bank and not pay the bill for 6/1/2024 renewal. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Postage Meter – Clerk Pamela Ferguson obtained a quote from Quadient at a price of \$959.76 for a 2 year period, which would be billed on a monthly basis at a rate of \$39.99.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize the Clerk to move postage meter lease from Pitney Bowes to Quadient for a 2 year term at a price of \$959.76. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

## Mayor's Report

Coalition of Watershed Towns – 2024 Ballot for Executive Committee – ballot was completed with input from the Village Board. Votes for regular members were: Maya Boukai, Wayland “bud” Gladstone and Edward Snow; votes for alternates were: Jeff Gearhart, Will Outsen and Christine Viafore.

5/10/2024 Thank you letter from National Honor Society was received.

Approve Job Description – Village Historian – there was one correction under #1 your muni to “the Village of Delhi”.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the Village Historian Job Description with minor correction. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Delaware County Council of Mayors last meeting was 5/8/2024 – next meeting is 6/12/2024.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that he is working on getting a proposal ready for the Delaware County Mayors to sign and send to Chair Tina Mole. Mayor will share with the village board once it is complete.

Trustee Lamont indicated he attended NYCOM last week and it was great – would be happy to share information with anyone that is interested.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION –

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

“Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law: Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and executive session started at 8:50 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 10:00 PM.

Motion was made to open negotiations for the Teamster contract under Article 18 Section 18.3 regarding the CDL license. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee

Tweed and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns  
Village Treasurer