

**TOWN OF DELHI  
BOARD MEETING**

**July 11, 2017  
7:30PM**

Supervisor Tuthill called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Those present: Council members Al Perkins, Thomas Little, Bill Cairns, Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

Absent: Councilman Matt Krzyston

Residents: Carol Morrissey, Gerard Benhardt, Becky Manning, Jeff Barthelmes

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Councilman Little.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Carol Morrissey, President of Tanglewood Lake Homeowners Association gave the board copies of a report. She stated that she would like an update from the board on her prior meeting of June 2017. Supervisor Tuthill stated that at this time there was no money in the budget and that Tanglewood Lake Road was scheduled for culvert replacement in 2018/2019. Ms. Morrissey questioned if the board had discussed the situation with Delaware County as she felt the Executive Summary of the Delaware County Multi- Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan this would be covered. Supervisor Tuthill stated that Delaware County would not give the town money to fix her road. Ms Morrissey said that Delaware County received FEMA monies for roads and that in this report it fails to mention Tanglewood Lake Road, Huska Road or Maggie Hoag Road. There are two dams on those roads that come through those pipes, she contacted Delaware County Planning and has not been contacted back. This has been brought to the attention of the Office of Emergency Management, the Town of Delhi and Delaware County that there is a hazardous condition there as they cannot get emergency equipment should there be a dam failure and road overtopping. Supervisor Tuthill stated there are several roads that are in peril should an event occur. Supervisor Tuthill will speak to NYSDEC regarding Tanglewood Lake. Ms. Morrissey stated that they are in hopes that monies can be found to remedy the roads as the culverts are not capable of handling dam overtopping. Councilman Perkins questioned if the culverts are replaced this would eliminate the issues Tanglewood is facing with their dam rating. Supervisor Tuthill stated that he has briefly discussed the issues facing Tanglewood Lake with our town attorney and his concern is if downstream development or other factors influencing the hazard would result in the hazard class being changed. The DEC is hesitant to say if the Town does culvert pipe replacement that they will reclassify the dam. Supervisor Tuthill would like to have the DEC give us a commitment that culvert replacements will in fact get the dam reclassified.

Jeff Barthelmes questioned if there were any official changes to Betts Hill Spur Road. Highway Superintendent Evans stated there are no changes scheduled for this road. He also questioned the public meeting to be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at Delaware Academy; the board discussed the proposed dpw project giving the audience background on what our board is aware of. The audience was encouraged to attend the meeting and have their voices heard.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017 Board Meeting & Approval of the June 13, 2017 Public Hearing:**

Councilman Cairns made a motion to accept the June 13, 2017 Board Meeting minutes with Councilman Perkins seconding. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing Minutes of June 13, 2017 - NYS Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant Program, Sportsfield Specialties Economic Development Program Closeout were presented to the board for approval. Councilman Perkins made the motion to accept the public hearing minutes with Councilman Little seconding the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

The Planning Board fee schedule was tabled to the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that regarding student and short term rentals the Town Attorney and Code Officer have not contacted him as of yet regarding the information provided. We will table this also.

**New Business:**

Becky Manning, Director of the Catskill Recreation Center in Arkville was introduced and discussed the centers programs. They would like to reach out to the community and invite them to attend. They offer a range of activities for all ages. She informed the board that there will be a cycling challenge, Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for recreational programming for all ages. Ms. Manning left information for the board and also the clerk will post on our community bulletin board the information on the Recreational Center. The website for them is [www.catskillrecreationcenter.org](http://www.catskillrecreationcenter.org). The number for the center is 845-586-6250.

Supervisor Tuthill noted that the annual contract was received from Heart of the Catskills for the care of stray dogs brought to the shelter. A motion to approve the annual contract with an amendment in which the town will not pay the \$5.00 fee for cats made by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Cairns. Motion carried. Supervisor Tuthill will sign and return the contract with the deletion of the cats noted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Highway/Machinery:** (Councilmen Perkins & Cairns) – Superintendent Evans provided the board with a written report. (See attached.) The weather has been a challenge this year, but the last couple of days have been good. Hamden Hill is complete except for the sealing; it may be done this fall or next spring. The mower

should be returned tomorrow. Superintendent Evans has requested per his report that the board hold a special meeting the last week of July in order to submit further bills for CHIPS reimbursement. Supervisor Tuthill stated that the accounting program would not allow for this, or if the checks would have been returned by that time. The first batch will be sent shortly. Weather has been an issue this year.

**Health/Youth:** (Councilmen Krzyston & Cairns) – Councilman Cairns announced that the Volleyball Court is up and running, there is a program this year also. The port-a-potty is at the playground, the Village has provided it. The Plexiglas for the rules sign has been replaced per Councilman Little as it was broken.

**Economic Development/Shared Services:** (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – Nothing to report at this time, per Councilman Perkins.

**Recreation:** (Councilman Perkins) – Councilman Perkins informed the board that the pool plans were returned to the designer and have since been sent back to the state for approval. Parks & Recreation have already approved the plans.

**Personnel:** (Councilman Little) – Councilman Little informed the board that Court Baliff Tom Glass is retiring the end of the month. There will be a small party for him July 25<sup>th</sup>; the Court would like to hire Matthew Davis for the position.

**Building:** (Councilman Little) – N/A

**IT:** (Councilman Krzyston) – Town Clerk informed the board that the copier will need to be replaced soon.

**CODES:** (Councilman Cairns & Little) – Councilman Little stated that the Code Officer has been busy, there was a violation notice issued to a property owner.

### **CODES Monthly Report–**

A motion was made by Councilman Little to accept the June 2017 Code Report. Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Justice Court Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Cairns to accept the June 2017 Justice Report. Motion carried.

### **Clerk's Monthly Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins to accept the June 2017 Clerk's Report, and seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried.

### **Supervisor's Financial Report:**

Supervisor Tuthill presented the board with the June 2017 Supervisors Report. He pointed out that on the Capital Projects line there was roughly a \$63,000 decrease as this was for the Hamden Hill Project monies. Most of the work is covered with the money provided by NYPA, NYSE&G and ABB Construction.. Councilman Perkins wished to thank those involved with the Hamden Hill project to help get the monies returned for the road work necessary. Councilman Perkins made a motion to accept the June 2017 Supervisors Report with Councilman Cairns seconding. Motion carried.

**Supervisor's County Report:**

Supervisor Tuthill discussed the meeting to be held tomorrow night at Delaware Academy Auditorium regarding the proposed Delaware County Department of Public Works building. It was decided that for those that did not wish to go before the camera post cards would be given to have questions addressed. Councilman Perkins will help Supervisor Tuthill with the presentation. The County also had their tax sale on Saturday; three properties were pulled from the sale as the offering prices were not high enough. Councilman Little stated that the villages continually lose on these sales. Supervisor Tuthill explained how the procedure worked as the county only goes back two years; villages hold taxes for more years.

Councilman Cairns went on record stating that he felt that the County Board of Supervisors did the taxpayers a real disservice with the purchase of the 97 Main Street purchase. He felt that it was not well thought through. Councilman Little agreed as did Councilman Perkins. All felt the county did not think of the loss of retail space in Delhi as we are already 72% tax exempt. Councilman Perkins stated that the building that the Office of the Aging is in, is still on the market it is not sold. Supervisor Tuthill stated the county was informed that the building was being sold and they had 90 days to vacate. Perkins stated that the County has been offered to purchase the building several times and declined. Councilman Little stated that the parking will be an issue at 97 Main Street, he felt it would be a disaster. For the money spent for the new building they could have renovated the current building and still saved money and left a property on the tax rolls.

**Abstracts:**

Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve Abstract #007-2017 accounts A – DB Voucher No. 222 - 265 equaling \$147,793.60, account TA Voucher No. 121 - 123 equaling \$8,871.78. Total of presented Vouchers for Abstract #007-2017 - \$156,665.38. Councilman Little seconded the motion. Motion carried. Included in the abstract was a check for the reimbursement of the Burdkidz property tax suit. The Village, Town, County and School must all reimburse a percentage of taxes to Burdikidz. There will be a final bill from the attorney, when it is received we will request reimbursement from the parties above.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made at 8:40pm to adjourn by Councilman Cairns and seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elsa Schmitz*

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi