

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING**

**August 8, 2017
7:30PM**

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

Those present: Council members Al Perkins, Thomas Little, Bill Cairns, Councilman Matt Krzyston, Highway Superintendent Daren Evans
Residents: Jeff Barthelmes, Robert Cairns, Kim Cairns
Tara Donadio, Cornell Cooperative Extension

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Perkins.

Privilege of the Floor:

Privilege of the floor was offered – no one came forward.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017 Board Meeting

Councilman Little made a motion to accept the July 11, 2017 Board Meeting minutes with Councilman Perkins seconding. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Planning Board fee schedule was tabled to the September Board Meeting. Councilman Perkins wants the information put together for presentation at the September 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. It was decided that Supervisor Tuthill will speak to Town Attorney Merzig and see if he can schedule a meeting at the September board meeting at 7:00pm prior to the regular meeting at 7:30pm. Supervisor Tuthill will contact board members when he has spoken with the attorney.

New Business:

The Board was presented with a letter of resignation from Thomas Glass, Court Bailiff as he is retiring. Councilman Cairns made the motion to accept his resignation, with Councilman Krzyston seconding. Motion carried. Mr. Glass has been the bailiff for many years and the board would like to thank him for all his many years of service, he will be missed!

Supervisor Tuthill stated that Judge Gumo has asked that the board appoint Matthew Davis as the new Court Bailiff. Councilman Little made the motion to appoint Matthew Davis retroactive to July 10th at the rate of \$17.57/hr. Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Tuthill announced that the Town Board would like to thank Village Trustee Jeremy Fitch for watching the bounce house at the Fair on the Square that the town sponsored.

Supervisor Tuthill introduced Tara Donadio of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ms. Donadio discussed with the board Clean Energy Communities Program in conjunction with NYSEERDA. She presented a slide show highlighting grants available to municipalities and the initiatives associated

with the grants. These are NYSERDA funded programs which encourage communities to implement clean energy actions.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmen Perkins & Cairns) – Superintendent Evans provided the board with a written report. (See attached.) Superintendent Evans stated we have met the timelines for the FEMA storm and he has submitted for reimbursement. Councilman Krzyston questioned where were the highway department was on the 5 year plan. Evans stated that we are on the second full year; Supervisor Tuthill stated that Hamden Hill has helped to move them ahead.

Health/Youth: (Councilmen Krzyston & Cairns) – Councilman Krzyston announced that pee wee football is beginning.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – Nothing to report at this time, per Councilman Perkins. The Farmers Market is doing great, there is much participation. The Chamber has purchased more tents for it.

Recreation: (Councilman Perkins) – Councilman Perkins informed the board that the playground looks good although there is work to be done. Overall things are well. The Pool is hopefully on its final legs, hopefully we will hear soon.

Personnel: (Councilman Little) – Councilman Little stated everything was dealt with during “New Business.”

Building: (Councilman Little) – An inspection was done by NYMIR today, we will hear what was found at a later date. Also, Councilman Little replaced a door knob for the court area.

IT: (Councilman Krzyston) – Councilman Krzyston announced the Court has had 28 boxes of documents digitized through the grant applied for by the Court Clerk.

CODES: (Councilman Cairns & Little) – Councilman Little stated that the Code Officer has been busy. The Rehab Center has been busy, they have been paving. It should be opening relatively soon.

CODES Monthly Report–

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

Justice Court Report:

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

Clerk’s Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Little to accept the July 2017 Clerk’s Report, and seconded by Councilman Krzyston. Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Financial Report:

Supervisor Tuthill presented the board with the July 2017 Supervisors Report. He stated that the bookkeeper and he are checking the court account. Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve the July 2017 Supervisors Financial Report with Councilman Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor’s County Report:

Councilman Perkins questioned the County as to the pay of the County psychologist running the Mental Health facility. He questioned why this person is making over a quarter of a million dollars for a part time job. This has stirred up quite a few questions in the community. Supervisor Tuthill stated that an individual with the “correct” credentials have been quite difficult to find and this is being looked

at by the county as this is a huge expense. Councilman Little stated that the presentation at Delaware Academy went very well and he was pleased with how it ran. Supervisor Tuthill is still pushing as to why the questions that were emailed to the County have still not been answered, he will continue pursuing them. Councilman Cairns stated that the community is watching and the Board of Supervisors should make note of this. Our Board states that this project should be turned over to the Capital Projects Committee as it is felt that the DPW project is a free for all at this time; Supervisors need to take control of the project. Councilman Krzyston stated that it is possible and feasible to allow the facility to remain at its current location; Supervisor Tuthill also stated that the facility is NOT a critical facility as per FEMA regulations. Councilman Little stated that he and Mayor Maxey have shown the board the numbers and elevations required by FEMA to rebuild without affecting the area. The Town Board's position remains the same.

Councilman Perkins also announced that the Office of the Aging proposed purchase is not setting well with the community. He has heard several comments from residents that are unhappy with the proposed purchase of 97 Main Street for the housing of Senior Meals.

Resident Jeffrey Barthelmes questioned the County DPW proposed site at the former MacFarland Farm, he wanted to know if it was a "done deal" with the property. The boards reassured him that we will continue to fight for our residents and are against the MacFarland Site. We will continue to oppose it on the county level. The belief that the facility can remain at the current site was again discussed.

Abstracts:

Councilman Cairns made the motion to approve Abstract #008-2017 accounts A – DB Voucher No. 266 - 304 equaling \$128,250.88 account TA Voucher No. 124 - 126 equaling \$8,871.78. Total of presented Vouchers for Abstract #008-2017 - \$137,122.66. Councilman Krzyston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi