

**TOWN OF DELHI  
BOARD MEETING**

**September 12, 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, Linda Pearce, Kieanah Deluise, Samuel Rodriguez, Renne Burgos, Franklin Mejia, Gert Arnold, Jaquam Morgan, Jamar Crum, Michael Bisagni, Garrett Gruno, Adam Brilhn, Janet Tweed

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

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Privilege of the floor was offered – no one came forward. Councilman Krzyston welcomed SUNY Delhi students who attended our meeting for an American Government Class. Councilman Little invited the students to the Village Board meeting next week.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2017 Board Meeting**

Councilman Cairns made a motion to accept the August 8, 2017 Board Meeting minutes with Councilman Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Supervisor Tuthill discussed the Planning Board fee schedule and was provided with a Village of Delhi fee schedule as comparison to the Towns schedule. Councilman Little stated that the village fees are a little low and would like to see them raised also as they help to recoup the cost of the Delaware County Planning Departments representative. The Town Council members discussed the fees and determined that the fees would be as follows:

	Current	Adopted 9/12/2017
Site Plan Review/Special Permit Review	-0-	\$75.00 for one or both
Home Office Occupancy Permit	-0-	N/A
Sketch Plan Review	\$25.00	\$25.00
Preliminary & Final Plats (Major & Minor)	\$10.00 per lot	\$25.00 per lot
Boundary Line Adjustment	-0-	\$50.00 per app.
Inspection Fee	-0-	-0-
	(paid by developer)	(paid by developer)

All advertising costs to be paid by the applicant. Planning Board Clerk will require the fee upfront prior to the meeting. Costs for advertising can be gotten from The Reporter at 865-4131.

Councilman Little made the motion to approve the cost increase on the above items with Councilman Perkins seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that regarding student and short term rentals he has spoken with the Code Officer and the Town Attorney. But the Town Attorney is now on vacation, he will attempt to contact both and set up a meeting. Councilman Perkins is concerned as students are back, we must move forward. Councilman Little stated a meeting was held at SUNY Delhi and students were told to contact the Code Officer for issues, but Councilman Perkins feels landlords must be held responsible, and his opinion is we must move forward with the regulations.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that last month at the board meeting Tara Donadio of Cornell Cooperative Extension, discussed with the board Clean Energy Communities Program in conjunction with NYSE&G. The board is interested in trying to fulfill the requirements to be eligible for energy grants. Councilman Krzyston will work with Cooperative Extension regarding the NYSE&G billing. Councilman Krzyston made a motion to participate in the grant qualification program, Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Perkins has been approved by the NYS Health Department. Tomorrow there will be contact with NYS Parks and Recreation. The hope is that in October we will be able to go out to bid, the bids being returned in November and a bid accepted in December with construction in the spring.

### **New Business:**

Supervisor Tuthill had given board members the CWT ballot each councilmember needed to vote for three executive members and three alternates. All councilmen gave Supervisor Tuthill their completed ballots for submittal.

Councilmember's were given a draft of Local Law No. 001-2017 Local Law to Override Tax Cap for 2018. It is necessary to schedule a public hearing for the October 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Councilman Little made the motion to have a public hearing at 7:15 pm on October 10<sup>th</sup> before the regular scheduled board meeting of 7:30pm. Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill stated it was necessary to schedule budget workshops for the 2018 budget. Department heads have not received the necessary paperwork; Supervisor Tuthill will look into why the worksheets have not been distributed. Workshops will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm and October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The Town Clerk will advertise the budget workshops.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that there will be a Joint Flood Meeting between the Town and Village of Delhi to discuss the process of the Delhi Flood Commission. This meeting will be held at the Town Hall on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Highway/Machinery:** (Councilmen Perkins & Cairns) – Superintendent Evans provided the board with a written report. (See attached.) Councilman Cairns asked Superintendent Evans if had heard from FEMA regarding the reimbursements. Evans stated the dollar amount is up in the air as far as repairs go, reimbursements will be there for fuel, material and man hours. He does not have the total. Councilman Little questioned why there is one spot which keeps breaking down on Hamden Hill, Superintendent Evans stated that the wet weather has created issues. The area in question is in a shaded area. Weather permitting they are hoping to have the road fixed next week. Rain has been a major issue this year. Councilman Little asked where grater mix was going now, Evans stated Webster Brook, West Platner Brook and Huska Road. Little stated that Federal Hill 1 & 2 are good as is Thompson Cross.

**Health/Youth:** (Councilmen Krzyston & Cairns) – Councilman Krzyston announced the Harvest Festival is the end of the month. There is also a community cleanup this upcoming Saturday. Councilman Perkins stated the mulch at the playground could be re-raked and the holes can be filled. O'Connor Trail has opened a hiking/challenge trail.

**Economic Development/Shared Services:** (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – Councilman Perkins stated there is nothing new now.

**Recreation:** (Councilman Perkins) – This was discussed under Old Business.

**Personnel:** (Councilman Little) – Supervisor Tuthill announced the resignation of Matt Davis as Court Bailiff.

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

**IT:** (Councilman Krzyston) – N/A

**CODES:** (Councilman Cairns & Little) – Councilman Little stated that Rehab Center is getting closer to getting it's CO. It is getting very close to opening.

### **CODES Monthly Report–**

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

### **Justice Court Report:**

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Tuthill presented the board with the August 2017 Supervisors Report. Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve the August 2017 Supervisors Financial Report with Councilman Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

### **Supervisor's County Report:**

Councilman Perkins asked the status of the DPW project. Supervisor Tuthill stated they are still looking at sites and there are two more engineering firms looking into sites. The existing site on Page Avenue, the MacFarland Farm and the Bishop Farm in Hamden are being looked at as of this board meeting. They are still trying to find an appropriate site for the Mental Health Facility. Things need to get moving as the grant monies for the facility run out this year. Councilman Krzyston questioned 97 Main Street as the Office of the Aging potential purchase. Supervisor Tuthill stated the purchase has not been finalized. Resident Linda Pierce questioned the parking ability at 97 Main as there is not much ability for parking. Councilman Little stated it was a foolish location as parking is an issue, it will be a mess for our elderly. Councilman Perkins stated citizens need to take action, October 1<sup>st</sup> is when it is supposed to be purchased, residents should contact their Town Supervisor, the article in the Catskill Mountain News was very informative he stated. Supervisor Tuthill disagreed stating there was misinformation in that article, Perkins stated he had spoken with Hamden Town Supervisor Marshfield and received information. Supervisor Tuthill states there is much information and some is twisted, Councilman Krzyston stated the issue is losing commercial space in the village, he asked Supervisor Tuthill to vote against it. Perkins again stated it is a very poor choice, Councilman Krzyston asked the board members if they wanted the site to be purchased by the county. All

councilmen stated they were against the purchase. Councilman Perkins again stated that they should stay at the existing site it is a wrong move for Delhi and the County.

**Abstracts:**

Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve Abstract #009-2017 accounts A – DB Voucher No. 305 – 359 equaling \$163,638.48 account TA Voucher No. 127 - 129 equaling \$8,871.78. Total of presented Vouchers for Abstract #009-2017 - \$172,510.26. Councilman Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

Supervisor Tuthill asked for a motion to enter into an executive session. Councilman Little made the motion at 8:23pm with Councilman Perkins seconding. Motion carried board enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation. A motion was made at 8:44pm to exit the executive session by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Perkins. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:45pm was made by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Perkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elsa Schmitz*

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi