

**TOWN OF DELHI  
BOARD MEETING**

**August 9, 2016**

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

Those present: Council members Tom Little, Bill Cairns, Al Perkins, Absent: Councilman Matt Krzyston  
Highway Superintendant Daren Evans  
Residents: Kim Cairns, Carol Morrissey  
Reporter: Abby Butler, Walton Reporter

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

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Supervisor Tuthill invited public comment no one came forward.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2016**

The minutes of the regular meeting were presented with Councilman Little making a motion to accept with the correction under "Privilege of the Floor" the name Jerry Smith should have been Jerry Thomas. Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

The Board was presented with Resolution No. 4-2016, which was tabled at the July board meeting. CWT had asked that this resolution be passed to help with the negotiations of FAD. Councilman Perkins made a motion to accept Resolution No. 4-2016, Councilman Little seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll call as follows:

Councilman Perkins Aye  
Councilman Little Aye  
Supervisor Tuthill Aye  
Councilman Cairns Aye  
Councilman Krzyston Absent

Copies of the Village of Delhi Codes regarding student rentals were given to the board; Councilman Little discussed the codes with the board as he is the Code Officer for the Village of Delhi. Supervisor Tuthill requested that the clerk email copies to the Planning Board and the Town Attorney. Supervisor Tuthill would like to meet with the new SUNY President and discuss our issues, Councilman Little stated as he is on the Mayoral Task Force at SUNY he will bring it to the table at the September meeting.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that he is waiting for Delaware County Planning Department to draft a letter regarding the land acquisition properties (State Route 10 and Huska Road). He will distribute the letter to board members for their review for the September board meeting. Councilman Little again stated the pipeline to the industries and his concerns regarding issues

which may arise and also the natural gas pipeline which could possibly help the industries as the location for it would go parallel to the waste line. He stated giving the area up could curtail any future developments to the area. Assessing the right of way area is imperative.

**New Business:**

Councilman Perkins made a motion to approve Assessors James Corcoran and Frank Bovee attending Ethics & Assessor Course in Oneonta. Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Town of Delhi's Annual Financial Report – Update Document for 12/31/15 was made by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried.

A motion to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise a legal notice telling that the Annual Financial Report is on file at the office for public viewing was made by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Cairns. Motion carried.

A motion was made for an update of the Standard Work & Reporting Resolution for the State Retirement system, forms RS 17A and RS 17 by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Cairns. Motion carried.

The Pool Committee requested approval of a \$7,000.00 payment to Lakeside Engineering as they have completed 80% of the plans. Councilman Perkins made the motion approving the request with Councilman Little seconding. Motion carried. Councilman Perkins will notify the parties.

Ms. Carol Morrissey, head of the homeowners association at Tanglewood Lake addressed the board regarding issues that the homeowners are having with NYSDEC. In May of 2016 the New York State Dam Safety Unit did an inspection of their dam and stated that in the event of a one hundred year flood occur they would have no emergency access as Tanglewood Lake Road would be submerged. There are two issues have been raised from this; the rating of the dam has been re-rated from an "A" to a "B." An "A" rating meant that a yearly report was necessary as well as maintenance; a "B" rating now calls for an assessment of the dam which can cost as much as \$20,000 - \$30,000. With this rating change a financial burden is being placed on the residents as it would cost an upwards of \$50,000 just for engineering. In order for them to achieve an "A" rating they would be required to have a secondary road to the community if the dam fails due to a "100 year flood." The homeowners have attempted to find another access to their property and are requesting that the Town of Delhi get an easement into the properties for emergency access. They have contacted several state agencies for help and have found that FEMA has a "mitigation grant" available, the grant is to be written by a municipality before an event occurs. Ms. Morrissey stated that the grant was overwhelming and would require masters to complete. At this time the residents are concerned for their safety as should an event occur they would not be able to receive help and would be cut off. The association would help financially should the town create access road. The board discussed several areas of access with Ms. Morrissey and stated that as Tanglewood Lake is a private road the town is unable to work on it. Councilman Perkins will contact IDA and Supervisor Tuthill will contact Delaware County Planning Department for any possible help. Planning and possibly SUNY can assist with the grant writing, the association is willing to pay the fee if any.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Highway/Machinery:** (Councilmen Perkins & Cairns) – Highway Superintendent Evans stated that the oil and stoning of seven miles is complete as scheduled, there were minimal problems. He also stated that the Hamden Hill project is not a fast process as there are three entities involved. He is waiting on the Power Authority at this time. The repair work will not be completed before the snow flies. Councilman Cairns stated that the board should trust and allow the Highway Superintendent to handle the negotiations. He also stated that Superintendent Evans has stayed on top of the situation continually. Superintendent Evans stated that he has shot down the contractors “marked” fixings and told him it needed to be fixed correctly. Councilman Cairns brought up the issue of the monies to pay for the Highway Department to purchase the dust pan and plow for the truck which was discussed at the July 2016 meeting. Wanting to know where the board was at with the purchase of the wing for that truck as both were in poor condition. Ten-Co Industries of Lakeville, New York ordered the plow late last year for the town at the cost of \$14,480.00 for both pieces of equipment. The plow and dust pan are in serious condition and need replacement. There was much discussion as to the monies in specific funds. The purchase of the wing and dust pan was again tabled until the September board meeting. Superintendent Evans will again contact Ten-Co requesting them to hold the equipment.

**Health/Youth:** (Councilmen Krzyston & Cairns) – Councilman Cairns stated there will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Football Alumni Golf Tournament on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The new coach is looking to create relationships with the former players and raise monies for equipment. He also stated that Dave Kopecek contacted him regarding pool’s website as it has not been updated in at least four years. Councilman Cairns believes he would volunteer his time to update it. Per Councilman Perkins, Councilman Cairns will have Mr. Kopecek contact Scott Oles of the Pool Committee. Councilman Little stated that he and Councilman Krzyston attended the ribbon cutting of the Bramley Mountain Trail. There were beautiful views, hats off to the Catskill Hiking Association!

**Economic Development/Shared Services:** (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – Councilman Krzyston and Councilman Perkins met with the new owner of the hotel; they discussed shared services, IDA and several different organizations. They offered assistance and will continue to stay in touch with him.

**Recreation:** (Councilman Perkins) – Councilman Perkins stated that the mulch has arrived and thanked Highway Superintendent for his assistance. DCAN has offered to donate their time to spread the mulch. The Pool Committee met with the designer architect this week went over some concerns and suggestions. We are at about 80% completion of the plans at this point and are just about ready to go to the Department of Health. Chris Maney is sharing with the architect information from our last meeting with the DOH. We are also submitting to Parks & Recreation at the same time so we can hopefully speed things up. If all goes as planned we are hoping to go out to bid sometime in September. Things are looking very good at this time.

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

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

**IT:** (Councilman Krzyston) – N/A

**CODES:** (Councilman Cairns & Little) – Councilman Little stated that Code Enforcement Officer Downin has been on vacation for two weeks and he has been filling in as Code Officer things have been very busy. DRNC work is coming along very well, they are going to be placing concrete on the floors in the two new wings, realignment of the old wings is completed and sheet rock is going up. It is progressing very well, no setbacks as of yet and they will be pouring concrete on the second floor this week.

**CODES Monthly Report–**

A motion was made by Councilman Little to accept the July 2016 Code Report. Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Justice Court Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Cairns and seconded by Councilman Little to accept the July 2016 Justice Report. Motion carried.

**Clerk’s Monthly Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins to accept the July 2016 Clerk’s Report, and seconded by Councilman Cairns. Motion carried.

**Supervisor’s Financial Report:**

N/A

**Supervisor’s County Report:**

Supervisor Tuthill stated things are calm.

**Abstracts:**

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Cairns to approve the abstract of accounts “A-DB” vouchers #316-360 = \$114,425.78 and account “TA” voucher #501- 503 = \$7,509.82 totaling \$121,935.60. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made at 8:35 pm by Councilman Little to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Carins made the motion to exit the executive session at 9:35 pm, Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made at 9:36 pm to adjourn by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elsa Schmitz*

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi