

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING**

February 9, 2016

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

Those present: Council members Tom Little, Bill Cairns, Al Perkins, Matt Krzyston
Town resident: Kim Cairns, Reporter Bob Cairns, Delaware County Times, Abby Butler, Walton Reporter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Perkins.

Approval of Meeting minutes of 1/12/2016:

Councilman Cairns made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Per Nicole Franzese, Director of Delaware County Planning Board, county planning is doing the review of the NYC Land Acquisition. They are also working on DEP Land Acquisition updates which are coming up for review. A public hearing must be held before the June 2016 deadline. She stated that the town does not have to do a direct mailing as there are “a couple hundred persons.” The Town Board felt that running a public notice for two (2) weeks would be more cost effective and still allow the public to be made aware. The County will work with the clerk putting together the legal public notice for the town. Hearing to be held sometime in April, board will discuss at March meeting. If there are specific parcels to be taken out County Planning can do a natural resource inventory which will give all information of the parcel in question, this will give the board an objective standard as to why they could remove the parcel from the acquisition. Supervisor Tuthill will forward any letters we have received from residents requesting to be taken out.

Also, the county is working on the Flood Plain Development Local Law redoing the draft of the local law and will send it to the DEC in March for their review. We can then move ahead with the adoption in April or May.

The Highway Committee has not heard any information to date as to the drafting of the Highway Shared Services Agreement.

In regards to the ongoing NYS Power Authority and Hamden Hill Road situation, Supervisor Tuthill has spoken with Steve Ramsey of the Power Authority again and explained to him our discontent as to the road conditions caused by their trucks. We want the road repaved when they are done; Mr. Ramsey has made a note in the file and will pass it along to hopefully get us an official contract.

The Town Clerk has chosen her Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/RVS/RMO Laura Mills. Councilman Cairns made a motion to approve Ms. Mills. Councilman Little seconded. Motion approved.

Councilman Perkins updated the board on the status of the pool. The pool committee has put out a request to several pool engineers, the designs/proposals are due February 16th. Eric Robert will then help review the designs; the committee will then decide which design to go with. The hope is that they will be at the March 8th Board meeting requesting approval to sign a contract with the new designer. After which a bid request would be advertised for the new construction by May 16th, requiring bids due by June 14th. The anticipation is to break ground by fall of 2016.

New Business:

The Annual Audit of the Town Court has been completed by Councilman Little. He stated that all balanced, a copy will be sent to New York State. Supervisor Tuthill stated that an Annual Audit of the Town Clerk's office was necessary. Councilman Perkins stated that he would do this audit.

The Price Chopper assessment challenge will be discussed in executive session per Supervisor Tuthill.

The Delaware County Treasurer's office has sent out letters to town boards requesting help in identifying Bed & Breakfasts, as Delaware County has an Occupancy Tax going into effect. This Occupancy Tax is a "bed tax" which motel owners must pay also.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilman Perkins & Councilman Cairns)

Councilman Perkins reported that Highway Superintendent Evans was unable to be at the meeting. They are awaiting payment to NYSEG to finalize the electric to the Sherwood's project, all other work in done. Weather has allowed for highway to do brush cutting. Things are going well.

Health/Youth: (Councilman Krzyston & Councilman Perkins)

Councilman Krzyston stated the warm weather has made for issues as the skating rink. A new activity has been coordinated by the Town and Village at the Delaware Academy High School gym, Sunday's 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm., "Open Gym." The Town of Delhi will provide the insurance coverage. The fees for the school use are covered through a donation from the Delhi Community Fund. This is a pilot program for the month of February, should it be a success Delaware Academy may expand the program through the winter and possibly contribute to the program.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilman Perkins & Councilman Krzyston)

Councilman Perkins stated a meeting was held this month; Glen Nealis has been looking into our motel situation and the Ames Plaza. Ideas will be coming forward very soon.

Recreation Committee: (Councilman Perkins)

Information covered under new business – pool.

Personnel: (Councilman Little)

N/A

Building: (Councilman Little)

We will be painting the Clerk's office.

IT: (Councilman Krzyston)

Web site has been repaired as there were some issues. Creating email addresses for council members is on the list this month.

CODES: (Councilman Cairns & Little)

Councilman Cairns stated that per Code Officer Downin one building permit has been issued this year. This permit has been issued to the old Countryside Care Center. They are looking to start in about 30-45 days. Councilman Little stated that Code Officer Downin, himself, two other code officers and Steve Hood of Delaware County Emergency Services along with persons from the New York State met at the County Public Safety Building to discuss "cleaning up meth houses." There is not a "state standard" in place for the cleaning of these homes; they are working on a policy to possibly implement within the county.

CODES Monthly Report: (Councilman Cairns & Little)

Covered above.

Justice Court Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Little to accept the 01/2016 Justice Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Cairns to accept the January 2016 Clerk's report. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Councilman Krzyston made a motion to authorize the Town Bookkeeper to make necessary year end budget amendments to balance the accounts from last year (2015) and to accept a revised December 31,2015 Supervisor's Report. Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Supervisor's County Report:

The January 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting was cancelled. CWT has sent a letter on Supervisor Tuthill's request to NYC protesting their requiring septic permits for septic tank replacements. The letter supports CWC's position as this is not what the MOA stated. CWT, CWC and several town supervisors met with DOH, DEC and EPA voicing their concern that NYC has been reinterpreting the rules to what suits them. As the water supply permit needs to

be signed this year this is a real concern. There is another meeting with CWT next Monday to see where we go from here.

Councilman Perkins discussed a fund established when the memorandum was first drafted. This fund was so that if and when the city decided to challenge taxes, this fund would allow for towns to use the monies to litigate against them. Councilman Perkins thought that this fund had been depleted and questioned if the fund had been replenished. He was believed that NYC was required to replenish and keep funds available. Supervisor Tuthill will look into.

Abstracts:

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Cairns to approve payment of abstracts #0038 through #0075 totaling \$27,452.53 and T&A –SF #482-#485 totaling \$241,474.00. The total of the abstract funds being \$268,926.53. Motion carried.

Executive Session/Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss to upcoming litigation by Councilman Perkins and seconded by Councilman Cairns. Motion carried.

Motion to exit executive session at 8:48 pm was made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried. Councilman Cairns made the motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm, seconded by Councilman Krzyston. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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