

**TOWN OF DELHI  
BOARD MEETING**

**July 12, 2016**

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

Those present: Council members Tom Little, Bill Cairns, Matt Krzyston, Absent: Councilman Al Perkins

Highway Superintendant Daren Evans

Delaware County Undersheriff Craig DuMond

Residents: Kim Cairns, Jerry Smith, James Small, Marc Calcano

Reporter Bob Cairns, Delaware County Times; Abby Butler, Walton Reporter

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

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Supervisor Tuthill invited public comment; Jerry Smith, new owner of the Buena Vista Motel introduced himself. He discussed renovations and hoped that the town would be receptive. Councilman Krzyston suggested he contact the Chamber of Commerce and SUNY. The board welcomed Mr. Smith and his endeavors.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2016**

The minutes of the regular meeting were presented with Councilman Little making a motion to accept as presented, Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Presentation: War on Drugs:**

Delaware County Undersheriff, Craig DuMond discussed the issues of drug abuse in our area. The efforts of the Sheriff's Department in developing a taskforce which encompasses three "pillars:" education, treatment and aggressive law enforcement. They have been going to area schools speaking with middle school and high school students. Through treatment a recovery program has been developed with Delaware County Drug and Alcohol as attempt to help individuals. He stressed that the "public is our partner," public input is necessary. The Sheriff's Department has website where confidential/anonymous tips can be left, as well as contacting a toll free number (1-888-914-9111).

**Old Business:**

Marc Calcano presented the board with information as to his request to become a Town Constabulary/Peace Officer. He stated that it would allow him as a former NYPD officer and security company owner to do further training work with his partner James Small of the Village of Delhi Police Department. Supervisor Tuthill stated further down the road discussions will be held to discuss the possibly of developing town regulations for student housing and the enforcement of such through a Constabulary. Councilman Little was concerned about the fiscal responsibility of hiring another Constable. Mr. Calcano would be hired as a sub for Town Constable Thomas Glass. Any training would not be at the Town of Delhi's cost. A motion was

made by Councilman Krzyston to hire Mr. Marc Calcano as a second Town Constable to sub for existing Town Constable Thomas Glass at an effective date of July 18, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Little at the rate of Constable Glass's. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill informed the Council that the fee for the Square on the Square Bounce House has been donated by Mang Insurance on behalf of the Town of Delhi. The bounce house will be at the square on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:**

John Taylor, Chairman of the Planning Board had approached Supervisor Tuthill regarding opening of the position on the board since January, requesting a replacement be made. Councilman Little made a motion that Patrick Sullivan currently serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals be appointed to the Planning Board, fulfilling the balance of the term vacated (12/31/2018). Councilman Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was furthered by Councilman Krzyston as he has several individuals whom have expressed interest in serving on the boards. Supervisor Tuthill suggested that the Town Board meet with the Chairpersons of both the Zoning and Planning as there will be openings forthcoming.

Lakeside Engineering has submitted a bill for having roughly 60% of the pool design plans completed. The pool committee is having the plans looked over. A motion was made to authorize payment of \$11,600.00 by Councilman Krzyston and seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried.

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 also noted that NYS Ag & Markets had done an inspection of the shelter and all was compliant with rules.

The board was presented with a resolution that the CWT is submitting to towns requesting support of the continued efforts with the EPA filtration avoidance determination negotiations. Basically showing the towns are in support of making changes to the way the Watershed rules and regulations have been enforced. Councilman Little questioned "the common sense, practical solutions" quote on page 3 of the resolution; he felt it was a gray area of concern. Supervisor Tuthill explained that the lengthy permit process for septic systems which had collapsed and stated that there was a list made which has been turned in to the Department of Health, EPA, DEC and NYCDEP. Councilman Little felt there was much leeway in the wording. Supervisor Tuthill again stated there was an entire list of items which have been addressed in the side agreement for the water supply permit. What they are asking is they would like to see the Land Acquisition Program phased out and the monies be put into other programs. Another of the "common sense solutions" would be for the stream banks that are collapsing into the rivers that are washing silt into the reservoir are creating many more problems with turbidity than the purchasing of properties which are seven miles from a stream. The Board felt that the resolution needed to be examined further and tabled the motion on approval for the August board meeting. Supervisor Tuthill also stated that the EPA agreement wouldn't be finalized until next year; the CWT is in the process of gathering comments from municipalities involved. Board members

should contact Molly Oliver, Supervisor Tuthill or Bruce Dolph of the CWT for further information on the proposed resolution.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that the Town of Delhi will be looking into regulations for student housing. Councilman Little will get copies of the Village of Delhi's regulations so that the Town of Delhi can tailor them to fit our needs.

The town received notification that the NYCDEP is looking to purchase property on State Highway 10 from the Clark family. Supervisor Tuthill stated concern that the Village of Delhi's sewer line runs through the area for the industries. Councilman Little stated concerns of the purchasing also stating the sewer pipeline and tourism. The Planning Department is working with the Town of Delhi to address a letter addressing concerns of the purchasing. Also, received was a letter from the Watershed Ag Council for an easement on the Scotch Mountain Gun Club property, this being addressed also by the Delaware County Planning Department.

The Clerk's office requested approval of the destruction of the old computers in the office. A motion was made by Councilman Cairns to allow the destruction which was seconded by Councilman Krzyston. Motion carried.

An agreement was received from ISD (Information Systems Division, Inc.) for the maintenance and support of Town computers for a 50 hour timeframe at a cost of \$3,825.00. A motion was made by Councilman Little and second by Councilman Krzyston to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Highway/Machinery:** (Councilmen Perkins & Cairns) – Councilman Cairns read a letter complementing the Highway Department.

Councilman Cairns stated that last year the Board had approved the Highway Department to purchase a dust pan and plow for the truck purchased from Auctions International in the amount of \$10,000.00. They were also looking to purchase a wing for that truck as both were in poor condition. Ten-Co Industries of Lakeville, New York ordered the plow late last year for \$14,480.00 for both pieces of equipment. Supervisor Tuthill stated that the problem was that the budget was changed before it was adopted; monies were moved from the equipment line to the road work line and that has left a shortage in the equipment line. A decision must be made as to where to take monies from. The Good Neighbor fund can be used but Supervisor Tuthill expressed concern in spending from the reserve monies; but understands that when the truck was purchased this was an issue. An oversight was made when transferring the funds, a decision must be made. Highway Supervisor Evans stated the cost is being held from last year by Ten-Co Industries. Taking from the Good Neighbor fund is the easiest as taking from another fund would require a resolution. Councilman Little felt that the Good Neighbor fund should be used for disasters, although Supervisor Tuthill stated that the monies from this fund can be used from here. Supervisor Tuthill will speak to the bookkeeper as to the options available. A decision will be made at the August board meeting.

Highway Supervisor Evans stated all of the road closures on Elk Creek have been stopped although work will continue throughout the summer. Also by the end of the month or by the first part of August the highway department will begin chip-sealing of seven miles. The monies will be reimbursed by CHIPS once the paperwork is completed. Also, Highway Supervisor Evans informed the board that he will be utilizing part-time employees as needed as full time employees will be taking vacation time during the chip sealing.

**Health/Youth:** (Councilmen Krzyston & Cairns) – Councilman Krzyston there are two new programs for youth this summer. There is a basketball program being taught by Jerry Cheshire and a volleyball program by Beau Bracchy.

**Economic Development/Shared Services:** (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – Councilman Krzyston informed the board that there is a meeting scheduled for next week. Supervisor Tuthill shared that Rick Roberts contacted him with an invitation on July 29<sup>th</sup> at noon, the Glen Burnie trail will be opening.

**Recreation:** (Councilman Perkins) – Councilman Perkins was absent.

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

**Building:** (Councilman Little) – Supervisor Tuthill stated that he had been contacted by the Beautification Committee requesting an outdoor outlet be installed for the next holiday season. Councilman Little stated that there were battery operated wreaths available, he will speak with the Beautification Committee.

**IT:** (Councilman Krzyston) – N/A

**CODES:** (Councilman Cairns & Little) – Councilman Little stated that Code Enforcement Officer Downin and himself had done the FEMA review all went well. Also, DRNC work is coming along well. Councilman Cairns stated that there were nine building permits issued, one fire inspection and two violations. These violations came from individuals starting work without permits.

#### **CODES Monthly Report–**

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

#### **Justice Court Report:**

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Krzyston to accept the June 2016 Clerk's Report, and seconded by Councilman Little. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Krzyston made the motion to accept the June 2016 Supervisor's Financial Report, Councilman Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Tuthill received a letter from New York State Department of Finance our equalization rate will tentatively be 60% this year. We have gotten better as last was 56%, this is

the highest it has been in several years. Supervisor Tuthill announced he has been made the chairman of the Capital Projects Committee at the County, they will be reviewing potential sites for the proposed new Mental Health facility.

**Abstracts:**

A motion was made by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Cairns to approve the abstract of accounts "A-DB" vouchers #259-315 = \$145,415.10 and account "TA" voucher #498 - 500 = \$7,509.82 totaling \$152,924.92. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made at 9:00 pm to adjourn by Councilman Little and seconded by Councilman Cairns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elsa Schmitz*

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi