

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2019
7:00PM**

Supervisor Tuthill called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Those present:

Councilmember's: Janet Tweed, William Cairns, Matt Krzyston, and Al Perkins.

Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

Residents: Margaret Baldwin, Jeff Barthelmes, Kathy Mario

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tweed.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

Approval of November 12, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2019 Emergency Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to accept all board minutes listed above as presented, with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Tuthill stated he had spoken with Kevin Egan of Charter Communications. We will have to hold a new public hearing due to a name change again, he stated he would arrange his schedule to come to the public hearing once a date is set. Tuthill requested a motion to set a public hearing for the January meeting. Councilmember Cairns made the motion to hold a public hearing on January 14, 2020 at 6:45pm prior to the regular monthly meeting. Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion, motion carried. Clerk to advertise for public hearing.

Supervisor Tuthill stated Mayor Maxey of the Village of Delhi requested an update on the voting machine. Councilmember Cairns stated Delaware County Historical Association has expressed interest obtaining the machine. He will follow up on it.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that the NYC Land Acquisition Project on Elk Creek is still on hold as the tax numbers are not correct. They are still working on straightening this out.

New Business:

Supervisor Tuthill spoke regarding the mold in the clerk's office; the clerk showed the councilmember's the test that was performed by Code Officer Downin along with a letter he had written regarding the mold issue (see attached.) The clerk stated that Downin had given her two names of contractors and she has been in contact with one, he will give her an estimate tomorrow; Councilmember Krzyston will meet with the contractor. The clerk stated the contractor wished to spray her wall down when he brings the estimate (free of charge) as he felt the office should not be breathing in the mold spores. The clerk stated that January would be very hectic as it is tax season and based on what the contractor stated upon approval by the board

the earliest he could start would be December 27th which is a Friday and would require her to close the office for just one day as he would work through the weekend, the office would be able to be used on Monday for normal business. Councilmember Krzyston will forward all information from the contractor to the board for review.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that Scott Rasmussen's term on the Planning Board is expiring and he is willing to stay on for another term (7 years). Councilmember Cairns made a motion approving Mr. Rasmussen's re-appointment with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that it was necessary to schedule the year end meeting and the organizational meeting. After discussion the councilmember's decided that the yearend meeting will be held on December 27th at 3:00pm and the organizational meeting will be held on January 6th at 4:30pm. The clerk will advertise both meetings.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that SAPUTO has requested a speed limit reduction and truck entering signs to be installed at their facility on State Hwy 10, this will be added to the request we already put in.

Supervisor Tuthill received a letter from the racetrack in Harpersfield which was sent to all the towns requesting support to get a certificate of need so that they can have an ambulance at the racetrack on days that they are holding events. He asked the feeling of the board. Councilmember Cairns stated that it is his understanding that there has been an ambulance there in operation (Cooperstown Medical, now AMFAR), is this request to tie up volunteer ambulance squads. Tuthill stated he didn't know what the game plan was but didn't care if we wanted to stay clear of it. Councilmember Cairns agreed and made a motion stay out of it, Councilmember Perkins seconded. Councilmember Krzyston questioned, are we staying out of it out of concern that the volunteers that are available will be diverted?, to where Cairns stated he wasn't sure if it would be our volunteers, but countywide there is a crisis. Councilmember Tweed felt we needed to reword the motion and by not saying anything we may be unintentionally supporting something. With that being said Councilmember Cairns amended his motion to state he would not be in favor of it without more details, Councilmember Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill announced we have gotten approval for the SAM Grant for the \$100,000 for the pool. We have our grant disbursement agreement form which he will get filled out and hopefully in the near future we will get the check. He and Councilmember Perkins will get together to go over needed documents.

Supervisor Tuthill stated after the Emergency Meeting on the 15th to change the fund balance by \$20,000 to make the tax cap, we were selected for a tax cap audit. They completed it and had no findings, which means yes we have met the cap although they will not say it.

Supervisor Tuthill has spoken with Peg Baldwin of the Pool Committee regarding Red Cross correspondence for the pool, as they need to designate someone as the contact person for training and other purposes. He requested the clerk to forward all messages to her.

Supervisor Tuthill stated the newly elected councilmember Christina Viafore has requested to attend the 2020 training for newly elected officials. Councilmember Perkins made the motion to allow Viafore to attend the training held in Albany on January 15th though January 17th, Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that he had gotten a thank you card from the Delhi Historical Society thanking the town for the donation this year, they are using it to purchase three display cases.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember's Perkins & Cairns) – Written report from Superintendent Evans was given to council members (see attached.) Highway Superintendent Evans stated it has been already a busy year, we have gone through a lot of material; we are not off to a good start. The new truck was returned for warranty but is now back. The truck that we are going to put up for auction is being held for now as we are salvaging parts from it, we will put it on shortly. Councilmember Cairns wanted the highway department to know how impressed he was as the town roads were better maintained then the state roads. Evans stated they have been working very hard.

Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Tweed & Cairns) – Councilmember Tweed announced that tomorrow she gets to do the design build review for the sixth graders at Delaware Academy, they are working on a project that complements what they did last year by building a structure that can be used by different age groups down at the playground. She will also be attending the Complete Streets meeting on Thursday. Councilmember Cairns wished to congratulate the Delaware Academy girls Cross Country Team for winning the state championship and the boys for coming in second place, it is absolutely phenomenal. Tuthill stated it was quite an accomplishment.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – Councilmember Perkins stated they met two weeks ago and started to go over the Compressive Plan, they decided to take sections of it and report back to the committee on what they found as to what was completed or not completed. The housing study is still underway, there was a meeting last night where Councilmember Krzyston stated they announced the consultant that was selected which is called Civil and Environmental Engineers. Supervisor Tuthill asked if there was any idea as to a time frame as to how long it is expected to take. Krzyston stated he wasn't too sure but thought possibly 6 months. There will be a lot of things going on public hearings and meetings. Councilmember Perkins stated the Comprehensive Plan is slowed down until this study and the census is done because those two figures should be completed.

Recreation: (Councilmember Perkins) – Councilmember Perkins stated the security system is completed at the pool; the door sensors on the men's and women's restrooms have also been installed. They are still waiting on some parts for the one heater in the women's room. He gave the floor to Margaret Baldwin of the Pool Committee to speak. Ms. Baldwin asked for consideration of the board to hire Brian Sprague per his letter of intent (see attached); Mr. Sprague is a Certified Pool Operator and has also been a consultant since day one for the pool. Mr. Sprague is willing to volunteer his services to open and close the pool this year, he has lots of supports on the PAC Committee and whoever is available to help him. Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion to "sort of" hire Mr. Sprague although he is not getting paid. Councilmember Perkins made the motion to have Brian Sprague open and close the pool for the town for the 2020 pool season. Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Baldwin gave the councilmember's copies of the Recreation Director and Lifeguards requested ads for publishing. The dates established in the ads are based on last year's pool time frames. The only change she can foresee is possibly the deadline date for submitting applications. She is anticipating the possibility that applications for lifeguards can be extended, she also stated Delaware County Personnel has seen the ads for employment and are ok with them as the scope of positions have not changed. The PAC Committee is requesting the boards advice as to advertising as the Reporter is the town's official paper and where the board feels they can advertise beyond that. She further stated social media asking the boards feelings on that. Councilmember Tweed stated Indeed

as the town used it to hire the court clerk and it reaches a further audience. Baldwin suggested the town website and the pools website also, and asked about Facebook. Councilmember Tweed stated they could put a link to it, which would be good as it will be on the town's website and indeed.com which would be approved. Ms. Baldwin then asked if the board felt comfortable with what they have read and could approve for the advertisement sometime after January 1st, they are conscious of the cost and will not do it for long. Councilmember Tweed questioned the requirements from Delaware County's website as they go into a little more detail than what has been presented; Baldwin stated this ad was approved by the County last year. Councilmember Perkins made a motion to allow the PAC Committee to proceed with the advertising of the Recreation Director and Lifeguards, Councilmember Tweed seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Baldwin wanted to state that as far as the committee under the leadership of Dawn Payne they have made a lot of strides to establish fund raising (which will go through the PAC Committee and ultimately the town council) and possible dates and goals. Councilmember Cairns questioned the fundraising and what types of goals; Baldwin stated that would be coming up the next meeting along with the dates which will be brought to the board as well. Councilmember Perkins stated some of the new fundraising will be for the second phase playground, as the playground needs to be done over. Ms. Baldwin will be speaking with Councilmember Tweed before too much is done as leveling the ground is necessary. Councilmember Perkins stated that they have almost finalized the Parks and Recreation Grant, he is waiting for one more piece to get and then it will all be sent in; we then should be seeing the payout from them. Baldwin stated then we can proceed with the grant for the playground. Councilmember Krzyston announced that the skate rink was put up two weeks ago by volunteers from the college. They were students from the National Electrical Contractors Association Students Chapter; the following students Krzyston wished to acknowledge: Garrett Montanez, Demeire Banks-Price, Damian Desordi, Nolan Danielewski, Matt Peritz, Giovanni Mims and their instructors Sridhar Samudrala and Dave Krzyston. He also wanted it noted that this new liner is very heavy.

Personnel: (Councilmember Perkins & Councilmember Tweed) – N/A

Building: (Councilmember's Cairns & Krzyston) – Councilmember Cairns stated obviously we need to find someone to give us a bid on the highway garage roof; he and Councilmember Krzyston had also discussed getting bids on the parking lot at the Town Hall getting it sealed and restriped. Supervisor Tuthill stated we need to get specs together for the highway garage roof so that we can send it out to contractors; we need to start the paperwork end of it right away. Councilmember Cairns questioned the final bill on the court room office; he questioned the door and the cost. Supervisor Tuthill stated he also questioned the door as it was supposed to be a solid door. Councilmember Krzyston stated we shouldn't hold payment if the employees changed it; to where Supervisor Tuthill stated the board needs to convey to the employees that they do not have the authority to change plans without board approval. Tuthill agreed that we can't hold payment.

IT: (Councilmember Tweed & Councilmember Krzyston) – Councilmember Tweed stated Dave Kopecek was coming to work with the clerk tomorrow, so the project that has taken longer than expected will be updated soon and we will be able put the links for the ads (positions).

CODES: (Councilmember Cairns) – Councilmember Cairns stated for the month of November there were three building permits issued, thirteen inspections as well as a violation. Supervisor Tuthill stated everyone on the board had a copy of the letter from Dale Downin regarding the mold growth in the clerk's office and what is necessary to do.

CODES Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Perkins to accept the November 2019 Code Report. Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justice Court Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tweed to accept the November 2019 Justice Court Report. Councilmember Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Perkinsto accept the November 2019 Clerk's Report and seconded by Councilmember Krzyston. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Councilmember Perkins made the motion to approve the November 2019 Supervisor's Report, with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor's County Report:

Supervisor Tuthill stated he has reached the end of his rope, he is totally disgusted with the way DPW and some others are handling the sighting for the highway garage. He further said they have been told for months now that the plan was the satellite garage and a small repair shop, now all of a sudden out of the blue almost exactly three years to the date we got blindsided at the counties organizational meeting, they are now bringing back as of yesterday he hears there are three different plans they propose on doing a presentation on. He has heard they will do this sometime in January; Tuthill said he can't understand how you can have a resolution, you vote no on it then turn around ask for another resolution that gets approved and then a year or two later they try to re-vote. Tuthill has voiced his displeasure which will be repeated on the board floor; but he is hoping enough supervisors say this is a done deal and there is no reason to be bringing up MacFarland Farm again. The board kept being told it was an emergency that they had to get going and get a building; well it has been three years! They have made no progress and have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars. Councilmember Perkins stated the current chairperson for the board is a poor leader and is not doing her job. This project should have been in the Capital Projects Committee, this is where is belonged to begin with; the reason it is not there is due to the leadership not doing their job. The supervisors need to put serious though into who is put in the position of leadership. Councilmember Krzyston stated the town needs to put together a resolution that states we were and always will be opposed to the county buying more property in our tax base to do this project. Councilmember Cairns stated the town has already passed a resolution, to where Tuthill said he thinks we need to do another resolution to pass at the yearend meeting so we can get something in front of the county again in January. The town is just fed up, it is a slap in the face; Tuthill asked Wayne Reynolds three years ago not to do the presentation at the organizational meeting as Tuthill knew there was a change in leadership coming, he promised he would not do it and when we walked in we got blindsided. Tuthill will get all the resolution numbers to remind everyone that this was already settled and should not be coming up again. The resolution will be presented at our year end meeting so that it can be taken to the January county meeting.

Tuthill went on to state on a better note they are on the final stages of getting the building plans together and our bid documents to put everything out for the Mental Health bid early 2020. Hopefully they will get started early spring or summer. Councilmember Tweed asked just to draw a comparison how long has the capital projects committee been working on Mental Health; Tuthill stated Jim Eisel set the committee up so it was roughly 3 years ago. But in that time they had to find a site, all kinds of testing's; doing due-diligence on site selection working on plans. So in three years they are almost ready to go out to bid with similar monies spent. It can work the right way, Tuthill agrees with Councilmember Perkins DPW is a Capital Project Committee project. The council thanked Tuthill for sticking up for Delhi. Audience member Cathy Mario asked if the town board did a resolution to move the planning purview from the Public Works Committee to the Capital Projects Committee, Tuthill stated we could put that in the resolution.

Ms. Mario wanted to thank Councilmember Perkins for serving on the town board for 8 years, she appreciated all he has done for the town. Supervisor Tuthill stated he wanted to thank him for being his deputy for 6 years, he will miss him; Perkins has been a great help to him. Councilmember Perkins stated it has been very fulfilling to work on this board and he has enjoyed working with Mark and being his deputy, they had a good working relationship with the board. It has not always been easy, there have been issues but they have always stuck together and worked them out. Perkins further stated he has been on board with a couple of different supervisors and different people but he would say that this group right here is solid, they work together well. They have the best interests of the town and of all the people he has worked with he finds them to be the best. He will miss it, it has been a long 8 years; there was a time he wanted to be supervisor but deputy was good enough. The board thanked him. Ms. Baldwin further stated Perkins was the catalyst of the pool project that has made it come to fruition; they are indebted to him for all he has done for the pool. Town Clerk gave Councilmember Perkins a thumb drive for all his documents to be given to the town for records management. Perkins will return it with his correspondence.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Cairns made the motion to approve Abstract #0012 - 2019 accounts A – SF Voucher No. 00497 – 0000527 equaling \$52,241.32, account TA Voucher No. 00130 - 00133 equaling \$12,811.16. Total vouchers presented equaled \$65,052.48. Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Cairns at 8:10pm with Councilmember Perkins seconding. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

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Town Clerk
Town of Delhi