

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2024
6:00PM**

Supervisor Boukai called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Those present:

Councilmember's: Margaret Baldwin, Matt Krzyston, Josh Morgan, Christina Viafore
Highway Superintendent Daren Evans
Town Justice Mat Burkert
Residents: Laurie McIntosh

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Boukai.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

Approval of October 14, 2024, Regular Monthly Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes:

Councilmember Baldwin noted that on page 1 of the regular monthly minutes under "New Business" the date was incorrect and stated the correct date was Monday, November 11, 2024. The clerk in error had Tuesday, November 11, 2025. With the above noted correction to be amended, a motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to accept the amended minutes and the Public Hearing minutes of 10/14/24. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Boukai stated the ARC local government ready grant is the grant that is due in December, and we don't have to submit a match for it, but she would like to write a letter of support on behalf of the town board so they will know that our board is on board with the grant. Boukai requested a motion allowing her to do the letter, which is due by December 9th, she will send a copy to the board. Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to authorize Boukai to do the letter with Councilmember Baldwin seconding. Motion carried.

New Business:

Supervisor Boukai requested a motion to accept the 2025 Tentative Budget as the final budget; Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to accept the tentative as the final budget for 2025, with Councilmember Morgan seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boukai stated she has discussed the December meeting date with the board, clerk and bookkeeper and would like to change the date of the meeting from December 9th to December 30th at 6:00pm. Councilmember Viafore made the motion to change the date of the meeting and to have the clerk advertise such, with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boukai stated instead of having two meetings in January (one Organizational and one regular) and at this point everyone is good having our meetings on the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm. She requested a motion to keep our meeting date the second Monday of each month with the meeting time at 6:00pm. Our first meeting of 2025 will be January 13, 2025, at 6:00pm which will be our first meeting and our organizational meeting together. Councilmember Baldwin stated so moved, with Councilmember Viafore stating second, Boukai said all in favor the entire board "ayed", carried.

Councilmember Viafore made a motion to approve the clerk to advertise with Councilmember Morgan seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boukai stated the board had discussed selling the Arbor Hill property, she had reached out to town attorney Merzig and to the assessors to get an idea of not only what the assessed value is and what we could sell it for and if there are any issues with the property. It seems like there are enough issues to make it less than straight forward, because DEP will need to get involved, something about the way it is graded and cliff. She then looked at Highway Superintendent Evans and said she thought he could speak more to that as to what they use it for. Evans stated they use it for fill, woody debris from wind/ice storms and its original origin was a gravel bank which is why the slope is so steep. Councilmember Baldwin asked what would you use now that you don't have it; Evans said that we continue to need a site like that. Boukai said so at this point there is no alternative, Evans said no, there is not enough room at the Sherwoods lot to pile any of that and you also run into the flood plain issue there. Boukai asked where the village dumps theirs; Evans stated down at the old village landfill, and they are running out of room where that is. Councilmember Krzyston said where the WWTP is; Evans said yes, that's where the village landfill was. Boukai then said in light of some of the challenges that the property faces; she is not opposed to continue to explore because it is a professional service Mr. Merzig said we did not need to solicit bids or anything like that to hire a real estate agent, if that's the direction we wanted to go or get an estimate on what the property value is. Our assessor Joe Gifford mentioned it is assessed for \$43,000 so he thought that would be in the range of what we could get for it. She had sent the board so comparable's of properties sold in the last three years of a similar size; they range from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Councilmember Baldwin questioned why we would sell it if we don't have another dump site, Councilmember Morgan added the same sentiment. Supervisor Boukai said that was why she wanted to talk with Highway Superintendent Evans to see if there were alternatives, the goal would be to sell it so it was back on the tax rolls and someone could do something with it, but for \$40,000 she didn't know if it was worth the effort. She wanted to have the conversation so that it was on record, so that if in ten years if someone has this idea there will be this conversation to go back to. Councilmember Krzyston said if we didn't need it for what Evans stated he would have said dump it, but considering it has some usefulness for the highway department we should just put a bookmark in it. Boukai asked Evans if this was an issue other towns face or do, they have sites. Evans said he would imagine they have some sort of dump site, but he added it has never been a topic. Councilmember Baldwin said she doesn't know how much they have in a year but is there something we might be able to share with the village in their location. Evans said possibly, there would have to be work done to that location too, there is not much room there so that spot would have to be reclaimed, piled up, pushed back, leveled out with more means than what the village or town has; it would have to be contracted out with larger equipment or if they were up to it another spot of that property. Evans added when the straight-line winds came through the town, we used about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre just for the debris that was cleaned in the town, there were hundreds of trees that fell down, so it all depends; it's unpredictable. We need a spot to get rid of debris. Boukai said she just wanted everyone to be aware of the challenges with the property it's not just let's get it on the tax rolls and all that, so if there are no other questions about that property, she will table it. Councilmember Krzyston added thanks for letting everyone know that we owned it. Boukai said it wasn't until DCEC reached out to see if we would let them use it for a match for a grant (the value of the land) that was how she found out about it, but that ship has sailed with them.

Supervisor Boukai stated she and Councilmember Baldwin met with our insurance broker a couple of weeks ago. She had sent the council information on what was budgeted and what was proposed; the broker quoted us other brands of insurance that were significantly more expensive. If we stay apples to apples we are paying 198 it will go up to 207, we budgeted a 10% increase actually a 12% increase this is well under what we budgeted, but there was a 2.5% increase alternative that decreased the out of pocket but it increased if you actually needed to use services more often; so like instead of paying \$500 to go to the hospital under the

current plan, you would be going towards your out of pocket maximum each time you went to the hospital. Where if you had to go twice the current plan is the better plan, then going to the 2.5% increase. She and Baldwin discussed that since we have already budgeted for it and since insurance is difficult, especially when things change and all of that; that we just keep it the exact way it is. Knowing that there is this other plan still with Excellus if next year the increase is 8% maybe we can go to that other mid plan that he had proposed. Baldwin asked, did we decide it would open the contract; and that's not a good thing either. Boukai said she didn't believe changing the plan would open the contract, but what will open the contract is we currently pay 100% of dental for everyone, the union contract says 18% be covered by the employee and if we wanted to have employees actually pay their 18% then we would need to re-open the contract because she in the contract it says "health care 18%," we are approaching it as dental care is health care, so that's what would trigger opening the contract. She added we would not be going and asking for any retroactive payment it would just be dental takes affect January 1st and the medical takes affect February 1st. It would be from 2025 onward if we were to ask them to contribute. Boukai added employees get everything paid for so 18% is only for spouses and families. Boukai said it is something to be aware of, we pay generously for spouse and family so for future negotiations that is something to keep in mind. Supervisor Boukai then asked if anyone opposed leaving the contract closed because \$2,000 isn't that much savings over 3 years or do, we want to open it. Councilmember Krzyston agreed with Boukai's opinion as did Baldwin and the remainder of the council.

Supervisor Boukai stated back in May there were several people upset because there was no Memorial Day parade and there were more upset people because we don't have memorial banners. Several people from the community approached her requesting we do banners. Boukai reached out to the County Veterans Services, Town Supervisor Cetta in Walton and Andes Town Supervisor Gladstone as they have banners. She reached out to a non-profit group called Stars and Stripes in Andes as they do the banners. Boukai had a conversation with Councilmember Viafore who had the same idea, so the Historical Society in Delhi is willing to take on the logistical role of all of this as Boukai does not want the town to be involved with this other than saying we put this together now you guys do it.

The Historical Society is going to collect all the applications, and we have found a local woman (Second Street) who will have design the banners. Councilmember Baldwin discussed the issues with hanging banners. The banners will be custom to Delhi. The banners are printed in Michigan and there is a local fabricator for the brackets. The total cost for everything is \$228 and the Historical Society has agreed to cover \$53 of the first 23 banners. Boukai is reaching out to the Delhi Clergy mail list, they (Boukai and Viafore) went to the Legion last Monday with the idea, and they had suggested to reach out to the local clergy as their churches may want to contribute to offset more costs, so this is why she is doing this task. There will be Facebook posts, and it will be on the town's website and NIXLE. The Legion will also help us get the word out as well as the county veterans association and the historical society. Applications will be accepted till the end of April; the turnaround is very quick, and she will work on them as they come in. By April we should know which poles NYSEG will allow the banners to be hung. Boukai stated we may have to be creative as to where the banners will be hung. Councilmember Krzyston asked how long the banners would be up for; Boukai said Andes puts them up before Memorial Day and then removes them after Veterans Day. They have a map so that each banner is put in the same location every year. Krzyston felt the timing should be more defined as six months is a long time.

Supervisor Boukai announced she had a letter of intent for the "Ready to Grow" grant, this grant came across her email about five days before the letter of intent was due. She has already submitted the letter of intent, basically it shows them how many people are intending to apply for the grant. This grant is piggy backing on the "Ready Local Government" \$50,000 grant that we are applying for a grant writer with. One of the main questions is, if we are awarded the \$50,000 grant, how will we be using a grant writer in the future and how are we going to continue that capacity. So, this grant comes in and we are calling it the "Delaware

County Local Government Ready Grant.” The goal of the Local Government Ready Indicative is to increase the capacity of town and village officials, non-profit and not-for-profit leaders and residents to earn grants opportunities from federal, state and private sources. It is modeled after the ARP Ready Local Governments program, it will expand training provided through grant works to include information from such locally available funding sources such as NYS programs, community foundations and private foundations. Attendees will explore topics including housing, building and visitor, economy, recreations, strategic planning, sustainable change and others. In addition to the training offered during the 18, three-hour sessions to be offered over a nine-week period, participating communities and organizations will receive grant writing technical assistance for one year. A local private family foundation has expressed interest in creating a dedicated funding pool for projects developed as a result of this project. The belief is that it will develop increased awareness of opportunities, team building, strategic thinking and cooperation amongst municipal boundaries. So, basically, we will be lead agency on it, the chamber would be participating, the mayor’s coalition as well as the O’Connor Foundation. We would be holding basically the same program Boukai went through in the spring; three-hour sessions once every other week and it would teach people how to write grants. It will be open to anyone in the community whether an elected individual or someone that just wants to write a grant for their community like a kite-day or whatever. That will be the macro, how to write a grant, put together what kind of things you need and “Grant Works” is the company that put that on, they are the one that did the program Boukai was in.

The second component of this is hiring a separate company to assist with technical assistance after this program is done, so that when people have questions about their grants, they will have a dedicated resource to go to. The goal is to have no actual cash expenditure on this, it will be “in-kind” type expenditures. The Grant Works is \$45,000 for the nine-week program, we are estimating \$50,000 for one year of technical assistance. That’s our \$100,000, that’s the minimum amount you can apply for. They do require a match because we are not in a distressed enough (we are transitional) region. That match is looking like where the mayors come in and the chamber comes in. The chamber will allow us to use their facility for the nine weeks, as everything is virtual; we will assign a “\$” amount to that (let’s call it like \$10,000). If the mayors want their village to participate, we will say the mayor’s time is worth “x” money, their clerk’s time is worth “y” money, about \$10,000 per village, that’s about \$100,000 for villages; we have then met our match without expending actual dollars. That’s the thought process and she believes the good thing about it is it extends (what this first grant that is due in December) will be capable of doing. She further added it’s the same kind of entity that puts out both grants. Councilmember Baldwin said we already had our grant workshops through the Southern Tier, and we didn’t necessarily have to go with their applications, but the guidance was amazing. What is different with this that we would run separate then to take advantage of them. Boukai asked if Baldwin was referring to the consolidated funding application and that training that was provided; Baldwin said yes, it has been a while since she attended one, but it was very practical information to design and put a grant together. She believed it was in the E-Center. The board discussed other training courses. Boukai said from her perspective when she is looking for help in grant writing, she needs someone to bounce ideas off, and she keeps using people that are doing it for free out the kindness of their heart, this will be someone that this is their job to do it. Boukai added part of the grant is engaging the community, so they have some input in what some of the ideas are. If they want “X, Y and Z” we can use some of the grant writing company to help us find grants that would help us apply to those.

Community member Laurie McIntosh asked if this was for municipalities as well as individuals. Boukai said that is the goal, anyone who is interested in learning how to write a grant whether for your own private foundation or just because you want to write one for the Town of Delhi. McIntosh asked if the county was putting this application together; Boukai said no, she was and then with the Mayor’s Coalition and Chamber serving as partners. Essentially, towns could participate as well, it is open to anyone in Delaware County.

McIntosh asked who is putting it together, Boukai said Appalachian Regional Commission, it is called Ready Grow. Baldwin said we would be the catalyst from the town not for profits and for individuals as well as for organizations. Boukai said yes. McIntosh said this is great, a lot of funding out there is just knowing how to go after it and knowing what's there and support.

Boukai said this isn't due until February, this is a very long process, she will fill the council in further in December and January as things get going.

Supervisor Boukai brought forward Resolution No. 0013 of 2024, she stated that she, Councilmember Viafore and Councilmember Morgan will be attending the NYSAOT Annual Meeting in February. For her or an alternate to vote during the business session the resolution would be necessary. Councilmember Baldwin made the motion with Councilmember Krzyston seconding.

RESOLUTION NO. 0013 OF 2024
TOWN OF DELHI – CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION-AOT ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION

I, Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk of the Town of Delhi, in the County of Delaware and State of New York DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the town board of the aforesaid town has duly designed the following named person to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, to be held during February 18, 2025 and to cast the vote of the aforesaid town, pursuant to §6 of Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws of said Association:

Name of Voting Delegate: Maya Boukai
 Title: Town Supervisor
 Email Address: supervisor@townofdelhi.org
 Address: 5 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753

In the absence of the person so designated, the following named person has been designated to cast the vote of said town:

Name of Alternate: Christina Viafore
 Title: Councilmember
 E-mail Address: councilmember3@townofdelhi.org
 Address: 5 Elm Street, Delhi, NY 13753

Roll call as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Supervisor Boukai	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Councilmember Krzyston	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Councilmember Baldwin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Councilmember Viafore	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Councilmember Morgan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	

Councilmember Baldwin stated a motion should be done for Supervisor Boukai to sign and send checks necessary before the December town council meeting as the meeting date was being changed. Supervisor

Boukai then requested a motion allowing her to pay bills prior to the December 30th meeting, that would otherwise be late if we waited until the 30th. Councilmember Viafore made the motion with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember's Baldwin & Morgan) Written report from Superintendent Evans provided to councilmembers. Evans stated this coming Thursday he will be participating in an exploratory call with FEMA, the next step to our possible reimbursement of the storm damage from Hurricane Debbie. All the work has been completed. The stream bank repairs have been made with the emergency permits we had. Now it is just the steps to go through to see what is going to be accepted and reimbursed by FEMA. Supervisor Boukai asked if the exploratory call was in lieu of them coming out or will they also come out. Evans stated they will come, this is just another step in the process. Boukai asked about the new loader; Evans said it has been working great and has been put to good use. We are continuing with road work at this time, we have been doing a lot of ditching, it's been going nonstop since it arrived. Councilmember Morgan asked if they tried the new broom out, Evans said they did but not on the roads yet. He added it will be very productive in the springtime getting winter material off the roads. Evans added the guard rails are complete on Hamden Hill, the work that is CHIPS reimbursable although the money will not be gotten until next year, it will be roll over money at this point. That will be the completion of the CHIPS reimbursement for this year.

Supervisor Boukai requested a motion to transfer funds from the Platner Brook account to pay for the loader. The amount of transfer would be \$82,000. A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to transfer the funds with Councilmember Morgan seconding. Motion carried.

Personnel: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin): Councilmember Baldwin discussed the Christmas Party, Evans said its weather depending but they are hoping to have it the week before Christmas. We are working on it. Baldwin said it does a lot for personnel.

Recreation/Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Krzyston & Supervisor Boukai): Councilmember Krzyston stated DTC came and replaced the recorder that had been damaged. It is now protected in the building. Supervisor Boukai said about two months ago she had chatted with Tina Mole about putting the ice rink on the square, she is all for it. The rink would not be their responsibility for maintenance. They would add us as additional insured. That being said, Boukai wanted the council's feedback as she doesn't know the extent to set it up and maintain it, especially with the weather being so warm. She wants to make sure that if we put forth the effort it's worth it. Councilmember Krzyston said that's why it becomes a slush pile. It's never ending with the weather. Krzyston said he liked the vision if it was self-cooled under cover with a water source and changing room, but we are kind of at a science where it is now. Boukai asked if it was something that we wanted to continue doing, Krzyston said with volunteers available yes. He added there were families living on Park Place that were very interested in the past, but he doesn't know if their children have aged out. Krzyston added that without a group of volunteers it becomes very arduous. Councilmember Baldwin said Rick Ackerly was very much involved in the past, Krzyston agreed. Baldwin added we didn't have to hire anybody; it worked out great through the volunteers. Boukai stated she knew it wasn't used very much the last year it was opened (last year it wasn't opened) due to the weather. Baldwin added if it was on the square there would be a lot of issues, Krzyston added there is like a 99% chance it won't work. Boukai then said if the weather doesn't cooperate but let's say in February it's a lot colder, do we want to put it out then. Krzyston said it's difficult, the best thing is if you set it up and don't fill it, leave it there then if the weather gets good then you fill it. If you are trying to build the rink when it's frozen out there it will be very difficult.

Supervisor Boukai asked if we wanted to see if Rick Ackerly was interested, she also believes Amy Randall was involved with the rink. She then brought up hay bales, Boukai thought Ackerly had them donated. Councilmember Krzyston said we have had good years, and we have had bad years. Krzyston will speak to Ackerly and stated the students would be back the beginning of December. The board then discussed that the

town wants to do it this year, Krzyston said it's not that we want to, it's if we have the volunteers needed.

Supervisor Boukai stated she was awaiting a price for the pool and playground signs. She has reached out to two companies. We will then discuss where the signs can go.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmember Morgan & Viafore): Supervisor Boukai stated we will have our joint meeting on Thursday at the Village Hall.

Buildings/Codes: (Councilmember Morgan & Krzyston): Councilmember Morgan stated he and Councilmember Krzyston met with the college at the concession stand, they are not able to do anything until next fall. Morgan does have a material list, he will reach out to vendors to get price quotes, doors, windows and roof fascia, soffits as the roof looks bad. Hopefully at the next meeting we will have price quotes.

Boukai asked do we just scrape it till next fall or do we want to try and get some quotes. Councilmember Krzyston stated we have a local contractor coming on Thursday to give us a quote and they can do it this season.

Boukai then asked with the college is that just the concession stand, or can they do other work, the pavilion, Morgan said yes, they did discuss that with them, there would be two classes. One would do masonry, and one would do the renovations. They are interested in doing work with the pavilion in the fall. Boukai said that's kind of like a year in advance to get work done.

IT: (Councilmember Viafore & Krzyston): N/A

CODES Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the Code's report for October 2024. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justice Court Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the October 2024 Justice Court Report, seconded by Councilmember Viafore. Motion carried. Councilmember Baldwin asked Justice Burkert if they had transitioned into the diversion program. Burkert stated it has not started yet, Assistant DA Kinneman will be at court tomorrow, the last we had left it was that it would be starting very soon. We have not received cards yet to hand out.

Clerk's Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the October 2024 Clerk's report, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Boukai stated the October reports are up on the drive. At the budget meeting we discussed reserve accounts we are needing some guidance from our attorney and AOT on how to create those reserve accounts as some may require (depending on the type of account) hearings or to be treated a different way. All of that should be squared away by the end of the year so we can create the reserve accounts and move money before the year end. We will also know what is being returned to fund balance by them too.

Boukai then stated we have over \$100,000 in interest now. Rates are still going down so we are getting a bit more strategic in what we can invest in for longer terms. The highway and capital building reserve funds she put in six-month CD' and it paid off good, it was at 4.9% and the rates now are at the low 4's. She then stated CLASS is still at 4.5% so that's still pretty solid and we will get rates from the bank in the morning because most of our CD's re-new in the next ten days. We will keep doing the same thing we are doing, and she believes it's paying off.

Councilmember Krzyston said he had seen things about engaging young people as election workers, not in Delhi but on television and he believes it is something we should be promoting. We have a lot of

election workers that do good work for us but also, he thinks we need to be grooming another generation by engaging them in the political process, that they might otherwise feel completely detached from. He will do more research. Boukai said possibly through the school through a civics class.

Supervisor's County Report:

Councilmember Krzyston asked if on Wednesday they were voting on the budget. Supervisor Boukai stated it is only on salaries. They are presenting the budget and we will be able to discuss the budget as a board and then it will be presented to a public at a hearing on the 26th(the Tuesday before Thanksgiving). Krzyston said his understanding is that the finance committee will not recommend the tax sharing plan that has been talked about for years because they think it should be put off for another year. Boukai said she believed that to be an accurate statement. She went further stating their justification for not discussing sales tax is because they want to see what towns and villages get from diversion. Councilmember Morgan said why would that matter, that's more of an asset to the county at this point. Boukai added she doesn't know how many villages have courts but the ask was by the mayors for the villages so to not discuss sales tax when the villages were asking for it and not every village will benefit from diversion. Again, we are at why are these two things together, they are two separate discussions completely. Justice Burkert stated there are three village courts in the county he believed. Councilmember Baldwin said they are representing the community and at least they should open it for discussion. Boukai stated she made phone calls to other supervisors, democrats and republicans to kind of get an idea who would be open to participating in a discussion if one is brought up, she doesn't know if they will have that opportunity but from the conversations she has had there will be a lot of various topics discussed based on everything that has happened in the last three weeks. While she doesn't get the sense that any sales tax will actually be shared, she does believe a discussion of a bigger picture will occur, asking the same questions; why does sales tax depend on diversion and why does diversion depend on sales tax. People are asking for more clarity on diversion, because we still haven't found out how we are getting paid. Councilmember Baldwin said because you are not getting that discussion you don't even know what questions you should be asking. Boukai said when she was going to the finance meeting, she was there when the mayors presented their plan, they were very forthcoming with their presentation. They said this is just a preliminary offer, this is just to get the negotiations going. What they presented was 12% of the sales tax, imagine that as a pie it was lets just call it 3,000,000. The mayor's argument is the villages generate more sales tax so the villages should get a bigger piece of that pie. They were saying the villages right off the bat get 60% of the pie, how the mayors decide to share that is on the mayors and their group. The other 40% goes to the towns and the towns' share based on weighted voting which seemed to be agreeable to most people. Everyone was getting something, that was the point; every municipality was getting something. In that scenario the town would be getting like \$100,000, the village would definitely be getting more than that but they generate the income. It seems logical and fair.

Boukai added the mayors submitted their proposal, meeting were had and nothing more was really discussed. Mr. Cetta had put together his own plan which was basically saying here is the \$3,000,000 we are going to divide it 29 ways based on population, so the 19 towns would get something the 10 villages would get something. It's a different way of sharing, mathematically it just meant everyone got less, but it was just another way of splitting it. These are the kind of sessions Boukai believed should have been had, there is really not a right or wrong way it's just how do we want to split it. Town Supervisor Merrill said several times the county was behind on sales tax; Boukai then stated we are not. The September sales tax numbers are out now, we probably won't get October's numbers till the end of this month, so there is a lag. When you are looking at sales tax as an overall picture the county budgeted last year 21,500,000 in sales tax, this year they budgeted 21,500,000 in sales tax. Last year they got 31,000,000 this year we are down around 1.3% year over year but if we don't hit 30,000,000 we will be very close to it. Even though some months are lower than

others accumulatively it's not going to be much lower than we were. She believes that a testament to the way the county has changed, the people, the spending and all that kind of thing. She believes they are really doing a good job in only budgeting for 21,500,000 but what else is happening with the rest of that money it's about 7,000,000. The Solid Waste Facility is allocated 1 1/2% of sales tax, so let's just call that 2,000,000. You are still taking 6,500,000 they could share. The mayors are asking for a percent, it's not like a flat rate, so sales tax is down they get less. Boukai stated she did reach out to the Association of Towns for how in a committee form of board of supervisors that if you are not on a committee how you can bring up a subject, because everything kind of gate caps through each committee. She is also trying to get clarity on if people are on committees and they are voting on things, whether they are voting "no" or "yes" how does that come out. She gave the example of the prayer, the legislative committee voted to remove Wayne from saying the prayer and put the Chaplin in charge of saying the prayer. Why does that get to be decided by five people when it affects 19 towns. These are the types of questions she is trying to get answers to. Councilmember Baldwin added they didn't tell Wayne. Councilmember Krzyston said his blood was boiling; the history of the tax sharing discussion has always been "let's be fair," the first group that went before them were treated unprofessionally. When you are presenting a lucid argument professionally, you (as Boukai was part of that original group) got unprofessional responses in return. Then another group tried to do it; again, the whole position was let's be fair. Krzyston then added that most of the state, almost every county does it this way, so there should be a discussion. The same people for some reason, he understands they have to represent the county when they are sitting in that office, but they are also elected by their towns and those constituents of theirs are paying more and more taxes and getting no relief from the county from sharing sales tax. So, they are not really doing their jobs, it's ridiculous and he believes if more people understood how unfair it was; he believes if everyone in their town realized how unfair it was, they would have a different approach and they would be much more thoughtful in their responses. They have failed in their jobs, the finance committee. For whatever reason they put on their county hat and it's way too tight. He doesn't understand how they can justify their lack of listening. Hopefully the rest of the board, (he acknowledged Boukai for listening) is listening to discussions like this, although it doesn't seem like the finance committee cares very much. He added they (the county) has come to the position that they don't have to worry about money anymore, well guess what everyone else in the entire county is still worrying about money, so why are you (the finance committee) the only three that don't have to worry about money. He further added if people are not picketing, he will be shocked, if they know they should be picketing.

Boukai said she struggles with how to present the data in a meaningful way, so that people can see for example, there are 45,000 people in the county, they are asking to share \$3,000,000. If you break it down each person, whatever their ages are contributing \$675.00 to sales tax. The villages are asking for \$100 per person be returned, that's it. The county is still getting to keep the \$575 that was generated, the villages are only asking for about \$100 per person. She believes presenting the data in specific ways is important and the ask is beyond reasonable. This isn't something that isn't being done in every other county except for five counties in our entire state. So, if they have figured it out why can't we.

Boukai then discussed her impression as to her take on the BOS; there is a personal agenda versus what's for the greater good. The only way that is going to change is to get new supervisors in there. The culture is so toxic that it's really hard to get any traction on any ideas. Even reaching out across party lines, Mr. Cetta is very receptive, Mr. Vernold is very receptive; she has two calls tomorrow with Stamford and Sidney and Mr. Gladstone is receptive and he doesn't even have a village. Gladstone recognizes the importance of this. There is bipartisan support for this and the fact that it is not even being brought up to the board when it concerns the entire board. This is what she is exploring and hoping that the Association of Towns will give her guidance on as she is not sure if she can just say "hey let's discuss this," as she is not a chair of the committee and is not on either of the finance or legislative bodies. Councilmember Baldwin

stated Boukai' s position should not eliminate her from the committee's process of how they got the answers. Boukai stated as a macrocosm if you and Christina are making a personnel decision you don't make it and then say hey guys we made it; you make a recommendation then we all vote on it. This is where Boukai is getting confused, what is being voted on in committee and then is recommended to the board and what is voted on in committee and never leaves the committee. Sometimes its "yes" votes or its "no" votes that stay in that committee; it seems like a very odd way, and she is not clear on why. Boukai wishes she had more answers because she does find it frustrating and embarrassing that she cannot get the information that she needs in order to make an informed decision.

Some of these topics; the ballot box, the prayer it's not the issue itself, that's the issue, it's how it's dealt with and how the situation is approached. Councilmember Krzyston agreed and said that's exactly what it is. You have to do things in a proper way, so it is transparent, professional, and thoughtful. If you are not thinking about things and not explaining things, you are repressing the views of other people, you are not just there being a boss.

Boukai said she believes Wednesday's meeting will be positive, that is her hope. People will be bringing things up, everything from the ballot box, to prayer, to sales tax, to eliminating drug court which will probably be kicked to the next meeting because we are all trying to prepare for this meeting. There are a lot of hot topics that will be coming up. Councilmember Krzyston asked with the drug court being eliminated, does that mean it doesn't exist in Delaware County anymore and there will be people that were employed by it who won't have their jobs. Boukai said she imagines that's probably the case; Justice Burkert interjected the way drug court works it is set up by the state, it will still be in session. Anything that goes in front of a court has to be brought by the district attorney, they file the paperwork with the court. So, if the DA doesn't file the paperwork with that court they are just sitting there. The court will always be there, it's fully funded. Once the district attorney, and other parties can work out what issues they are having, they would just roll right back into it. So, it's not like Judge Rosa is just sitting there as a family court judge and he is still there with drug court and the opioid court, a federal grant type court they are starting up, so the court will still be there you just won't have the players there. Once it's in the court's hands, now it doesn't leave unless the judge agrees, it doesn't go there. Krzyston asked as state taxpayers we are paying for a court that we refuse to use. One of Krzyston's legitimate concerns was the people employed by that court who are residents of Delhi, Walton or whatever who will not be getting a paycheck; it sounds like they will still though. Burkert said from what he understands probation does have an officer that does handle drug court whose position was working in drug court, Burkert doesn't know what happens to his position as he was funded specifically to do drug court. You think drug court is something where it takes somebody, puts them in drug court to get them treatment to help them but they need monitors, so probation had an officer that was assigned specifically that's all he does is work with people in drug court. With no drug court maybe, they will roll him into another position. That's something at a county level that will have to be discussed. And of course, you have mental health which probably has people assigned specifically to that court. Boukai said that was who she reached out to Drug Abuse and Alcohol and Mental Health just to see what their position was, Burkert interjected those other agencies have people typically assigned to help facilitate people to be successful in court. Boukai added with the opioid settlement money they had been talking about an opioid focused court, she doesn't know if that is out with drug court or if it's separate. Burkert added the district attorney declined to participate in that as well. Boukai said she has her mental health meeting as well as social services meeting next Monday so she will update the board. She has emailed both departments as she would like to be in the loop before the meetings. Councilmember Morgan suggested that Justice Burkert reach out to the district attorney.

Justice Burkert stated he has been looking at parking tickets in the village, since bail reform there is no way to enforce people to pay parking tickets. Burkert has spoken to the resource center and other justices, and they are going to do the same as they do with other tickets that don't get fines paid. He will propose to

the village if someone gets a parking ticket and if the time frame lapses to pay the fine the court will send a notice in the mail telling you if you don't pay for this ticket we will send it for civil judgement. So, you have a notice to you in the mail (associated with the vehicle plate) if they don't come and pay the ticket a civil judgement will be filed with the county. As it is village monies, Burkert will be speaking with the village to see if they want to do this with their tickets. Burkert said our board already discussed this and our board was in favor, so that's what we do here. Burkert wanted our board to be aware as the village is another jurisdiction, and he is going to present it to them also. It will give them a recourse as there is now one individual who has \$1,800 in parking tickets and all the parking ticket money goes to the village. The court will not go any further back then this year because we don't know registration transfers. Burkert will be meeting with the mayor to discuss this as he feels it will give them some recourse with the parking, they get all those revenues.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to approve Abstract #0011 – 2024 accounts A – DB Voucher No. 00451 – 00573 equaling \$184,598.06. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Viafore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm, Councilmember Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

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