

The regular meeting of the Town of Delhi, Town Council was held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor: Peter Bracci, Council Members: James Bracci, Kevin Lee & Allan Reed, Highway Superintendent: Robert Howard

Others: Bill & Noah Oliver, Al Perkins, Richard Morley,

Stanley Campbell and Spur Road residents: Anthony Caruso, Jr., Charles Oakley, Gary Casso

Reporter: Robert Cairns-Walton Reporter

Supervisor Bracci called the meeting to order at 7:31PM which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

After reading a section of the Town Clerk's Handbook with regard to the appointment of Town Clerk (Deputies) and in the absence of the Town Clerk & Deputy Clerk, Supervisor Bracci asked the Board to appoint **Margaret Reinmann** to act in that capacity until the Clerk is able to return to her duties. Councilman Lee moved to appoint said **Deputy**, seconded by Councilman Bracci, motion carried.

After their review, Councilman Lee moved to approve the **Minutes of the February 14, 2011** Board meeting as presented. Councilman Bracci seconded, motion carried.

Supervisor Bracci announced the receipt of a **grant from The Unified Court System for \$3800.00**, which will allow the court to purchase new equipment and furnishings for the courtroom addition. He praised the efforts of Justice Gumo and Court Clerk Fletcher for their efforts in applying for the grant.

William Oliver and his son Noah addressed the Board with regard to Noah's proposed Eagle Scout Project. He would like to **rebuild the face of the Arch Bridge from West Platner Brook** someplace on Town property. Noah will need four approvals prior to doing the project (from various levels Scout Government). He will need the cooperation of the town council as well as a mason and others to complete the project and will need a letter from Supervisor Bracci announcing the Town's support of the project. Councilman Lee moved to approve Noah Oliver to proceed with the steps necessary to move forward with the project. Councilman Bracci seconded, motion was carried.

**Residents from Stanley Campbell Road and Stanley Campbell Spur Road**, Anthony Caruso Jr., Charles Oakley & Gary Casso addressed the Board with regard to the conditions of said road. Mr. Caruso read letters from 3 other residents who also shared their concerns. Many times over the past few months the road has been virtually impassable. Being a dirt road to begin with and from the excessive precipitation and the repeated freezing & thawing the road is excessively muddy oftentimes with ruts up to 12 inches. Mr. Caruso voiced concerns especially due to his father's declining health (his need to go for dialysis 3 times per week) and knowing that emergency vehicles of any type would be unable to access the road if there was an emergency.

Superintendent Howard agreed that the road is in the worst condition ever.

It was agreed that the Highway Committee, Councilmen Reed & Lee, and Superintendent Howard would get-together to discuss how to improve the condition of Stanley Campbell Road and Stanley Campbell Spur Road. They will be keeping in touch with the residents.

Councilman Reed moved to approve the placing of a **Legal Notice** in the official newspapers, advertising the acceptance of bids on by April 11, 2011 at 3:00pm for the following materials: Item #1-Rock Salt Hauling, Item #2-Hauling fees for Grit, Item #3-Diesel Fuel #1 & #2, Item #4-Purchase Rock Salt, & Item #5-Fuel Oil for Town Hall & Highway Garage. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bracci and carried.

Supervisor Bracci asked for the Board's approval to conduct a **public hearing with regard to the DEC Land Acquisition Process and Hamlet Designation**, as mandated by law. Councilman Reed moved to hold said hearing on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bracci and carried.

The Fleet Policy Resolution was tabled.

#### Committee Reports

**Highway/Machine** – Superintendent Howard reported that they have spent most of their time filling holes in the roads, fixing sunken sluice pipes and dealing with mud, while plowing and sanding roads.

**Health/Youth** – Supervisor Bracci reported that there is word of a 50% reduction in the State's funding of our Youth Program. He also reported that the Town has utilized the youth to update the Assessor's property software, which is now mandated to be completed by the end of May.

**Pool Committee** – Al Perkins reported that the committee is making progress. They received good news from NYS Parks & Rec. The committee's last report was accepted therefore another archeological dig will not be necessary. They are now waiting for the Village to finalize the needed items for the land transfer.

- Will host a fundraiser Dance at the Legion on March 26, 2011 from 7:00 to 11:00pm, with 2 bands playing, a \$5.00 cover charge and chances to win lots of door prizes.
- Next Pool Committee Meeting will be at the Town Hall on April 11, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Supervisor Bracci began a discussion with regard to the **State's mandates** on municipalities, and their impact on the tax base. He stated that presently 90% of our State tax dollars go for the funding of its mandates. Councilman Reed voiced his displeasure over the number of mandates that municipalities are forced to fund.

Due to the Absence of the Deputy Clerk, there was no Codes Report for March.

Councilman Reed moved to accept the **Clerk's Report for March 2011** as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reed to accept the **Report of the Supervisor for March 2011**. Motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and carried.

After review of **Abstract #3 of 2011**, a motion was made by Councilman Reed to authorize its payment. Councilman Lee seconded the motion after requesting that more detail be included in the descriptions of each invoice, so that Board members would know what was actually purchased. Motion carried

Councilman Reed voiced his concerns with the amount of money (taxpayers' money) that the Village & Town has wasted on the **court battle over the ownership of Woolerton Street Bridge**. He felt that it's a matter that could have been settled in 5 minutes if everyone would have just set down to the table without the "Attorneys", who are only bleeding us.

By motion of Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Bracci, the regular meeting **adjourned** at 8:16pm. Motion carried.

At 8:22pm a motion was made to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and carried.

At 8:50pm, a motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Lee to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reed to support Supervisor Bracci with the **termination of an employee, retirement #35798586, from the Town Highway Department**. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bracci and carried.

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:54pm with a motion by from Councilman Reed, second by Councilman Lee and then carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Reinmann  
Acting Deputy Clerk