

**TOWN OF DELHI  
BOARD MEETING**

**January 9, 2018  
7:30PM**

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

Those present: Council members Janet Tweed, Al Perkins, Bill Cairns, Matt Krzyston, Hwy Superintendent Daren Evans

Residents: Scott Oles, Diane Oles, Tom Leo, Chris Maney, Val Carron, Ken Carron, Rick Ackerly, Louann Redard, Ryan Sturdevant, Sridhar Samudrala, Raegan Reed, Richard Gumo, Bryan Boyer, Glenn Nealis – Delaware County Economic Development Cheryl Peterson – Daily Star, Lillian Brown - The Reporter

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Councilmember Perkins.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Supervisor Tuthill announced he was rearranging the agenda to accommodate all those in attendance due to those in attendance that needed to leave. He then gave the floor to Councilmember Al Perkins who stated that there were three bids for the pool; the low bidder unfortunately was higher than the money had to complete the pool project. He further stated they were short \$158,000 to make it, and that was if there were to use all the monies the town has along with “good neighbor” funds they are still short. He states the pool is a basic pool and it is still coming in more than they have put aside. This pool project has been worked on for over 15 years. Councilmember Perkins felt it was necessary to hear from the public. He opened the floor to questions on the issue. Several audience members spoke about the importance of a pool and the need for the project for the community. Councilmember Perkins explained to the audience that due to the project being done through the municipality there was much more red tape involved due to constraints imposed. Bryan Boyer a Pool Committee member stated that Delaware National Bank has pledged to work with the pool as far as in anticipation of funds coming in to the account, they will cover monies. Krzyston interjected into the conversation that due to the fact that we are the hub of the county is the core of the problem because we do not have the tax base that can help support the pool. We are talking about less the 30% of the property contributing to this project; this is a huge problem because we are the hub of the county. An audience member questioned bonding for the project at which Supervisor Tuthill stated that we are already bonding for two dump trucks. He further discussed that the town is two years into its road maintenance plan which required the town to raise taxes in order to complete necessary road work. With this being said equipment needs to be replaced, and with bonding for a pool project that will leave the town in a serious dilemma of a tax increase or not doing needed work. We cannot saddle the tax payers with bills they cannot afford to pay.

Councilmember Perkins through discussion regarding grant funding stated that we have been waiting three years for the funds from the Bonacic grant; we continue to do paperwork but have yet to see the funds. After receiving a phone call Councilmember Perkins announced that the O’Connor Foundation had offered another \$200,000 for the project. He further explained that the next step to the project would be the low bidder in the bid was Mancini Associates of Endicott, there bid needs to be forwarded to NYS Parks and Recreation. The

Pool Committee needs to request that the Town Board forward the bid from Mancini to Parks & Rec., once they approve the bid they will notify the town, at which point the town can award the bid. We also need to forward the electrical and plumbing bids to Parks & Rec. for approval. Again, once all the bids are approved by Parks & Rec., before the Town of Delhi can award the project. Continued fundraising and community support is necessary. Every organization in this town should make a fundraiser for the pool, it will be necessary to fund the pool. We will be approaching other towns for support. There will be a new committee established to run the pool; other towns will be invited to participate. Perkins stated a motion was necessary to forward and send the bids of Mancini Associates Inc. for the pool construction, Treffeisen & Sons for the plumbing and Upstate Companies LLC., for the electrical to NYS Parks & Rec., for their approval with the possibility of moving forward an awarding the bids to those three companies.

### **Approval of December 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, December 28, 2017 Year End Meeting & January 4, 2018 Organizational Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Cairns made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting along with the December 28<sup>th</sup> Year End Meeting and the January 4<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting, Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Supervisor Tuthill stated that we are on hold for the student and short term rentals we will be working on them shortly again.

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to forward the three low bids (Mancini Associates Inc. for the pool construction, Treffeisen & Sons for the plumbing and Upstate Companies LLC., for the electrical to New York State Parks and Recreation for their approval and to be returned to the Town of Delhi for awarding, with the understanding that there will be another \$200,000 awarded from the O'Connor Foundation. Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Supervisor Tuthill announced that before the going forward with "New Business," the board would be going into an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Councilmember Perkins made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:15pm, Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried. Per Supervisor Tuthill a motion was made by Councilmember Perkins to end the executive session and seconded by Councilmember Cairns at 9:05pm. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that he has signed the contract with Delaware County Planning Department for planning services which he clarified does include zoning board of appeals issues.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that the planning board recommends Patrick Sullivan to the position of Chairman of the Planning Board. Mr. Sullivan currently serves on the Planning Board. The Chairman position is a yearly appointed position – 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018. Councilmember Perkins made the motion to appoint Mr. Sullivan with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 001-2018 Acceptance of Funding Award from the NYS Office of Community Renewal for Fiscal Yr. 2017: Community Development Block Grant Funding was presented to the board for approval. This resolution is for the Greenslate renovation/expansion project in which the project was awarded \$238,000.

Supervisor Tuthill and Glenn Nealis of Delaware County Economic Development will have a teleconference with NYS Community Renewal next week. Resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 001-2018**

**TITLE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDING AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Delhi has received a CDBG Economic Development award in the amount of \$238,000; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds have been awarded for the purpose of enabling the Town to assist a local business in being able to expand within the Town of Delhi; and

**WHEREAS**, this program will result in the creation of local jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, a grant agreement has been received by the Town and must be executed and returned within 45 days to formalize the acceptance of the funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Delhi will enter into a sub-recipient agreement with the Delaware County Local Development Corporation (LDC), whereby the LDC will assume responsibility for the delivery and administration of the CDBG funds on behalf of the Town.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Delhi hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to formalize acceptance of the grant award by taking any and all steps necessary including, but not limited to, executing the NYS Community Development Block Grant Agreement and a sub-recipient agreement with the Delaware County Local Development Corporation, and establishing a non-interest bearing account for the specific use of this grant.

Councilmember Cairns made the motion to approve Resolution No. 001-2018 with Councilmember Perkins seconding. Roll call as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Tuthill	X		
Councilmember Krzyston	X		
Councilmember Tweed	X		
Councilmember Perkins	X		
Councilmember Cairns	X		

**Committee Reports:**

**Highway/Machinery:** (Councilmember's Perkins & Cairns) – Written report from Superintendent Evans was given.

**Health/Youth:** (Councilmember's Tweed & Cairns) – N/A

**Economic Development/Shared Services:** (Councilmen Perkins & Krzyston) – N/A

**Recreation:** (Councilmember Perkins) – The Village of Delhi Police Department found damage at the playground, someone backed into the gate. No one has come forward to admit wrong doing.

**Personnel:** (Councilmember Perkins) – N/A

**Building:** (Councilmember's Cairns & Krzyston) – Councilmember Cairns announced there was a heating issue on the front of the building, appears to be fixed.

**IT:** (Councilmember Tweed) – Councilmember Perkins stated that he will have information on a new copier next board meeting; he is having the companies re-quote the bids.

**CODES:** (Councilmember Cairns) – Councilmember Cairns announced that the month of December there were three building permits issued. One Certificate of Compliance was issued.

#### **CODES Monthly Report–**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perkins to accept the December 2018 Code Report. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston and seconded by Councilmember Cairns to accept the December 2017 Justice Report. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that a letter has been received from the Unified Court System stating we must do an audit of the books, which is done yearly. The Clerk is also requesting this audit of her books, the bookkeeper is to be done also.

#### **Clerk's Monthly Report & Year End Report:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Perkins to accept the December 2017 Clerk's Report, and seconded by Councilmember Tweed. A motion was made by Councilmember Cairns and seconded by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the 2017 Year End Report Clerk's Report. Motions carried.

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

Supervisor Tuthill presented the board with the December 2017 Supervisors Report. Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to approve the December 2017 Supervisors Financial Report with Councilmember Perkins seconding. Motion carried. The NYS Retirement Report was not available.

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

Supervisor Tuthill announced he has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Tuthill stated he believes there will be again another resolution brought forth at the county for the purchase of the MacFarland site some time soon. He stated that DPW has finally answered the 53 questions emailed to them from the July presentation at Delaware Academy, he felt they skirted around a lot of the questions and was not impressed with the answers. He also stated the public needs to be aware there is a difference of not wanting to build in a floodplain and not being able to build in a floodplain....there is a lot of misinformation. Their own engineers did present a plan with was actually constructing in the floodplain. The resolution that they kept harping on was rescinded as it did not even apply to the building. The website for Delaware County is <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us> the link for DPW is on there. The Reporter did a nice story on this. Lillian Browne of The Reporter questioned if the county authorized the option to the MacFarland property for \$60,000? Tuthill stated no, there was a varying difference of opinion because the resolution that was shoved at the supervisors at last year's organizational meeting, they never saw a written version of the resolution. But if one looks back to Resolution No. 19, the board only authorized the Chairman and the County Attorney

to negotiate a price on a purchase option. This information has never been presented further to the board.

Supervisor Tuthill announced that the county has gotten back the two soil testing's done on sites in Walton for the Mental Health building. They are working on writing up the report to forward to the board. He believes they will recommend doing boring on the Delaware Avenue site, as they have already done it on the Fancher Avenue site. Once received they hopefully will have a public hearing, he will ask that one be held. If it is declined he and Walton Town Supervisor Charlie Gregory will do a public meeting for the residents in Walton. Lillian Browne questioned if an appraisal will be done as required, if both sites get approved as suitable to build they will get appraisals. If one site gets eliminated they will not.

Supervisor Tuthill also announced he does have meetings scheduled with NYCDEP and then negotiation meetings in Kingston for filtration avoidance ideas they are trying to get incorporated into their regulations to stop the mass land acquisitions. They have already met with NYSDEC and they were receptive of the ideas Delaware County has put forward as have environmental groups. They are trying to move it forward with NYC. More information will be forthcoming.

**Abstracts:**

Councilmember Perkins made the motion to approve Abstract #001 - 2018 accounts A – DB Voucher No. 001-33 equaling \$52,503.49 account TA Voucher No. -0- . Total of presented vouchers for Abstract #001-2018 - \$52,503.49. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

A reminder there will be a Joint Meeting between of the Town of Delhi and the Village of Delhi, Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Local Flood Plan Analysis. A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 9:35pm was made by Councilmember Krzyston and seconded by Councilmember Perkins. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elsa Schmitz*

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi