

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2021
7:00PM**

Supervisor Tuthill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Those present:

Councilmember's: Janet Tweed, William Cairns, Christina Viafore, Matthew Krzyston.

Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

Residents: John Kolodziej Recreation Director, Peg Baldwin, Rick Ackerly and Tom Leo of the PAC Committee, Josh Morgan

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Viafore.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

Approval of August 9, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by Councilmember Viafore to accept the August 9, 2021 regular monthly board meeting minutes with Councilmember Cairns seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Tuthill stated there was no new information on the IDA request of the sewage transport corporation.

Councilmember Viafore stated that she had messaged James Tucker of Catskill Solar regarding a proposal for clean energy at the pool. He is looking to see if there is something we can do to submit a proposal. Councilmember Krzyston stated he and his brother Dave an electrician came to the courtroom to check out the lighting and measured for what we would need; he gave three different options. The options were if we hired "any random person," what it would cost if he did it or what it would cost if we had the NECA Club from the college as they would charge no labor. He stated Councilmember Cairns got the numbers for the fixtures; so basically if we wanted to have the students do it, it would be under \$1,500 actually it would be \$1,200. If we were to hire anybody to do it the cost would be \$2,500 as it's only a day and a half labor. Krzyston said the other was the charging station; Krzyston stated the village is interested also and they have done the research already. He has their quote for putting in a charging station and with all the credits that you get back at the end of the day you only spend like \$3,000. If we were getting a grant to cover that we could do both of the things. Putting a charging station at the town hall may not work the other option could be piggy-backing with the village on their project it would make it even cheaper. We could add a station next to the station they are going to do near the one they already have in the middle of the village; it would cut the cost. Tuthill asked Viafore when the deadline was; she stated October 10th is the last day she has to submit the proposal letter. She has told Jim that also. She said we have a lot of options here but believes the solar at the pool is the biggest bang for the buck. Tuthill asked when she has numbers on that to send it to all the board so they have something look at and then come up with a proposal. The next board meeting will be October 11th Viafore would like to submit it prior to the end of the month if possible. Viafore said it is also possible that to do other activities, that we meet other milestones to get another \$5,000; so we might be able to do all of these projects at some point in the near future. She wondered if her proposal stating they are investigating all the above may be good enough.

Supervisor Tuthill said there is nothing new on the assessment challenges; they are still waiting on court deadlines on things that need to be submitted along with the paperwork that they have filed.

Councilmember Cairns spoke with Devin Doenges and Kiff's regarding the recycle bin. Both parties will discuss the concerns and potentially work on something different.

Councilmember Tweed stated there were no bids received for the pool project. Supervisor Tuthill stated will put in out for bid this winter.

New Business:

Supervisor Tuthill stated that a public hearing needs to be set up for overriding the tax cap for 2022. A motion was made by Councilmember Cairns to authorize the clerk to advertise for a public hearing to override the tax cap on October 11th at 6:45pm prior to the October meeting. Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember's Tweed & Cairns) – Written report from Superintendent Evans was given to council members (see attached). Superintendent Evans stated the biggest and most important topic is that the Webster Brook culvert replacement project slated for this year will not occur this construction season. The structure will not be available in time and the bids were out late from Trout Unlimited and the others involved, with this we will not meet the deadlines to get out of the brook on time. The project will be carried over to the next construction season along with the culvert replacement on Federal Hill #2 Hughes Brook. We will get them both done next year which the grant does allow. With that being said and the extra time (weather pending) they can continue on and get the ditching done and prep work for the roads to be oil and stoned next season. With the two projects being done next year it would not leave us the proper time to get the roads prepped for oil and stoning if we wait. He further stated if we rent the force feed loader for one more month (which it is available) we will have everything ready for next year; which will allow us to get the work done early; hopefully a June completion date for all of it. Tuthill stated earlier is good for the CHIPS paperwork to be submitted. Supervisor Tuthill asked if the board was okay with Evans request, the board agreed. Tuthill then asked for a motion to approve the change in plan for highway. Councilmember Cairns made the motion to approve the new plan with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Tuthill stated he has seen the new loader, Evans stated yes it has arrived and is in service. Evans went on to inform the board on the progress on the two new trucks. He stated there is a delay in a few parts but it should not affect the completion dates for long we have been told.

Councilmember Krzyston asked Evans about the reservoir project, if it would be finished this season. Evans stated he believed so if this was the Steele Brook project Krzyston was referring to.

Personnel: (Councilmember's Tweed & Viafore) - N/A

Recreation/Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Tweed & Viafore) – John Kolodziej Recreation Director stated the main pool was winterized and the bathrooms were not, he was hoping with the help of one of the PAC members to have it completed by the end of the week. Kolodziej stated it was a great year even with COVID, there were no written complaints and thanked the board for having him. Tuthill thanked Kolodziej for doing the job. Councilmember Tweed questioned Rick Ackerly if a company had gotten back to him with numbers for the playground. He stated not yet. Tweed further stated with the money available a more modified plan may be available for the playground to get something going, but we are still waiting for numbers on that.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmen Cairns & Krzyston) – Councilmember Cairns stated there was a brief meeting and they are going to try and schedule a meeting with Glen Nealis of Economic Development and the shared services committee to discuss next steps on the housing study. Tuthill stated there are some housing grants out there, Nealis should be aware.

Buildings: (Councilmember Cairns & Councilmember Krzyston) – Councilmember Krzyston stated the repurposing of the brick building down by the pool hasn't gone far and wondered how the board felt about making it a college project. Tuthill stated money wise it would help and may be a good project for them. Councilmember Krzyston and Cairns will discuss, Krzyston will fill out the paperwork for the college. Councilmember Cairns stated that Councilmember Tweed had discussed with him an AED for the town hall.

Tweed stated the prices are dropping on them and the one we have is through Zoll Medical. The clerk will give the information to Krzyston. Highway Superintendent Evans stated possibly we could look to place one in the highway department also. Tuthill stated have an AED in both buildings would be a smart idea.

IT: (Councilmember Tweed & Councilmember Viafore) – Councilmember Viafore asked the clerk if she had met with anyone at the village regarding the website. The clerk stated she had not and assumed the meeting had been cancelled. Councilmember Viafore stated she believed they were trying to just set up a meeting so they can discuss a new village site in conjunction or a part of or something with the town site. Supervisor Tuthill stated there is already a link from the town’s site to the village. Councilmember Tweed stated there is a link but this would be more like a “landing page” so that when you type in Delhi, New York it takes you to one spot rather than getting lost on the Village vs. Town sites. Tuthill said you will still have the problem of people not knowing the difference between the Town and Village. Councilmember Viafore said she spoke to Dave Kopecek (Aisle 8) and they just need to work through it and see how it will work; we are just investigating at this point. Councilmember Tweed stated the clerk’s office has some aging equipment, it is not a direct IT thing; however we need to keep up with the needs of our office as well as security of the systems. The clerk stated that they need a monitor as right now the deputy is using an old monitor which is difficult to use. Tuthill stated she should get with him regarding the price of the monitor and he will see what he can do.

Codes: (Councilmember Cairns & Krzyston) – Councilmember Krzyston stated in the month of August we issued 6 building permits, 14 inspections/meetings, six in office conferences, six C/O letters and drove 128 miles.

CODES Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to approve the August 2021 Codes Report. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justice Court Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to approve the August 2021 Justice Court Report. Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tweed to approve the August 2021 Clerks Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Viafore. Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Financial Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cairns to accept the August 2021 Supervisor’s Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Viafore. Motion carried.

Supervisor’s County Report:

Supervisor Tuthill stated they are still trying to get the mental health building finished. Concrete has been poured on the corner of Main and Bridge Street; unfortunately steel delivery will probably be next year some time as they are seriously back logged. Raw materials, plants and drivers there is always a delay it seems like. Councilmember Tweed stated we have been given ominous reports of the current buildings and questioned if they would be make it until then; Tuthill stated the current buildings have been inspected again and we have an extension on the condition of the buildings, they have not deteriorated as fast as they had been led to believe. Councilmember Tweed also questioned if the delay in the mental health facility opening was affecting any services provided by the county; Tuthill stated its just making it very crowded. All three of the agencies were out of room when we started and now they are seriously out of room; they are kind of setting a deadline for October 1st to get things buttoned up. There will be a couple of things backordered such as fencing around the dumpsters and the garage door. Councilmember Krzyston asked if the parking was on the corner lot;

Tuthill said there is parking in front of the building and to the right of the building. Krzyston stated he meant Delhi, Tuthill said they will park behind the old Wickham building. No parking on Main or Bridge Street side.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Viafore made the motion to approve Abstract #009 - 2021 accounts A – SF Voucher No. 00307 – 00350 equaling \$218,515.30, account TA Voucher No. 0038 – 0040 = \$12,703.05. Total vouchers presented equaled \$218,515.30. Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Councilmember Cairns made the motion at 7:43pm to discuss personnel with Councilmember Tweed seconded the motion; motion carried. Supervisor Tuthill requested that the PAC members remain.

At 8:50pm a motion was made by Councilmember Tweed to exit executive session and enter back into the regular meeting. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The board discussed dates for budget workshops Councilmember Viafore made at motion for the clerk to advertise budget workshops for Monday, September 27th at 4:30pm, Monday, October 4th at 4:30pm and Thursday, October 21st at 4:30pm. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilmember Cairns made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

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