

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2022
7:00PM**

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

Those present:

Councilmember's: Margaret Baldwin, Matt Krzyston, and Christina Viafore, Bill Cairns.

Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

Residents: Sridhar Samudrala, Cindi Cobbe

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Supervisor Tuthill.

Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Approval of June 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and June 30, 2022 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to accept the both sets of minutes as presented with Councilmember Baldwin seconding. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Tuthill announced that Councilmember Krzyston handed out a proposed transfer of the pool and playground properties to the village, Tuthill said the board should look it over and see if they wish to make an offer to the village; we will vote on it next month. Krzyston stated we need to come to a conclusion together as to the amount of money that would be needed to be raised at the town level to help support the pool.

Supervisor Tuthill asked Councilmember Baldwin if there was anything she wanted to say about the playground as he said we are waiting for two bench swings. Baldwin stated Highway Superintendent Evans will look over the situation and confer with Parkitect as a certain amount of top soil needs to come in and the whereabouts of it and the pieces coming in for Phase II; volunteers are needed to help spread the mulch. The two bench swings are due in August. Tuthill stated he and Evans were talking about minimizing the screened top soil we have to buy and trying to figure out how we can snow fence off the areas to keep kids from going where there is not grass and destroying the seeded areas where grass will be growing. Baldwin shared that Jackie Oliver weed whacked the interior areas around the pool. The board thanked her for her work. Krzyston asked Baldwin about the time frame for volunteering for the spreading of the mulch; she stated Evans will advise the board as he is doing all the grading and top soiling and then we will know we are ready. Evans stated Parkitect's will need to let us know where to come out to as we need to back up the top soil to where the mulch will end. Tuthill told Baldwin to find out when Parkitect's will do their inspection to certify the work as we can't open until they sign off.

New Business:

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion to rebid the fuel oil for the town hall and highway garage with the hopes that pricing has leveled. Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to have the clerk advertise the bid for #2 fuel oil for two weeks bid being due August 8th by 3:00pm. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion; motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion for him to sign the building and code enforcement software support contract. Councilmember Viafore made the motion for Tuthill to sign the contract with Councilmember Cairns seconding the motion; motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion for him to sign the Heart of the Catskills 2022 contract with the request for \$40.00 per dog and \$5.00 per cat. Councilmember Cairns made the motion that Tuthill sign the

contract deleting the section on cats. Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion; motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill announced we had received the letter that the second installment of our ARPA money will be coming in shortly. We will have another \$89,281.78 coming in; Councilmember Krzyston asked if there was any more money coming, Tuthill responded no. Tuthill further explained last year we received \$89,281.79. Tuthill stated we can possibly spend some on the playground.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember's Baldwin & Cairns) Written report from Superintendent Evans provided to councilmembers. Evans stated we had scheduled to pave the upper half of Bramley Mountain this season, but it will not happen due to the core samples returned stating there was not enough base on the road to warrant the pavement. We will have to build a base to it and then readdress it once we get the material on it that it will need. It's too sandy of a base at this point.

He noted we are scheduled to do Falls Mills Road; it was going to be an attempt to shim it and oil/stone it but the condition and the levelness of it will create more of a challenge than to match up to the existing guardrails, driveways etc. He suggested that we go through with a full depth reclamation and then repave it on top of that. Supervisor Tuthill questioned how much of a base was on it; Evans stated a decent amount to it. Tuthill said he and Evans have been discussing this as the way highway monies is being spent is changing; Evans will talk with the county dpw to see if we have to file any paperwork to change our road plan. Tuthill further stated if we can't do Bramley Mountain and we have the money let's get Falls Mills done. Hopefully next year we can do Bramley Mountain. Evans added the entire project falls under the CHIPS money.

Councilmember Baldwin asked if the pedestrian crossing had been completed; Evans stated we have the templates we haven't had the time to put any down yet; this is Sherwood's Drive.

Councilmember Baldwin added they are doing a great job; Tuthill added they have been very busy.

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion for the reclamation of Falls Mills Road. Councilmember Cairns made the motion to allow Evans to proceed with Falls Mills Road; Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Evans will follow up with county dpw.

Councilmember Cairns questioned the placing of pool equipment on Auctions International; Baldwin stated there have been some issues as such Evans has not been able to put the items on the site.

Councilmember Krzyston said he has seen that the highway garage roof is being replaced and asked if there were any issues. Evans stated they are ¾ of the way done they will be pretty much done tomorrow. Tuthill added we haven't had a lot of extra cost as no rot damage has been found; everything is looking pretty good.

Personnel: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin): Councilmember Baldwin stated she wished to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Tuthill noted we would do such at the end of the meeting.

Recreation/Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin): Councilmember Baldwin stated a busy summer especially at the pool. She added a thank you to Dustin White as he has done a great job with the pool and said we have been alerted that chlorine will be rationed or not available. Dustin has found another source. Slack Chemical will let us know if they can get us chlorine. She wished permission to allow Dustin to get the chlorine from Don's Dairy. Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to purchase chlorine from Don's Dairy Supply with Councilmember Cairns seconding; motion carried. Councilmember Baldwin stated they are in 55 gallon drums and appears to be cheaper.

Economic Development/Shared Services: Supervisor Tuthill stated Krzyston had already given the board the proposal letter for the pool/playground. Councilmember Baldwin questioned if the shared services committee has looked at the comprehensive plan and asked if it would be revised. Krzyston stated it was delegated to members but we no longer have them. The idea was that each member would review a quarter of the plan and highlight where they thought it needed attention then invite a new crew of volunteers (town and village representatives) to look things over. It has not been addressed in some time. Baldwin stated our fiscal years are different it would be great if there was a way to make them the same. Supervisor Tuthill said he

believes they are pretty much set; Sridhar Samudrala, Mayor of the Village of Delhi said the village is not set if his board decides to change it. Tuthill and Krzyston both said the town cannot change their fiscal year. The clerk stated the village should check with NYCOM; Krzyston stated it will be a shared services question for NYCOM then. Krzyston said it's a major first step to having shared services and was glad Baldwin brought it up. He brought up if we officially wanted to share a highway superintendent under one title you would have to do that and you would have to have an appointed one. There are a lot of steps to it but he believes it would be required. Supervisor Tuthill stated we would have to put it on the ballot if we switch; he believed it has to be done at least a year ahead the next election for that position. He would have to check on that.

Councilmember Baldwin said it goes along with our ideas of our communities and taking these layers of government. It makes better use of our community people how are serving, organizing and helping.

Buildings: Councilmember Krzyston stated the new individual cut the grass this week. Krzyston questioned Evans if there was need to move the plow blade in front of the highway garage; what would it entail? Evans stated it would not be difficult and stated the fence does need to come down as it is falling apart. Krzyston stated he doesn't like it; esthetically as we have made an effort to clean up the building. Krzyston believes it would look nicer without the blade there. He asked the others on the board if they felt it was worthy of a motion; he then made the motion to have the blade taken down to Sherwood's Drive and also to have the fence removed per Daren's urging. Councilmember Baldwin wanted to know from Evans his feelings on removing the plow blade and if it was advantageous to the highway department. Evans stated the original intent was to have a mural painted on the blade; his department hasn't found time to properly sand and prime the plow as it hasn't been a priority obviously. Someone was lined up to paint it. Baldwin said it's not on the priority list is it a plow that you will use. Evans stated hopefully not as the plow is a blizzard plow, Tuthill agreed. Baldwin stated she has trouble making a decision for Evans regarding moving the plow. Evans said the mural would be immaculate; Councilmember Cairns asked if that ship has sailed completely Evans stated no; the person would love to paint it. Councilmember Krzyston asked when the original plan to paint it come about; Evans stated a couple of years ago. Krzyston then said ok let's table it; if someone has some sentimental attachment to it he is willing to forgo it. The clerk said it shows it's our highway department; the towns sign has been overgrown with trees and weeds you can barely see it. Krzyston said he wouldn't mind buying a new sign then instead of having a rusty "piece of shit." The clerk said we have a sign residents just can't see it at the hall.

Councilmember Krzyston made a new motion to remove the split rail fence leave the rusty "piece of shit" in front of the highway garage. The clerk asked if she should state his motion as stated; Krzyston said yes, adding if there was a plan to do artwork there it would be nice. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion; motion carried. Tuthill asked Evans to check on the painting of the snow plow blade. Sridhar Samudrala asked if there was a timeline for when it's to be painted; Tuthill said Evans will contact them. Evans said if anyone wants to volunteer to sand and prime the plow as our highway employees have not had time. Councilmember Baldwin asked what was required; Evans explained to her the process. Baldwin said she would try to get volunteers. She than stated between doing the playground and all their existing work she understood. Tuthill said maybe in their free time they could put the plow in the garage as Evans said there would be room in the garage now but in the winter it can't be stored in there. Evans will report back on the plow.

IT: Councilmember Viafore stated we now have 88 residents signed up for Nixle. Viafore discussed how she puts information for notifications.

Codes: Councilmember Cairns stated in June: seven building permit issued, fourteen inspections / meetings, six in-office conferences, six c/o letters and one violation he drove 267 miles.

CODES Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the codes report for June 2022 Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justice Court Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the June 2022 Justice Court Report.

Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to accept the June 2022 Clerk's Report seconded by Councilmember Cairns. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Supervisor Tuthill presented the board with the June 2022 Financial Report. Councilmember Baldwin made the motion to accept the June 2022 Supervisor's Report with Councilmember Krzyston seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor's County Report:

Supervisor Tuthill announced work is progressing on the Bridge Street project. The Main Street building has been removed grass is now growing; the architect is making plans for a new house there. Councilmember Krzyston asked if there was any potential of having the house somewhere else as its Main Street and there is limited commercial space. Tuthill responded they want it in Delhi, if they didn't have it there they would purchase another property so it's a lose-lose. Councilmember Cairns noted three houses have been taken down in that area; several years ago all were owned by the county; his question was are they going to use all three lots. Tuthill stated he has not heard anything definitive yet. Councilmember Baldwin said originally it was going to be a driveway for DPW; Tuthill agreed.

Councilmember Krzyston said maybe they could have commercial space on the bottom; although he hasn't seen it done with county owned property; there is a need for it. Tuthill said there are pluses and minuses being the county seat.

Councilmember Cairns asked if there was a timetable for the DPW building on Route 10; Tuthill said it is running way behind. The one in Bloomville is moving forward Tuthill stated; although he doesn't see them being done on schedule.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Cairns made the motion to approve Abstract #007 – 2022 accounts A – DB Voucher No.00231 – 00288 equaling \$224,857.85 account TA No. 0070 – 0072 equaling \$13,024.54. Total vouchers presented equaled \$237,882.39. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Baldwin stated the clerk had put together an accounting of the expenses for recreation and the pool; she and Councilmember Viafore will take a look at it and see where the pool/playground are as we have had elevated expenses. The abstract shows the expenses but the spreadsheet is telling of what we are facing with the rising costs. Supervisor Tuthill agreed prices have gone through the roof.

Executive Session:

Councilmember Baldwin made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:55pm to discuss personnel. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion; motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cairns to exit executive session at 8:32pm. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion; motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to hire the following lifeguards at the rate of \$13.20 per hour, effective date of hire July 11, 2022 pending all certifications: Declan McCracken and Logan McCracken. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Cairns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

