TOWN OF DELHI PUBLIC HEARING

November 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Peter Bracci.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter Bracci.

Those present: Council members, Michele DeFreece, Allan Reed, James Bracci and Kevin Lee; Town residents Rodney Decker, Christina Viafore, Gerry Pilgrim, Al Perkins, David Truscott, Cindy Cobbe, Nancy Morley, Richard Morley, Stan Pawlikowski, Margaret Baldwin and Kim Cairns; Village Mayor Richard Maxey; Delhi Town Bookkeeper Margaret Reinmann; Deputy Town Clerk Deb Corcoran; Delaware County Planning Department. Kristin Janke Schneider; Town of Delhi Planning Board, John Taylor; Reporter Bob Cairns.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was for presentation of the 2012 Town budget. Supervisor Bracci explained that because of the State mandated 2% increase a lot of cuts had to be made in the budget and no raises are included. It is a bare bones budget. Supervisor Bracci asked for comments on the budget. Alan Perkins had concerns with medical insurance rates and asked for an explanation of CE and CS. Bookkeeper Maggie Reinmann answered all questions to his satisfaction. David Truscott asked questions about the highway department budget inside village and outside village town wide. He feels the mechanic should also work on village trucks. Mayor Maxey agreed with David Truscott and continued the conversation. Supervisor Bracci said he is all for inter-municipal cooperation and the town is mandated to exist the village is optional. If the Village residents feel they are paying too much in taxes than they have options. The Town must collect taxes as a mandated entity which must exist. Supervisor Bracci feels the Village budget is extremely large and very burdensome. The Town is operating at 2% increase and is very frugal and he has problems with the Village budget so why should the Town board supplement an over burdened village budget. Allan Reed stated we give the Village money for salt and they wanted more money this year. The town wants to use less salt to save money so we should scratch that whole line of the budget. He has been on shared services and there have been no shared services – we have been in a lawsuit for the past four year that was initiated by the Village. Supervisor Bracci said the town board is all for shared services.

Richard Maxey addressed the \$1,000 in the budget for the playground. It cost the Village \$1,000 to cut the grass and Supervisor Bracci said the town will do it for less. Maxey spoke of special

mulch that is needed. Supervisor Bracci said if it is too expensive than the Town will not buy it. Mayor Maxey also questioned the money for the pool and where that is in the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Lee Delhi Town Clerk