

TOWN OF DELHI
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
June 29, 2023
7:00PM

Supervisor Tuthill called the emergency meeting to discuss the operation of the pool. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Those present:

Councilmembers: Margaret Baldwin, William Cairns,

Absent: Matt Krzyston, Christina Viafore

Resident(s): Christopher Dwelyng, Elizabeth DeFalco (the Reporter)

Emergency Business:

Supervisor Tuthill announced he has been working with John Kololdziej whom has been very helpful he has been working on getting lifeguards. We have at this time six plus John that are fairly certain, although a couple of them need updated certifications. Our biggest issue opening this weekend is the holiday, most will not be available on such short notice. The plan now is to open the pool July 8th for open swim from 1:00pm to 5:00pm seven days a week. If we can get more lifeguards those hours with the right certifications there is a possibility of swimming lessons; a two week session Monday through Friday in August sometime. John is asking for \$6,000 to come and do the work for us, it's more money that we have left in the personnel budget for pool director but I think we are at the point now we need to or we will not open the pool this year. John jumped in without being hired and has done a bunch of work already. Councilmember Baldwin asked what kind of work he had done; Tuthill stated he has been down to the pool to make sure everything is good, called several lifeguards, contacted DOH and has given paperwork to prospective employees, gone through all forms and made sure they are ready to go. The clerk stated to Baldwin he has done a tremendous amount of work even though not knowing if he would be approved tonight. Tuthill added he has met with Kololdziej several times to discuss our situation.

Baldwin added \$6,000 is pretty hefty and wanted the swimming lessons as part of the package. Tuthill stated I think we need to try and get a session in. Tuthill further added Kololdziej has been pretty positive in their discussions that he can round up enough help to pull it off in August. Tuthill then said we have had people come forward like Chris Dwelyng and offer to help.

Tuthill stated this whole pool scenario is going to change next year, we are not going to wait till May to hire lifeguards we need to get a director in place in January who will do it. Baldwin added she has the job descriptions that she will give to Tuthill so that John and the town know exactly what the responsibilities and expectations are; it hasn't changed in a couple of years. Baldwin just wished there were more of an agreement at this time as to Kololdziej would be responsible for. Tuthill said he will cover for Dusty when he is gone with not extra pay also. Baldwin was happy.

Councilmember Cairns made a motion to hire John Kololdziej as Pool Director with a salary of \$6,000, it is contingent upon a two week swim lesson session. Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tuthill said requested a motion to hire the following which are possibilities/probabilities as lifeguards for this season at a rate of \$15.50 an hour:

Jeremiah Brathwaite

Jonathan Brathwaite

Jodean Bray

Angelo Krzyston

Rowan Walsh

Colby Phaner

John will be doing lifeguarding too. Councilmember Baldwin added she would like to see the schedule out

earlier than Sunday nights. Tuthill said John is already working on this, the clerk added as you are in the eleventh hour swim lessons become a problem; that becomes your problem. Christopher Dwelyng said he would also work but needs to be certified. Tuthill said Kolodziej will work with everyone. Baldwin said it's more than swimming you need to work well with people. Tuthill said we can add Dwelyng to the list also, he can work on getting certified.

Christopher Dwelyng stated he called someone last year about if they needed someone to make sure the kids showed up, a responsible adult, like last year they had an issue where everyone was too young or something. I am willing to help at the pool to make sure the guards are paying attention, I work from home I am willing to help. Tuthill stated he really appreciated it.

Tuthill requested the above motion is dependent on their certifications Councilmember Baldwin made the motion to hire per Tuthill's discussion with Councilmember Cairns seconding. Motion carried.

Tuthill stated he and John will be meeting tomorrow and make sure they are all on the same page, Tuthill added he has been great, he's very helpful. Baldwin said he is a natural.

Tuthill asked Baldwin if the chair was in she stated no, Tuthill will discuss that with John also. The clerk added he has done a tremendous amount of work for us in one week, we are blessed to have him. Baldwin said she watched him on the cameras.

Baldwin stated the main pool pump blew, Dusty understands these things. Todd Shady has given us a quote, as has Watson. Dusty feels he can install it and thinks Shady will be quicker for the part. Baldwin requested a motion to proceed to purchase the pump from Todd Shady, she stated Dusty will install the pump. Supervisor Tuthill stated we really don't have much of a choice as we need the pump and Shady has it available. A motion was made by Councilmember Cairns to authorize the purchase of the pump from Toddy Shady not to exceed the cost of \$650.00, with Dusty White installing the pump. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Baldwin stated we have money in the budget, Tuthill stated we also got approved for two lifeguards from the county, they will reimburse the town.

Baldwin stated to Tuthill when he talks to John let him know if he is going to use the heater for the pool it will need to be serviced. If he doesn't want to use the heater its ok, Tuthill stated. We will leave it up to John, Tuthill doesn't want to heat if we don't have to.

Baldwin also stated she had booklets which she will get to Tuthill for John.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the board Councilmember Cairns made the motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk, Town of Delhi