

**TOWN OF DELHI
SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING
October 25, 2022
6:08PM**

Supervisor Tuthill called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Those present:

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

Absent: Councilmember Christina Viafore

Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Tuthill.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

New Business:

Supervisor Tuthill announced that Resolution No. 002 of 2022 was not necessary as the town would not be adopting a local law to override the tax cap. The only actual new business would be adopting a preliminary budget. He further stated basically the tax cap limit this year was going to be 1,858,202.00 and we came in at \$1,842,945.10 which amounts to a 1.21% increase. This was due to better revenues, better fund balances and we used a little money out of the reserve. Tuthill further stated it was nice that the board and himself didn't take a raise it shows they are trying to help the general population that is on a fixed income or struggling to pay their bills. They didn't cut any expenditures they just played with the revenue lines fund balance and carryovers from different accounts. Tuthill asked if any of the board had any questions. Councilmember Baldwin stated she didn't feel as if they had resolved the town clerk's budget; the pool administrative line item long overdue is finally there but when I have watched the operations of the office what do you do during tax time and various other heavier times are we able to do more if we have too? Tuthill stated we will have to play it by ear if we are seeing hours completely out of control where we have to do something different; Baldwin said that feels good as she feels that the three additional hours a week is accurate. But she does extremely appreciate not only the clerk but her deputy for their organizational skills as Baldwin did a report today that was so much easier due to the level of organization that she got from the deputy. Meanwhile as she was there to get all the paperwork the phone was ringing two people were at the door; it gets crazy. She was hoping there was a way with the impact and needs. Tuthill said if he could figure out how to clone himself he would pass it on to the clerk as he believes they are both in the same ballpark where there are only so many hours in the day. Tuthill further stated it's just tough in the economic times to jump one line that drastically. Tuthill then asked Cairns and Krzyston their thoughts; Krzyston stated he felt it had been addressed at the workshop and it was resolved. Cairns stated it looks to be resolved but he definitely believes we need to keep an open mind if the hours are needed we have to be open to it. Cairns went on to say he would like to have a better understanding how much workload the office is picking up because other towns don't have clerk's with regular hours. He compared it to the fire district having calls outside their district. Krzyston said he was thinking the same; we are not able to give the clerk and deputy the increased resources but its important for the public to know they are doing the job that others are not doing by choice not because they are getting rewarded for it. He appreciates it very much and doesn't feel people outside her office and this room realize that some towns don't care if their residents go elsewhere, people should appreciate that. Cairns further added in reality if the clerk decided she only wanted to be in the office 4-6pm three days a week there is nothing we could do to stop that; the clerk interrupted she ran

because she cared and told the people she would be here. Cairns said if she wasn't the people would notice the loss of services and wouldn't be so quick to run to Walton or Kortright to get their problems taken care of.

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion to adopt the preliminary budget so they could have it available to pass out to people for the public hearing in November for when we actually vote on the final budget.

Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to file the budget as the preliminary; Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Baldwin gave an update on the playground and swimming pool. She stated that Dustin White is still doing a few things to button it up. Timing wise he doesn't want the heaters to go on before they are actually needed (using propane), He will do that this week and the heat will be set at 43°. The mower is willing to mow one more time as it will need it. She is concerned about the hydro-seeding, on Thursday or Friday the concrete will be set for the benches and on Monday or Tuesday the benches will be set. These are the two commemorative benches one for the O'Connor Foundation and the other Town of Delhi. Tuthill informed the board the town had received the \$100,000 grant money from the O'Connor Foundation for Phase I; he has written them a thank you letter. Baldwin told the board Will Outsen of PAC is leaf blowing the leaves off the hydro-seeded area at the playground, Baldwin stated also there have been violators as people have been walking though the seeded areas.

Highway Superintendent Evans announced if everything goes as scheduled Webster Brook Road will be reopened tomorrow. Evans then stated Federal Hill will not be done till the end of November, he hoped the weather would hold but either way it will be completed.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cairns at 6:20pm to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with Councilmember Baldwin seconding. Motion carried. Town Supervisor Tuthill requested the bookkeeper to remain. A motion was made to exit executive session was made by Councilmember Cairns at 6:49pm and seconded by Councilmember Baldwin. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Cairns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm, Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi