

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, April 15, 2025** at 6:00 pm at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor: Jeffrey Gearhart
Trustees: Jeremy Fitch, Janet Tweed, Ian Lamont and Barbara Sturdevant

Guests: Elizabeth DeFalco, The Reporter

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Catherine Marotta of Delhi Head Start – Sheldon Park usage request – request was withdrawn.

Bill Brown was not present at our meeting and had nothing currently to report on.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 regular meeting, special meeting of April 2, 2025 and Organizational meeting of April 7, 2025. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve Abstract #011 dated April 15, 2025 in the amount of \$243,612.13 (General fund \$88,984.86, Water fund \$19,523.52, Sewer fund \$110,413.71, Joint Activity fund \$607.38 and Trust & Agency fund \$24,082.66). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Police Report dated March 2025, Street Report dated April 2025, Water Report dated 4/11/2025, Sewer Report dated April 10, 2025, Treasurers report dated March 2025, and Clerk Report dated April 15, 2025. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the **Police Committee**

Trustee Fitch presented Resolution #2 of 2025 that reads as follows: "STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF DELAWARE)
VILLAGE OF DELHI) - **RESOLUTION #2 of 2025**

WHEREAS, the Police Chief is a permanent appointment, appointed by the Board of Trustees on April 22, 2010, to the position and Delaware County Civil Service classification of Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to make clear, this resolution is only for Police Chief Michael Mills' compensation and will expire on the date of Police Chief Michael Mills' retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi hereby RESOLVES, that the hourly wage rate for the Police Chief Michael Mills shall be for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be \$41.00/hr.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi hereby FURTHER RESOLVES, that Police Chief Michael Mills is entitled to the same benefits as outlined in the PBA contract, including being grandfathered in to the health insurance benefits which the Village pays a 100 percent of the cost for such health insurance plan, single or family, until the date of Police Chief Michael Mills' retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi hereby FURTHER RESOLVES, that Police Chief Michael Mills is responsible for proposing his raise in each subsequent year subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi hereby FURTHER RESOLVES, that Police Chief Michael Mills' compensation and benefits is subject to continued resolution by the Board of

Trustees and no agreement, either verbal or written, may change the Compensation and Benefit terms for Police Chief Michael Mills unless adopted by resolution by the Board of Trustees, until the date of Police Chief Michael Mills' retirement."

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Resolution #2 of 2025. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart reported for the **Public Works Committee**.

O'Connor Grant Approval – the Village has already approved this item – Mayor will sign and return the letter date 4/10/2025 in the amount of \$4,900 matching grant from O'Connor Foundation to be used toward the cost of purchasing a pH electrode and an industrial controller Polypropane panel, chlorine residual analyzer equipment package for the water quality control project.

Accounting of CHIPS money – list was given to the Village Board revised as of 12/20/2024 showing balances for each of the programs as follows:

CHIPS - \$89,524.70
PAVE NY - \$98,115.34
EWR - \$14,000
POP - \$11,045.14
Total - \$212,685.18

List of Street Dept. projects for the spring / summer – Daren Evans gave the village board a work list, which included 19 different items they were going to work on.

Mayor Gearhart indicated the painter for Village Hall project should begin the end of April.

Trustee Sturdevant had spoken to Deb Fleming. Mayor Gearhart will get in touch with Deb to come to our May 20, 2025 board meeting so that we can get the sign(s) ordered for placement while we have the bucket truck for the painting of village hall.

Shrier-Martin – quote #12696 - \$15,922.20

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve quote #12696 in the amount of \$15,922.20. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Cummins Sales & Service – Planned Maintenance Agreement - \$1,786.38

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Mayor to sign Planned Maintenance Agreement from Cummins Sales and Service dated 3/27/2025 in the amount of \$1,786.38. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart indicated to the village board that Jay Decker had looked into removing fluoride from our village water – this would save us approximately \$10,000 per year. Mayor indicated that Dept. of Health has a procedure to get approval to remove fluoride. Trustee Fitch felt we should do a public hearing to get input from village residents on how they feel. Trustee Tweed commented that we should get input from public health. Trustee Lamont is in favor of us looking into removing fluoride from our water.

Trustee Sturdevant indicated reported for the **Joint Services Committee**

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the request from Delhi Bridge Run Committee for Annual Delhi Bridge Run to hold their Annual Bridge Run 6/7/2025, close Hoyt Park to parking and police coverage to assist with their event. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Dog Warden – Chris Bodo – Mayor Gearhart indicated that he spoke with Supervisor Maya Boukai and felt we should leave things as they are currently. Chris Bodo cannot enforce village laws, ie: Chapter 106 – Animals.

Fair on the Square – request to insurance for donation of \$625 for Climbing Wall – we haven't heard back from our agent but we made a request for a donation to cover the climbing wall.

Mayor Gearhart mentioned to the village board that there has been some talk and interest in doing a Food Truck War / Competition in August 2025.

Mayor Gearhart reported for the **Codes, Building & Planning Committee**.

Bishop building – update – Mayor Gearhart indicated that Bishop is completing the work, they are compliant so far. Trustee Fitch asked if the fence could be removed now that the work has been complete.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

Request from Billie Kunzang (11 Franklin Street) regarding village property tax – the village board wanted to table this item until the May 2025 meeting and send this over to the village attorney for him to comment about how to handle this sort of request.

List of delinquent taxes as of 4/10/2025 –

The Treasurer turned a list of delinquent taxes over to the Board as follows:

Tax Map No.	Property Owner	Amount owed	Years Owed
149.15-1-4.1	Adam & Lindsay Atkinson	\$ 2,095.02	1
171.7-1-8	Kevin & Joan Marie Bedient	\$ 902.16	1
171.10-6-15	Katherine & Gregory Dungan	\$ 1,625.50	1
149.19-3-6	Mark Farley Estate-B. Kendell	\$ 2,269.44	1
171.10-4-22	Billie Kunzang	\$ 2,323.15	1
171.6-6-3	Jackie Miskovitz	\$ 655.48	1
171.6-6-19	Jackie Miskovitz	\$ 609.87	1
171.6-9-12	Rand Trust-Moschovakis	\$ 1,674.02	1
149.19-5-2.1	Jeffrey Scanlan	\$ 966.32	1
171.7-5-2	Diane & Danny Tait	\$ 765.84	1
		<u>\$13,886.80</u>	

The Treasurer indicated that anyone delinquent on their taxes receives a letter from the Clerk's office monthly with the updated amount to pay. The board directed the Treasurer to continue sending monthly letters for now.

FYI – Re-levies for Village Taxes 6/1/2025 – There was a list of 8 parcels that currently have outstanding accounts receivable and / or water bills that are eligible to be re-levied on the village taxes 6/1/2025.

Trustee Sturdevant indicated that she had done the annual report for the ARPA funding. Sturdevant also indicated that she is waiting to be able to access the Pro-Housing to online to be able to update this.

OLD BUSINESS

IPAW (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) – Mayor Gearhart indicated that the Clerk is pursuing an app to run the IPAWS program.

Frontend Loader – this was on an auction site and it came in \$75,000 less than we needed. Daren Evans will wait a little while and put it back on the auction site.

Lead Service Line replacement – Mayor Gearhart indicated that this is moving along – New York State is still in discussion about local governments going on private property. Jay Decker indicated he thinks they will have 18 – 20 lead lines to deal with.

Property Maintenance – Chapter 218 – the village board agreed that we should just enforce this as is.

NEW BUSINESS

Fuel Bid – opening and awarding –

Allison Oil –	item #1: heating oil -	\$2.95 / gallon
	Item #2: kerosene -	\$3.79 / gallon
Buell Fuels -	item #1: heating oil -	\$2.7459 / gallon
	Item #2: kerosene -	\$3.0497 / gallon
	Item #3: propane -	\$1.5980 / gallon
Mirabito -	item #1: heating oil -	\$2.8876 / gallon
	Item #2: kerosene -	\$3.6376 / gallon
	Item #3: propane -	\$1.6200 / gallon

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept low bids as follows:

Item #1: heating oil -	\$2,7459 / gallon
Item #2: kerosene -	\$3.0497 / gallon
Item #3: propane -	\$1.5980 / gallon

Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Climate Smart Communities – Mayor Gearhart indicated that KZ & he are working on updating the application for the \$50,000 NYSERDA grant so that we can submit for reimbursement.

Delhi Kite Flying Festival – April 26, 2025 – FYI – Nate is looking at possibly doing this as a 2 day event next year.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement – discussion and approval –Trustee Lamont apologized for not having a moment to look at the recommendations from Roemer. This item was tabled for the May 20, 2025 board meeting so that Trustee Lamont can review and give his recommendation to the board.

College Community Cleanup Day – April 19, 2025 – Trustee Tweed indicated that she has communicated with Ana Lisa @ SUNY – the two areas they will work on is Hoyt Park and SUNY hillside.

NYCOM – May 28 – 30, 2025 – Mayor Gearhart reported that 4 of the 5 board members will be attending this year.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to increase the Delaware National Bank credit card limit to \$10,000. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors last meeting was 4/9/2025 – next meeting is 5/14/2025.

Mayor Gearhart indicated at 4/9/2025 meeting, the Council of Mayor decided to do another meeting with the Supervisors and include trustees and council members on 7/9/2025 at 6:00 PM at the Delhi Fire Dept, if that can be arranged. After the 4/9/2025 Council of Mayors' meeting, several members attended the Delaware County Finance Committee for continued discussions of them sharing sales tax with the villages and towns.

There was a request from Daren Evans to transfer 40 hours of personal time transferred to sick time and the remaining 40 hours of vacation time be carried over into vacation time. Daren was also requesting that his remaining comp time be paid out at the end of the fiscal year. This is all permissible per the Teamster contract.

There was discussion of changing Teamster summer hours.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to amend summer hours 4/1 – 10/31 from 6:00 AM – 2:30 PM. And winter hours would be 11/1 – 3/31 from 4:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously. It was noted that summer hours will start 5/1/2025 this year to give Teamster members reasonable notice.

All Hazards Mitigation Plan –

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to authorize Mayor to sign a letter of intent to Delaware County to participate in the Delaware County All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP) Update project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Language Access Plan (LAP) – Trustee Sturdevant asked the village board to review. This is a requirement of the Village of Delhi because we have received federal bond money.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the Language Access Plan. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to enter executive session for the purpose of pending litigation and contract negotiations (PBA). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and executive session started at 8:18 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and the board went back to open session at 9:08 pm.

Trustee Fitch advised the village board that the cost of fireworks this year will be \$9,000.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the PBA agreement as revised. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer