

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** at 6:00 pm at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 6:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Guests: Margaret Baldwin, John Maxwell, Lillian Browne and Marianne Greenfield

PUBLIC HEARINGS

LL#5 of 2026 – “Tax Cap Override”

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to open public hearing for LL#5 of 2026 – Tax Cap Override. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and public hearing opened at 6:04 pm. The local law reads as follows:

“Local Law No. 5 of the year 2026 - Village of Delhi, County of Delaware

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Delhi to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi, County of Delaware, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. “

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

John Maxwell from 20 Clinton Street made a request to the Village to give him relief for Sewer for the radiator that froze in his garage around 1/21/2026 – 1/22/2026 as the water did not go through the Sewer for treatment.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to give relief for a portion of the sewer charge for the frozen radiator around the time of 1/21/2026 – 1/22/2026 per our “Water Leak and Non-Sewer Discharge Policy. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Peg Baldwin was present and was trying to be helpful with sources of revenue – she asked if we had harvested timber lately, as that could be a significant source of revenue to the village. She also spoke of the stone quarry for harvesting. Peg also indicated to the board that she had observed vehicles parked on Woolerton Street. There were 5 – 6 cars on Friday and 9 – 11 cars on Saturday / Sunday.

Marianne Greenfield, Village Historian spoke on her written report – the Jay Gould map she would like to clean out the historian cage before she puts the map on the wall. Marianne also indicated that she was going to be speaking at SUNY regarding the Watershed. Marianne indicated that she is also intending to write a history of Delhi, which will be approximately 40 pages and include Town and Village cemeteries.

Bill Brown – Delaware Engineering – not present – nothing needed at this time. Mayor Gearhart indicated we are getting ready for the new Water project which we have been approved under the WIIA grant funding. Mayor Gearhart also indicated we have had another break on Delview Terrace, which is the 6 or 7th break in recent history.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular meeting and budget meeting of February 10, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #009 dated February 17, 2026 in the amount of \$228,970.61 to include the addition of voucher for Waste Recovery in the amount of \$120.15 General fund, Delaware Engineering in the amount of \$14,189.64 for Water fund, Dubben Brothers in the amount of \$367.50 for Water fund and Waste Recovery in the amount of \$78.87 for Sewer fund (General fund \$100,749.64, Water fund \$33,003.46, Sewer fund \$70,614.81, Joint Activities fund \$8.40 and Trust and Agency fund \$24,594.30). Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to accept the Police Report dated January 2026, Street Report dated February 2026, Water Report dated 2/13/2026, Sewer Report dated February 10, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 1/14/2026 – 2/13/2026, Treasurer’s Report for January 2026, Clerk Report dated February 17, 2026 and Historian Report dated February 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to close public hearing for LL#5 of 2026 – Tax Cap Override. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously. Public hearing closed at 6:32 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve LL #5 of 2025 “Tax Cap Override”. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the **Police Committee**.

Trustee Fitch indicated he had no report for Police Committee.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that the Police Department is getting the T2 system ready for use.

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

Anthony Salerno-Street Light–Depot St–there was discussion regarding the quote from NYSEG dated 2/16/2026 in the amount of \$1,537.51 for installing a light on NYSEG pole #6 and the cost for consumption would be approximately \$24/ month. There was some question of whether the village should install lighting or whether Anthony Salerno should install lighting on his pole on his property.

Board members will go look at this property and we will resume conversation next month at our board meeting.

FYI – Ruggiero letter dated 1/31/2026 – letter received from Francis Ruggiero in response to Village letter dated 1/23/2026.

Parking Regs need revision – (Mike’s list) How to approach? Mayor Gearhart indicated that we need a committee to review parking regulations. Trustee Lamont indicated that Chief Mills and Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Officer should head this committee. Trustee Sturdevant offered to assist on this committee. Mayor Gearhart indicated the Josh has his hands full currently. Trustee Fitch indicated we should include 1 side parking for Second Street during the winter. Trustee Sturdevant indicated we should also include Elm Street parking. Mayor Gearhart will talk to Chief Mills

Purchase of Jetter for water dept. At cost of less than \$2,500 – there was some discussion regarding Water request to purchase a jetter – cost of \$1,587 - \$1,703 from HWC Jetters.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve purchase of the jetter from HWC Jetters with the cost not to exceed \$2,500. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the request from Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce for St. Patrick’s Day parade to hold their St. Patrick’s Day Parade, police coverage to assist with their event and authorize Mayor to sign PERM 33c application for NYS DOT as the applicant and for the Village to handle any insurance requirement. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

There was a question about the Flood Mitigation Plan. Trustee Sturdevant will check on this.

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

Village Hall painting – legal ad was run and bids are due back by 3/6/2026.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2026 - A LOCAL LAW AMENDING § 276-22 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF DELHI - ENTITLED “PARKING IN VILLAGE PARKING LOTS”

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Delhi, held at Village Hall, Delhi, New York, on the 17th day of February, 2026, the following resolution was offered by Trustee Lamont, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Fitch:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village of Delhi to amend § 276-22 of the Village Code to clarify and formalize regulations governing permitted parking spaces in the Village parking lot located behind 83 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment establishes eligibility requirements, operational standards, enforcement provisions, and penalties relating to the Village Parking lot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 6 of 2026, entitled “A Local Law Amending § 276-22 of the Code of the Village of Delhi,” is hereby introduced before the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held on the 17th day of March, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Village Hall, Delhi, New York, to consider said proposed Local Law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post a notice of said public hearing in accordance with law.

Dated: February 17, 2026

Village of Delhi

Board of Trustees

Discuss College Notice – SUNY Delhi has put out a notice “News Around Delhi” on Facebook – Attention Delhi Area Landlords! encouraging them to list their available rentals on Apartments.com. The Village board is in agreement that we need to restrict college housing in the village. It was mentioned that perhaps we should get a petition signed by village residents and send to SUNY Delhi.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approved quote #202666 from Inner Circle Computers in the amount of \$1,687.99 for a laptop and docking station for the Treasurer, quote #202667 from Inner Circle Computers in the amount of \$1,448.00 for a laptop for the Water Dept and quote #202668 from Inner Circle Computers in the amount of \$3,806.00 for a desktop tower and file server for the Sewer Dept. . Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

FYI – NYCLASS – interest to date – ledger of A2401 interest and earnings was shared with the board - \$44,862.93 interest to date this fiscal year with \$44,267.36 of this being from NYCLASS account.

FYI – Gross receipts (A1130) and Franchise (A1170) were shared with the board - \$15,469.46 has been received to date for gross receipts and \$5,967.87 for franchise fees.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversified Technology – Mayor Gearhart indicated that we were waiting until we got funding from Community Fund but our request was declined. Mayor Gearhart indicated that the Williamson water / sewer program has been so troublesome that we need to upgrade to Diversified Technology now.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to move ahead with Diversified Technology quote of \$10,250 for setup for water/sewer program with a \$4,800 annual fee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant indicated we submitted the grant to CWC to cover water / sewer training.

IPAWS update – we are fully online with IPAWS.

Township Questions – email dated 2/16/2026 from Maya Boukai addressing funding for the joint comprehensive plan so as to budget in our 26/27 budget. She also raised question of contributing to pay for the dog control officer

NEW BUSINESS

Climate Smart Communities – Trustee Tweed was not present – no formal report.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors – last meeting 2/11/2026 – next meeting 3/12/2026 @ 1 PM.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that the last meeting was at 6:00 PM in the evening on 2/11/2026 to see if we could increase the attendance with the change of time. Six of ten mayors were in attendance. The next meeting will be 3/12/2026 at 1:00 PM.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that he is investigating Village of Delhi becoming a city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to enter executive session for purpose of the employment history of a particular employee and Teamster contract negotiation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and executive session started at 7:54 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and the board went back to open session at 8:19 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont authorizing the Clerk to advertise for a budget meeting 3/9/2026 at 6:00 PM as well as public hearing for tentative budget 3/17/2026 at 6:30 pm. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer