

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

The meeting started at 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Guests: Marianne Greenfield, Matthew Marchese and John Maxwell

PUBLIC HEARINGS

LL#6 of 2026 – “Parking in Village Parking Lots” – public hearing was cancelled as we needed to start the process over for LL #1, #2, #3, #4 and #6 of 2026

LL #6 of 2026 – “Parking in Village Parking Lots”

SEQRA – Permitted Parking – Hoyt Park - review Part 1 – complete Part 2 & 3 of the form

Part 1 of SEQRA was completed prior to the meeting. Mayor Gearhart indicated that the next step was to classify the action as a Type 1 action and designate the Village as the Lead Agency.

Part 2 and 3 of SEQRA was completed by Mayor Gearhart with input from the Village Board

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to classify the “Code Adoption for the Village of Delhi” as a Type 1 action, designate the Village of Delhi as Lead Agency and authorize Mayor Gearhart to sign the Part 2 and Part 3 SEQRA and to declare a negative declaration. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Marianne Greenfield, Village Historian – spoke about a marker that was made for Job Sheldon Jr., who is buried at Woodland Cemetery. The marker will be installed on the Sheldon lot.

Marianne also indicated she had donated the Birdsong Farm history to DCHA.

Marianne received a quote of \$200 from Rachel at the Frame shop on Main Street to do a postcard collage.

Marianne is planning to have a table at Fair on the Square this year.

Bill Brown – Delaware Engineering – indicated that he had no formal request to make tonight. We are continuing to work with NYS EFC to get the bonding and financing ready for the next Water Project. Bill will get a legal notice to us shortly to solicit bids for an engineer for the upcoming Water Project.

Trustee Lamont asked for an update on the Lead Service Line project – Bill indicated that they have identified 25 – 30 – they have a bid package to the Department of Health. They are trying to get approval to replace the lead line while they are digging.

Matthew Marchese – sidewalk permitting – he presented a preliminary plan for Pony’s groundfloor – he is looking to have 3 tables in front on the sidewalk with 4 seats each for a total of 12 chairs but \$25

per chair would be high for him to make a profit. The village board advised Matthew we would be discussing the sidewalk café permit issue tonight later on our agenda.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch. Trustee Tweed abstained from vote as she was not present at the meeting. All others approved. Motion was passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of March 9, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to open the public hearing for the proposed 2026 – 2027 Village of Delhi Budget. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch. Public hearing opened at 6:39 PM.

Trustee Fitch indicated the budget looks good and we need to watch our spending.

We will leave the public hearing open for 15 minutes and move on with the agenda.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #010 dated March 17, 2026 in the amount of \$192,806.69 (General fund \$20,912.98, Water fund \$55,936.74, Sewer fund \$91,610.85, Joint Activities fund \$8.40 and Trust and Agency fund \$24,337.72). Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Police Report dated February 2026, Street Report dated March 2026, Water Report dated 3/12/2026, Sewer Report dated March 11, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 2/14/2026 – 3/10/2026, Treasurer's Report for February 2026, Clerk Report dated March 17, 2026 and Historian Report dated March 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Fitch indicated they are using T2 system.

Parking Regs need revision – (Mike's list) How to approach - Trustee Sturdevant indicated that she is still willing to help with this. Trustee Fitch indicated that he will talk to Chief Mills about this and we can discuss this at the April meeting. Trustee Tweed indicated that we should take our time and do this thoroughly

Mayor Gearhart indicated that our Code Officer (Josh) has contacted owners on **Woolerton Street** about students that are parking and creating a problem in that area.

Trustee Fitch indicated that he will talk to Chief regarding the Meredith Street **frat** house to see if there have been and police reports for parties or nuisance.

Trustee Tweed talked about doing Play Streets again this year – the board seemed to be interested in us doing this but not sure if this might be a problem with the paid parking in the village lot.

Mayor Gearhart is also still looking into possibility of Food Trucks @ Quonset hut near Hoyt Park.

LL #4 of 2026 – “Signs and Billboards”

SEQRA – Signs and Billboards - review Part 1 – complete Part 2 & 3 of the form

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Part 2 and 3 of SEQRA was completed by Mayor Gearhart with input from the Village Board

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to classify the “Code Adoption for the Village of Delhi” as a Type 1 action, designate the Village of Delhi as Lead Agency and authorize Mayor Gearhart to sign the Part 2 and Part 3 SEQRA and to declare a negative declaration. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

LL #3 of 2026 – “No Parking Anytime”

SEQRA – No Parking Anytime - review Part 1 – complete Part 2 & 3 of the form

Part 1 of SEQRA was completed prior to the meeting. Mayor Gearhart indicated that the next step was to classify the action as a Type 1 action and designate the Village as the Lead Agency.

Part 2 and 3 of SEQRA was completed by Mayor Gearhart with input from the Village Board

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to classify the “Code Adoption for the Village of Delhi” as a Type 1 action, designate the Village of Delhi as Lead Agency and authorize Mayor Gearhart to sign the Part 2 and Part 3 SEQRA and to declare a negative declaration. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

LL #2 of 2026 – “Accessory Dwelling Units”

SEQRA – Accessory Dwelling Units - review Part 1 – complete Part 2 & 3 of the form

Part 1 of SEQRA was completed prior to the meeting. Mayor Gearhart indicated that the next step was to classify the action as a Type 1 action and designate the Village as the Lead Agency.

Part 2 and 3 of SEQRA was completed by Mayor Gearhart with input from the Village Board

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to classify the “Code Adoption for the Village of Delhi” as a Type 1 action, designate the Village of Delhi as Lead Agency and authorize Mayor Gearhart to sign the Part 2 and Part 3 SEQRA and to declare a negative declaration. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

LL #1 of 2026 – “Low Impact Business District”

SEQRA – Low Impact Business District - review Part 1 – complete Part 2 & 3 of the form

Part 1 of SEQRA was completed prior to the meeting. Mayor Gearhart indicated that the next step was to classify the action as a Type 1 action and designate the Village as the Lead Agency.

Part 2 and 3 of SEQRA was completed by Trustee Lamont with input from the Village Board

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to classify the “Code Adoption for the Village of Delhi” as a Type 1 action, designate the Village of Delhi as Lead Agency and authorize Mayor Gearhart to sign the Part 2 and Part 3 SEQRA and to declare a negative declaration. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to schedule a public hearing for LL #6 -Permitted Parking – Hoyt Park , LL #1 – Low Impact Business District, LL #2 – Accessory Dwelling Units, LL#3 – No Parking Anytime and LL#4 – Signs and Billboards on 4/21/2026 at 6:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to close the public hearing for the proposed 2026 – 2027 Village of Delhi Budget. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Public hearing was closed at 7:17 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the budget as presented with a property tax increase of 3% of last year's rate per assessed value and increased water and sewer rates of 4% to each of the pricing tiers. The top level (100,000 gallons +) will increase by 7.5% for water and 6% for sewer rates. CAP fee increase from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and reluctantly passed by all members of the board.

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

Anthony Salerno-Street Light–Depot St– discussion was had regarding the NYSEG quote #0250093906 in the amount of \$1,537.51 for installation of a light on the pole on Depot Street

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to move forward with installing the light per the NYSEG quote of \$1,537.51. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to move Nash Ruchar to water budget with title of Water Treatment Operator with Distribution Systems at rate of \$26.16 effective 3/6/2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the O & M budget of \$1,728,848.56 and authorize Stacey Eggers @ Red Door to submit Village of Delhi Sewer budget to NYC DEP for their approval. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Acct #C6528 Buena Vista – request for relief of penalties – Village Board took no action on this item as there is no relief available under our policy.

Acct #A0590 – Ryan Murphy - 9 Orchard Street – requesting relief for at least the sewer portion of the bill – would also like partial relief for the water -

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to give relief for a portion of the sewer charge for the burst water heater per our “Water Leak and Non-Sewer Discharge Policy. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

New York Rural Water Association training – 5/18/2026 – 5/20/2026 – Jerome Decker –

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the New York Rural Water Association training for Jerome Decker to be held 5/18/2026 – 5/20/2026 at a cost of \$931 for registration, dinners and 2 night hotel stay. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Koester – quote #6073 - \$10,885 – replace submersible pump in lower building – installation only (Sewer) -

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve Koester quote #6073 in the amount of \$10,885 to

replace the submersible pump in the lower building. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Turnkey – quote ref #QFM43-26-2657 - \$6,999.60 – Grundfoss repair kits (Sewer) –

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Turnkey quote #QFM43-26-2657 in the amount of \$6,999.60 for the Grundfoss repair kits. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Don's Diesel Service – estimate #001672- \$2,123.44 – clutch repair 2005 Freightliner

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Don's Diesel estimate #001672 in the amount of \$2,123.44 for clutch repair in the 2005 Freightliner. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Sean Clark request – Mayor Gearhart indicated that Clark is looking for the Village to consider the 380 feet of road to be for municipal use. Clark indicated to Mayor they would build the road and the road would be taken over by the village and we would be responsible for maintaining the road.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated the Yuskei was also looking to extend Court Street by 40 feet.

2026 Highway School Registration form – 6/1/2026 – 6/3/2026 – Daren Evans

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the \$175 registration fee for Daren Evans to attend the 2026 Highway School in Ithaca 6/1/2026 – 6/32/2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Charles Stahl Sales and Service – quote wing plow on the 2024 Ford F600 - \$17,750.

After some discussion, it was decided to table this item until the April 2026 meeting and Daren Evans can be present to answer board questions.

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

FYI – O'Connor grants – Trustee Sturdevant reported that we have received the following grant funds toward Summer Recreation –

\$5,000 towards Little League - \$1,667 in 2026, \$1,667 in 2027 and \$1,666 in 2028

\$1,000 toward Basketball in 2026

\$1,000 toward Tennis in 2026

\$1,000 toward Volleyball in 2026

Mayor Gearhart also mentioned that we need to mail letters to the local governments in May to figure out which communities will be participating in our Summer Recreation programs.

Trustee Sturdevant reported that CWC has indicated that the Village of Delhi has two "Silver Bullet" projects, the berm and Steele Brook that are ready to move ahead with but they are waiting for their employee to be fully trained to move ahead.

Trustee Sturdevant also indicated that the Comprehensive Plan survey is going live tomorrow.

Timber Sales Account – there was some discussion by the board that we could use some of the timber fund money for trees in the village.

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.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that we received no bids for painting village hall. He is working on getting a refund of our downpayment back from Stephen Crews as he was not able to complete this work and didn't re-bid it.

Sidewalk Café – fees and table limits, right of way vs. private property

Mayor Gearhart indicated that Josh Morgan feels the rate for Sidewalk Café permit is too high.

There was some talk of referring the Sidewalk Café to the Zoning Revision Committee for them to review.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to amend pricing for Sidewalk Café permit to \$150 per season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

Reserve Bank Accounts – motion directing Village Treasurer to invest money in CDs –

- A231 - Street Equipment Reserve - \$37,963.08
- A233 - Office Equipment Reserve - \$46,229.62
- F231 - Water Equipment Reserve - \$54,032.09
- F232 - Source & Distribution Reserve - \$38,799.24
- G231 - Sewer Equipment Reserve - \$23,678.51
- G234 - WWTP - \$213,544.49 - for discussion
- G235 - I & I Reserve - \$91,044.92

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont directing Village Treasurer to close the Timber Sales, Street Equipment Reserve, Office Equipment Reserve, Water Equipment Reserve, Source & Distribution Reserve, Sewer Equipment Reserve, WWTP Reserve and I&I Reserve accounts and place these funds in a 91 day CD at a rate of 3.25%. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversified Technology – update – Mayor Gearhart reported that we had our 1st training and the program should be up in early April to issue water bills in May 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Climate Smart Communities – Trustee Tweed there was a Repair Café in early March. Mayor Gearhart indicated that he has spoken to KZ and she indicates that NYSERDA will be getting additional funding – stay tune.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors – last meeting 3/12/2026 – next meeting 4/9/2026

Mayor Gearhart reported that Ray Baker and John Hubbell attended the last Finance meeting regarding the sales tax.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that he has seen some information on Co-pilot at a cost of \$200 per year for up to 6 licenses. He will be looking into this software and will bring additional information back to the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to enter executive session for purpose of Teamster contract negotiation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and executive session started at 9:04 pm.

Trustee Fitch excused himself from the meeting, as he was not feeling well. He left the meeting at 9:04 PM

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and the board went back to open session at 9:37 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer