

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, April 21, 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: Joan Lawrence-Brown, Josephine Monaco, John Whitney, Rhys Shaw, John Maxwell, James Warren and Bill Brown

LL #2 of 2026 – “Low Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone” and amend §300-1 to add Low-Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to open public hearing for LL #2 of 2026 – “Low Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone” and amend §300-1 to add Low-Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and public hearing opened at 6:02 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to amend LL #5 of 2025 “Tax Cap Override to LL #1 of 2026 for filing with the Department of State. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Privilege was given to James Warren who indicated that the Village bandstand needs work. He had obtained two quotes for the work. The quotes were in the neighborhood of \$4,100 and \$4,200. There was some talk that the Community Fund has money earmarked for repairing the bandstand. Mayor Gearhart indicated he would talk to Joe Cantwell as he has been the one to make repairs in the past. Mayor Gearhart will also touch base with Jane Curley and/or Bill Mokay to see what funding is available for repairs to the bandstand.

Privilege was given to Delaware Avenue residents, Josephine Monaco and John Whitney, who indicated there has been water issues for the past 3 + years since the Village harvested trees near their houses causing flooding and water damage to the driveways and lawn in the area on Delaware Avenue. Mayor Gearhart felt the recent rains have been greater than normal, which has caused the drainage issues but he would, along with Street Superintendent Daren Evans, check this situation out. Resident Josephine Monaco also indicated there has been an issue with speeders on Delaware Avenue.

LL #2 of 2026 – there were no questions from the public relating to the public hearing.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to close the public hearing for LL #2 of 2026 – “Low Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone” and amend §300-1 to add Low-Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and public hearing closed at 6:20 pm.

LL #3 of 2026 – “Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)” and amend §300-7 to add “Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)”, “Gross Floor Area”, “Habitable Space” and “Principal Dwelling Unit”

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to open public hearing for LL #3 of 2026 – “Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)” and amend §300-7 to add “Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)”, “Gross Floor

Area", "Habitable Space" and "Principal Dwelling Unit". Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and public hearing opened at 6:20 pm.

LL #3 of 2026 - there were no questions from the public relating to the public hearing.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to close the public hearing for LL #3 of 2026 – "Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)" and amend §300-7 to add "Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)", "Gross Floor Area", "Habitable Space" and "Principal Dwelling Unit". Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and public hearing closed at 6:38 pm.

LL #4 of 2026 – "No Parking Any Time"

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to open public hearing for LL #4 of 2026 – "No Parking Any Time". Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and public hearing opened at 6:38 pm.

LL #4 of 2026 – there were no questions from the public relating to the public hearing.

Street Superintendent, Daren Evans was present to answer questions about the quote for the wing plow on the 2024 Ford F600 - \$15,750 that was tabled from the March meeting.

There was some concern that when we finally receive the 2024 Ford F-600, this vehicle that was ordered 2 ½ - 3 years ago, it will be 3 years old. Daren Evans indicated that the warranty begins when we take possession of the vehicle.

Trustee Lamont asked if perhaps our Village attorney could get things moving on this vehicle. Mayor Gearhart will make contact with our attorney to see if he may be some assistance with this matter.

The board seemed to be concerned with the price of \$15,750 for what savings would be seen for what we could use the wing for plowing village streets. Daren Evans indicated there was 8.35 miles of village streets, of which 4.75 miles had no sidewalks and we could benefit from the wing on the plow truck. Daren indicated there would be a 5 foot wider pass. The wing could be removed when not in use.

Discussion with Daren Evans regarding Street Department concerns – Daren Evans gave a list of proposed Spring / Summer 2026 work list for the Street Department to the board members.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to close the public hearing for LL #4 of 2026 – "No Parking Any Time". Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and public hearing closed at 6:57 pm.

LL #5 of 2026 – "Signs and Billboards"

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to open public hearing for LL #5 of 2026 – "Signs and Billboards". Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and public hearing opened at 6:59 pm.

LL #5 of 2026 - there were no questions from the public relating to the public hearing.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to close the public hearing for LL #5 of 2026 – "Signs and Billboards". Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and public hearing closed at 7:24 pm.

LL#6 of 2026 – "Parking in Village Parking Lots"

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to open public hearing for LL #6 of 2026 – “Parking in Village Parking Lots”. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and public hearing opened at 7:24 pm.

LL #6 of 2026 - there were no questions from the public relating to the public hearing.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to close the public hearing for LL #6 of 2026 – “Parking in Village Parking Lots”. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and public hearing closed at 7:45 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve LL#2 of 2026 “Low Impact Business (LIB) Overlay Zone” for filing with NYS Department of State. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Roll Call Vote Trustee Jeremy Fitch – YES, Trustee Ian Lamont – YES, Trustee Barbara Sturdevant – YES, Trustee Janet Tweed – YES, Mayor Jeffrey Gearhart – YES. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve LL#3 of 2026 “Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Overlay Zone” for filing with NYS Department of State. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Roll Call Vote Trustee Jeremy Fitch – YES, Trustee Ian Lamont – YES, Trustee Barbara Sturdevant – YES, Trustee Janet Tweed – YES, Mayor Jeffrey Gearhart – YES. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve LL#4 of 2026 “No Parking Any Time” for filing with NYS Department of State. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Roll Call Vote Trustee Jeremy Fitch – YES, Trustee Ian Lamont – YES, Trustee Barbara Sturdevant – YES, Trustee Janet Tweed – YES, Mayor Jeffrey Gearhart – YES. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve LL#5 of 2026 “Signs and Billboards” for filing with NYS Department of State. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Roll Call Vote Trustee Jeremy Fitch – YES, Trustee Ian Lamont – YES, Trustee Barbara Sturdevant – YES, Trustee Janet Tweed – YES, Mayor Jeffrey Gearhart – YES. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve LL#6 of 2026 “Parking in Village Parking Lots” for filing with NYS Department of State. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont. Roll Call Vote Trustee Jeremy Fitch – YES, Trustee Ian Lamont – YES, Trustee Barbara Sturdevant – YES, Trustee Janet Tweed – YES, Mayor Jeffrey Gearhart – YES. Motion passed.

Bill Brown – Delaware Engineering – project updates – Bill Brown indicated he had nothing formal to ask of the board tonight. He is continuing paperwork for the water project for funding with NYS EFC – bidding should be in late 2026, work to be done in 2027. Bill also mentioned the WWTP procurement would require us to place an ad, which he emailed to the village today.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 regular meeting and Organizational meeting of April 6, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #011 dated April 21, 2026 in the amount of \$202,755.35 with addition of Nathaniel Battany invoice #INV0385 for \$325 from General for a grand total of \$203,080.35 (General fund \$39,690.54, Water fund \$21,120.93, Sewer fund \$117,636.64, Joint Activities fund \$8.40 and Trust and Agency fund \$24,623.84). Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to accept the Police Report dated March 2026, Street Report dated April 2026, Water Report dated 4/16/2026, Sewer Report dated April 15, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 3/11/2026 – 4/14/2026, Treasurer’s Report for March 2026, Clerk Report dated

April 21, 2026 and Historian Report dated April 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Fitch indicated the radio is here for the new truck and ready to be installed. The K-9 vehicle is available for patrol use. Once all the equipment is situated in the vehicles, 2022 Durango, #...6594 will be placed on the auction site.

There was some discussion regarding speeding on Delaware Avenue and of placing flashing lights on stop signs – Trustee Fitch will talk to Chief about this. Trustee Fitch indicated there was a large gathering at Hoyt Park and they were very well behaved.

There was some talk about when the lights at Hoyt Park should be off. The board determined they felt the lights at Hoyt Park should be off at 10:00 pm.

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

FYI – we received letter dated 4/8/2026 from NYC Environmental Protection that they have reviewed and approved our 2027 O & M Budget.

Upstate Generator & Power LLC – Water – proposal for generator service dated 4/7/2026 – discussion / approval

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve proposal from Upstate Generator & Power LLC dated 4/7/2026 in the amount of \$1,956. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart indicated he had a meeting recently with Rural Water – he is working on getting together a committee of stakeholders – one item of issue is to prohibit wells of any type in the Village. The stakeholder meeting will be 5/12/2026 at 10:30 AM.

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

There was some talk regarding our project in Steele Brook that has been ready to move forward with – Soil and Water needs a project manager to move ahead with our project. Trustee Tweed will reach out to Soil & Water to see what we can do to advance the Steele Brook project with Soil and Water.

Trustee Tweed indicated the Little Free library is going well. There is talk of doing a separate smaller library for kids.

There was further discussion on the bandstand – Mayor Gearhart indicated that he would talk to Joe Cantwell and figure out what work needs to be done and authorize it so that it is able to be done before Memorial Day.

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

Mayor Gearhart indicated that Josh has continued to monitor Bishop Building on Main Street – there is nothing structural and nothing further we can require Bishop to do as the building is currently not occupied.

Mayor Gearhart also spoke to the board regarding a property on Merdith Street that the Code Enforcement Officer has cited many times for violations and wanted to know if they were okay with Code Enforcement proceeding through court as the situation doesn't seem to ever get completely remedied. The board indicated that Code Enforcement should move ahead and Mayor Gearhart will have that conversation with Josh.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that the Bramley building at 72 Main Street has been sold. He also indicated that **Bloom** in the 2nd level of Good Cheap Food has been inspected and almost ready to open.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

Fuel Bids – open – bids were due back to Village by 3/31/2026 at 4:00 PM –

Bids were opened by Mayor Gearhart and results were as follows:

#1 heating oil – Buell Fuel LLC - \$3.5260 per gallon

#2 kerosene – Buell Fuel LLC - \$4.0475 per gallon

#3 propane – Buell Fuel LLC / Center State Propane CNY - \$1.5575 per gallon

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to accept Buell bids of \$3.5260 per gallon for heating oil, \$4.0475 per gallon for kerosene and \$1.5575 per gallon for propane. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Delinquent Taxes – as of 3/31/2026 – listing to Board – listing of 23 taxes due to the Village total (including current penalties) \$27,003.43 was given to the board. There is no action to be taken at this time.

FYI – advertised for bids for nuisance lawns – bids due back by 5/11/2026 at noon –

There was discussion that we need a written quote from N & M to continue to do mowing in our parks.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversified Technology – Diversified program has been loaded to the village computers – final tweaks are being made to do 1st billing on the new water/sewer billing software for all customer on 5/1/2025 with pro-rated bills going to customer who received their bills less than 3 months ago then all customers will be on a quarterly basis thereafter.

Climate Smart Communities – Trustee Tweed indicated there is no update for now – we are waiting for updates from Kristina Zill.

NEW BUSINESS

Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy Requirement for New York State Contract Bidders – Revised Policy – this item was tabled until the 5/19/2026 meeting and Mayor Gearhart will reach out to village attorney to see if this applies to us.

NYS DOT – Resolution #2 of 2026 –

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Resolution #2 of 2026, which reads “unanimously authorize Mayor Gearhart to execute any and all agreements with the New York State Department

of Transportation regarding the State's construction project – issuance of Highway Work Permits.” Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Manual read meters – billing CAP fees – there was discussion of whether we should be billing Sewer Only account for CAP fee. This item is tabled to the May 19, 2026 meeting.

Raegan Reed – request for funding to clean up Sheldon Park gardens prior to dedication – after some conversation the board decided that Daren Evans is working on getting dirt, mulch and gravel for the garden beds and felt that was adequate contribution with the late notice and no specific details of what is needed and the cost at this time. The board indicated with advance notice and details they might be willing to assist financially in the next stage.

The board also felt that there is a need for someone to oversee the gardens as Amy Randall had done previously. There was mention that someone could write an article for our website or Facebook to try to solicit someone to coordinate the garden beds and volunteers. It was felt that likely many residents do not even know there are garden beds available.

The board discussed how people felt about the purchase of the wing plow for the 2024 Ford F-600.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to not purchase the wing plow for the 2024 Ford F-600. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch. Trustee Sturdevant abstained from the vote as did Mayor Gearhart. Motion passed.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors – last meeting 4/9/2026 – next meeting 5/14/2026

Mayor Gearhart indicated that Ray Baker, John Hubbell and himself attended the recent Finance Committee meeting to discuss the sharing of sales tax. Glenn Faulkner is the new head of this committee. It seems like things are at least moving ahead.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to enter executive session for purpose of pending or current litigation and the Teamster contract negotiation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and executive session started at 9:44 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to exit executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and the board went back to open session at 10:12 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee

Lamont and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer