

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, May 19, 2026** 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, Ian Lamont, Barbara Sturdevant and Janet Tweed

Guests: Lillian Browne, The Report, John Maxwell, Yuskei Murayama and Bill Brown

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Yuskei Murayama – 1 Cherry Hill – Village Easements – Yuskei was present asking the Village Board to review our easement on his property as the road easement limits opportunity for development.

Yuskei asked the Village Board if our easement could be abandoned. Trustee Lamont indicated to him it would likely be a surrender of the easement. Yuskei was going to email the survey map to Mayor Gearhart and he would share with the rest of the board for them to research what could be done to help Yuskei.

Mayor Gearhart opened the RFQ #1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – only RFQ was from Delaware Engineering and Lamont Engineering.

Bill Brown indicated that next step would be for the board to select an engineer to be reported back to NYS EFC. This requirement was made to comply with NYS EFC in conjunction with the grant awarded by them in the amount of \$50,000 which has a local match of \$10,000, which could be paid by Delaware County IDA.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the RFQ #1 “Statement of Qualifications – Professional Services – Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements” from Delaware Engineering and Lamont Engineers. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown – Delaware Engineering – project updates – reported that they are continuing with paperwork for the NYS EFC funding for the next water project and the lead service line project.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve Abstract #012 dated May 19, 2026 in the amount of \$136,074.56 (General fund \$37,286.97, Water fund \$18,702.74, Sewer fund \$55,688.73, Joint Activities fund \$8.40 and Trust and Agency fund \$24,387.72). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 4/22/2026, Police Report dated April 2026, Street Report dated May 2026, Water Report dated 5/15/2026, Sewer Report dated May 12, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 4/15/2026 – 5/13/2026, Treasurer’s Report for April 2026, Clerk Report dated May 19, 2026 and Historian Report dated May 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Parking Reg's need revision – (Mike's list) – How to approach?

Trustee Sturdevant indicated that she shared Village Code §276 – Vehicles and Traffic – this version has been updated with input from Chief Mills (shared drive – Code Revisions) – we will need a public hearing once this has been discussed further by the Village Board, SEQR will need to be complete, schedule a separate meeting for further discussion with the Village Board (Chief Mills should be in attendance for his input).

Village Board authorized the Clerk's office to advertise for a Parking Study Workshop to be held 6/17/2026 at 6:00 PM at Village Hall.

Police Chief salary FY 2026 – 2027 – budget was calculated using \$43.08/hr rate for Chief.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve raise for Chief Michael Mills to \$43.08/hr. effective 6/1/2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch indicated that the new truck is slowly coming together – it currently lacks the computer. Once equipment transfer is done, the 2022 Durango, VIN #...6894 will be placed on the auction site.

There was some discussion about parades in the Village of Delhi. Applicants need to make request and do paperwork earlier to allow time for approval before their event. It was discussed that Mayor Gearhart will pull together a packet of information to distribute to past parade sponsors.

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

LaFever Excavating, Inc. – proposal dated 4/21/2026 for construction of retaining wall - \$29,950

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve proposal from LaFever Excavating in the amount of \$29,950 for construction of retaining wall. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously. Note this should be paid under Building R&M (G8110.420)

Turnkey Control Solutions – quote ref: QFM43-26-2672 - \$3,957 – turbidimeter –

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Turnkey Control Solutions quote ref: QFM43-26-2672 in the amount of \$3,957 for the turbidimeter. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

N & M Property Maintenance Parks Mowing Estimate –

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve N & M Property quote as follows:

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	TOTAL
Hoyt Park: weekly mowing and trimming in needed Areas, pick up trash as needed. Price per time	1	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Bridgewater Park: weekly mowing and trimming as Needed are. Price per time	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Reservoir Park: weekly mowing and trimming in Needed areas. Price per time	1	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Hourly Rate for brushhog and operator	1	\$120.00	\$120.00
Spring Clean up at all three parks, clean, winter debris/ Trash. Price per one time service in the Spring	1	\$400.00	\$400.00

Mowing/Trimming Walkway: as needed	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Sheldon Park: weekly mowing and trimming in needed areas. Price per time	1	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00

Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Request from American Legion for Memorial Day Parade – approval to hold their Memorial Day Parade 5/25/2026 with police coverage to assist with their event.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the American Legion request for a Memorial Day Parade 5/25/2026 with police coverage to assist with their event. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

American 250: Delaware County Celebration

Motion was made to approve Trustee Tweed to approve Delaware County request for America 250: Delaware County Celebration Parade 8/2/2026 along with permission to utilize and close Main Street and police assistance for traffic control at the intersections along the parade route. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

FYI – Application for Display Fireworks Permit – paperwork is all set for fireworks on 7/3/2026 with a rain date of 7/10/2026.

Trustee Fitch indicated that we generally make a donation to the Fire Department when they clean the sidewalks in the village. We will also pay the Delhi Fire Dept. \$100 donation for their assistance with the fireworks in July.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to send a donation of \$200 to Delhi Fire Department (\$100 for cleaning village sidewalks & \$100 for fireworks). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve fireworks 7/3/2026 at a cost of \$10,125. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to appoint the following recreation directors:

Eileen Kline – Tennis Director

Savannah Wake – Volleyball Director

Laura Gioffe & Sharon Reichert-Morgan – Co Directors for Little League

Alyssa Gioffe - Director for Basketball.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant advised she has invited Soil & Water to our board meeting 6/16/2026 and we should invite Simon and Dan from the Town Board to join us for this.

Mayor Gearhart and Trustee Tweed spoke of the recent meeting with Rural Water.

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

Mayor Gearhart indicated that Bishop has only 1 contractor that will work with him. We are going to need to take him back to court.

Department of Planning – Mayor Gearhart dropped the letter from Nicholas Carbone dated 4/28/2026 that was send to Watershed Town Supervisor or Village Mayor.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

FYI – Water Project – Debt Repayment for 2025 – 2026

After much discussion, the board determined that transfers from CAP repayment made during 25/26 fiscal year would be applied to the water debt, leaving a balance of \$1,840.60 that will be transferred from CAP to Water fund to finish repaying the water debt for 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve raises for non-union employees for fiscal year 2026 – 2027 as follows:

Clerk - \$26.49/hr

Treasurer - \$31.04/hr

Code Enforcement Officer - \$34,000/year

Recreation Director - \$3,000/yr.

PT Police - \$25.00/hr.

Crossing Guards - \$21.75/hr.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to pay \$10,000 to the Town of Delhi toward our portion of the Joint Comprehensive Plan, of the ARPA funds that will be returned from Stephen Crews in the amount of \$24,380 that we gave as a downpayment for painting Village Hall. The balance of \$14,380 of the ARPA funds will go toward the Diversified Water/Sewer software. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant also noted that we would be applying again for the CWC grant.

Trustee Lamont left the meeting at 9:22 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversified Technology – update – we have issued bills on all water / sewer accounts on 5/1/2026 to bill customers through 4/30/2026. We are working out a few glitches in the system with Diversified but the customers seem to like the new billing software. The next quarterly billing will be 8/1/2026.

Climate Smart Communities – no report

CAP penalty? Do we or don't we charge?

After some discussion, the board determined we will not charge penalty on CAP charges but might review again at a later date.

CAP charges for those who do not use village water –

After some discussion, the board decided we would not charge CAP charges on Sewer only accounts at this time as we need to determine if they have access to water.

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. This item was tabled to the 6/19/2026 meeting as it was felt that Trustee Lamont should be part of this discussion.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that our Marianne Greenfield, our village historian, would like world access ancestry and to split the cost between the town and village.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to pay for ½ cost of world access ancestry, if Town of Delhi also agrees to pay ½. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Marianne would like permission to apply for grant –

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to allow Marianne Greenfield, Village Historian, to apply for grant funding on behalf of the Village of Delhi. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Raegan Reed – request for dedication of Gardens – “Delhi Community Gardens in Memory of Jessica Raber – after some discussion, the board felt they are dedicating the bench in Memory of Jessica Raber – they were not willing to do more at this time.

Request from The Buena Vista for relief of water / sewer bill – Village Board took no action on this item as there is no relief available under our policy.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors – Mayor Gearhart indicated that the 5/14/2026 meeting was rescheduled – next meeting is 6/11/2026.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that a group of the Mayors attended the 5/27/2026 Finance Committee meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer