

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, June 16, 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: Bill Brown, Jess Hamilton, Matt Krzyston, Jeff Russell, Randy Shepard; The Reporter and Don Statham

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Jeff Russell from Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District reported on the Price Chopper burn. Jeff reported a letter regarding LFA grant funding through soil and water and DEP was received for the burn on the Price Chopper property. Half of the survey has been completed. RFQ will be needed. Project will not be implemented this year; design is included but not the construction. A model of the project will need to be done. Jeff gave the Board the Local Flood Analysis Flood Engineering Analysis Report.

Don Statham and Jess Hamilton from the Tree Committee reported on the proposed plan for South Main Street (SUNY Ball fields to Elm Street). They are proposing planting 35 trees and 100 shrubs. Pricing through local nursery is approximately \$500 per tree and \$40 to \$50 per shrub. They reported the best time to plant would be in the fall. Don and Jess reported they are planning on doing fund-raising. Board discussed funding options. Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve funding up to \$15,000 (\$2,000 from Helfgott donation money and \$13,000 from Timber Sales money). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed, board voted 2-yes and 3-no, motion not passed. Board discussed further funding options. Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve funding up to \$20,000 (\$2,000 from Helfgott donation money and \$18,000 from Timber Sales money). Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch, and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown reported project updates – Bill submitted a preliminary engineering report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to evaluate the existing wastewater treatment system and identify required upgrades. Delaware Engineering and Lamont Engineering will be jointly working together on the project. He discussed the Engineering grant through EFC and submitted the agreement between the Village of Delhi and EFC for grant funding. Bill stated the SPDES permit is still in progress.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the minutes, with corrections made by Trustee Sturdevant, of the May 19, 2026 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #013 dated June 16, 2026 in the amount of \$125,764.59 (General fund \$34,352.95, Water fund \$12,785.61, Sewer fund \$54,216.41, Joint Activity fund \$8.40 and Trust & Agency fund \$24,401.22). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve Abstract #001 dated June 16, 2026 in the amount of \$127,962.88 (General fund \$95,978.10, Water fund \$1,998.86, Sewer fund \$28,160.92 and Joint Activity fund \$1,825.00). Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Police Report dated May 2026, Street Report dated June 2026, Water Report dated 6/16/2026, Sewer Report dated June 9, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 5/14/2026 – 6/10/2026, Treasurers report dated May 2026, Clerk Report dated June 16, 2026 and Historian Report dated June 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the **Police Committee**

Trustee Sturdevant reported there will be a Parking Study Workshop Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Village of Delhi's parking regulations and asked the board to submit any recommendations before the meeting. Handicapped spaces will also be discussed at the Parking Study Workshop.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to raise the rate from \$40 per hour to \$41 per hour for the Delaware County contract for Village of Delhi Police security for DSS. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Board discussed possibly using flashing stop signs. There are retrofit kits, not sure about pricing. Mayor Gearhart would have Daren Evans look into cost of retrofit kits and possible intersections to use them. Discussion was tabled.

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

Trustee Lamont discussed the bench in Triangle Park, the bench is falling apart. Board suggested contacting Nathaniel Bathany for a quote to replace the wood and possibly repaint the metal. Pam will contact Nathaniel Bathany. Discussion was tabled.

Mayor Gearhart reported a letter was received about the Village's entrances signs. Dave Covell had previously submitted some design ideas. Mayor Gearhart will contact Dave Covell and Deb Fleming to discuss designs and pricing. Discussion was tabled.

Mayor Gearhart reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant's retaining wall work has been completed.

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

Trustee Sturdevant attended an open meeting for a Joint Comprehensive Plan and was part of the infrastructure section. She is looking for any input from the Board.

Trustee Sturdevant stated there will be a meeting on June 24, 2026 to discuss the DRI grant.

Mayor Gearhart stated he would be meeting with Town of Delhi Supervisor, Maya Boukai, on June 24, 2026 to discuss proposed locations for a joint Village/Town Hall building. There is possibly grant funding available.

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

Mayor Gearhart stated that Josh Morgan has requested the Board review and update the Village's Chapter 211 Peddling and Soliciting code. Josh feels this code is outdated and should be revised. If the Board does decide to revise Chapter 211, there should be a restriction between Church Street and Kingston Street. The Board discussed the Chapter 211 code and a few other Village Code Enforcement codes. Mayor Gearhart stated it does seem that a lot of the Village's codes are outdated. Many other local governments have also noticed their codes are also outdated. Mayor Gearhart will contact Courtney at Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP to discuss Village code updates. He will also research if there are any companies that would review Village codes and submit recommendations. Discussion was tabled.

Bishop building – update – Mayor Gearhart stated that Josh Morgan met with Peak Engineering, hired by Donald Bishop to address the ongoing building violations at 56 Main Street. Josh will be issuing 30-day extension for the Order to Remedy notice dated May 12, 2026.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

Trustee Sturdevant reported the Village has decided not to move forward with the CWC grant.

Mayor Gearhart reported the Village has renewed the Delaware National Bank of Delhi CDs for another 90 days.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversified Technology Update – Pam reported the switch from the old water/sewer billing system to the new water/sewer billing system has been completed. There has been positive feedback regarding the new Citizen Action Center online portal. Adding Village property tax bills to the Citizen Action Center is still in progress.

Climate Smart Communities – Mayor Gearhart reported he had a meeting with Kristina Zill from NYSERDA and discussed the EV charging stations. The Village will host NYSERDA electronics workshops.

Delaware Avenue Runoff – Trustee Lamont stated he forwarded an email to the Board that included videos. After discussion, the Board decided they needed to look into it before responding. Trustee Lamont will contact the Village's attorney and the Village's insurance company to see if this is the Village's responsibility.

Village Email Addresses – The Board discussed changing Village email addresses from .com to .gov. Pam stated we would be able to make the change within the Village's Google Workspace. There may be a one-time fee to add the domain name to the Google Workspace. The Village has already changed their website to .gov that was mandatory, changing email addresses is not mandatory but to avoid confusion NYCOM does suggest changing the email addresses. The Board decided the email addresses should be changed and instructed Pam to make the changes within the Village's Google Workspace account as soon as she is able to. Email addresses will be changed to @villageofdelhiny.gov.

NEW BUSINESS

Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy Requirement for New York State Contract Bidders - Revised Policy – Trustee Lamont would like to review the policy and possibly revise it. He requests 2 months to review the policy. Mayor Gearhart stated the Board will vote on the policy at the August 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Moratorium on Battery Storage Units – Mayor Gearhart reported there was a company investigating possible putting a battery storage unit at O'Connor Hospital as a backup generator. Josh Morgan wants the Village to pass a moratorium. Mayor Gearhart stated the Town of Delhi has already passed a moratorium on battery storage units. He will check with the Town of Delhi on what they passed. Discussion was tabled.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors last meeting was 6/11/2026. Mayor Gearhart reported they had a second finance meeting with the County. The County is open to ideas of generating new revenue to share with Delaware County municipalities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to enter executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations and employment history of a particular employee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and executive session started at 9:18 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 9:55 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ferguson
Village Clerk