

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, July 21, 2026** at 6:00 pm at Village Hall.

The meeting started at 6:14 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Gearhart

Trustees: Jeremy Fitch, Ian Lamont, Barbara Sturdevant and Janet Tweed

Guests: Bill Brown and Randy Shepard; The Reporter

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – there was no one present looking for privilege of the floor.

Bill Brown reported project updates –

Bill Brown reported that they are proceeding with the WWTP paperwork with NYS EFC. Bill also reported that DEC permit is moving forward. The paperwork for the Water Project is proceeding and surveyors will be out. Financing for the Water Project will likely be in the Fall 2026 for \$6.5 million with 70% of this funding covered under the grant and 30% of the funding will be village or matching funds.

There was also some discussion regarding DEC regulations relating to landfills and PFAs.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Abstract #002 dated July 21, 2026 in the amount of \$301,375.47 with the addition of City of Oneonta invoice dated 7/20/26 for \$100 (Water fund) for a total of \$301,475.47 (General fund \$162,261.96, Water fund \$24,852.98, Sewer fund \$64,122.25, Joint Activity fund \$2,084.52 and Trust & Agency fund \$48,153.76). Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the Police Report dated June 2026, Street Report dated July 2026, Water Report dated 7/16/2026, Sewer Report dated July 14, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 6/11/2026 – 7/14/2026, Clerk Report dated July 21, 2026 and Historian Report dated July 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Trustee Fitch reported for the **Police Committee**

Trustee Fitch indicated there is no report. Trustee Fitch indicated the police are working on swapping out the equipment in the 2 Durangos. Chief Mills is currently having an issue with his computer in the unmarked black Durango. Trustee Fitch indicated that the committee had a meeting on the law changes.

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

Bench in Triangle Park – Mayor Gearhart indicated that James Noviello from Bagels 'n Cream will fix or replace the bench in Triangle Park.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that Noviello is also interested in taking over the strip of land (Elm Street spur). Mayor will work out details with Noviello and our Village attorney.

Village Signs – met with David Covell – Mayor Gearhart received a proposal from David Covell for 6 village signs for a total estimate of \$21,320.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to move forward with village signs at a cost of \$22,000 with funding coming from timber fund money as well as grant funding from local sources. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Constellation Contract Extension – Mayor Gearhart indicated this agreement expires in September or October 2026 – Street garage @ WWTP, PD range, EV charging stations @ Hoyt Park, Delaware Avenue well and Sheldon Park are not currently included in this agreement.

Ti-Sales – Jay Request – obtained a quote #QTE089729 from Ti-Sales for \$5,280 for fire hydrant leak detection.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve quote of \$5,280 from Ti-Sales for fire hydrant leak detection at a cost of \$5,280. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont for the purpose of discussion. The board felt they wanted to have Jay come to the August board meeting to answer questions they might have before they give approval.

Report on Water Source Protection Meeting – Trustee Tweed indicated they met last month (June) – they have scheduled to meet again next month (August). They are meeting with NYS Rural Water, Jay Decker, with DWSP2 along with a group of stakeholders. They are looking to identify potential threats to the aquifer, ways to protect the aquifer and get a vision in place.

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

Trustee Sturdevant indicated there is no report this month.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that the Village of Delhi has assisted Town of Delhi with chemicals for the pool, when their order was delayed, to keep the pool open. We have also helped get the kiddie pool back up and running with piping we had on-hand to make the repairs.

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

General Code – Proposal for Codification Services – discussion was had regarding the \$13,500 quote we had from General Codes as to whether it was all inclusive or if there would be additional expenses. The board decided to table this item until the August board meeting and Mayor Gearhart will check further whether \$13,500 is all inclusive.

Code Moratorium for Well Drilling – discussion was had by Mayor Gearhart and Trustee Lamont that we need a code change to prohibit well drilling in the Village – Courtney Heinel from Roemer provided wording for the code change. The board decided to table this item until August board meeting – we will get wording for Courtney Heinel, schedule a public hearing, do SEQRA and final adoption.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

NYCLASS long term investments – Mayor Gearhart discussed with the board that NYCLASS has a longer term investment option available.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant directing the Treasurer to move \$600,000 from NYCLASS short term to long-term funding for 183 days. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

EFPR Draft Financial 5/31/2024 – board approval –

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve EFPR draft financial for 5/31/2024. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Summer Recreation – Outstanding Invoices – 5 invoices totaling \$870.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to write off these 5 invoices totaling \$870. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

FYI – Interest earned on 91-day CDs – Noted that money earned \$128.38 in the Delaware National Bank accounts during the month of February 2026. The money was placed into 91-day CDs and earned \$4,454.53 during those 91 days.

Budget Modifications 25 / 26 fiscal years –

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to accept the budget modifications for 25/26 fiscal year (per report dated 7/9/2026) totaling \$332,509.25. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversified Technology Update – nothing really new – we will be billing the next quarterly water / sewer bills on 8/3/2026.

Climate Smart Communities – Mayor Gearhart indicated KZ had been in discussion with him – she has invited Supervisors, etc. from other local communities to see demos of Village of Delhi's electric equipment. at 10:30 / 11:00 AM on Friday (7/24/2026) at the Street garage with a barbeque to follow at Village Hall.

Delaware Avenue Runoff – tabled from June meeting – there was discussion of the water runoff but it is unclear whether there was an issue before the property owner put in a driveway. This is tabled to the August meeting to be discussed further.

Trustee Fitch wanted to thank Detective Tiffany Croizer and Police Officer Logan Wood for their help cleaning drains after the heavy rain Saturday (7/18/2026) in the village.

Special Events Procedure – this was tabled to the August board meeting.

Flashing Stop Signs – Trustee Fitch indicated that item can be removed from the agenda as Chief Mills indicated these would not be effective in the village.

Report on meeting with DRI team – Trustee Sturdevant indicated they had a meeting with Mary Bonderoff, Jeff Gearhart, Maya Boukai – we are going to submit again for the DRI grant – we need a “big thing” / project to include in our submission.

FYI - Police Dept. – Update Policies to the board for: Administration; Badges, Patches and Identification; CJIS Access, Maintenance, and Security; Discriminatory Harassment; Personal Communication Devices; Property Room; Sexual Assault Investigations; and Uniforms and Civilian Attire.

Mayor Gearhart spoke of the Water Main Break that occurred Sunday in the village – water tank was down to 11 ft – it is usually 42 ft – Boil Water Advisory was issued on IPAWS – 362,000 gallons of water went down and through Prospect Street, causing a good deal of damage. Cobleskill had 2 people come in to give us a quote of \$75,000 - \$80,000. The board felt the Mayor should declare an emergency and contact Earl about repairs to be sure to comply with our procurement policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy Requirement for New York State Contract Bidders
- Revised Policy – tabled to August meeting

Moratorium on Battery Storage Units – Resolution #3 of 2026 – was introduced and reads as follows:

“RESOLUTION #3 of 2026 - VILLAGE OF DELHI - COUNTY OF DELAWARE - RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AFFECTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DELHI ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW AFFECTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DELHI ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS” was introduced at a meeting of the Village of Delhi Board of Trustees on July 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held by the Village of Delhi Board of Trustees with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid proposed Local Law on August 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter may be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

Roll call as follows:	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mayor Gearhart	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Fitch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Lamont	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Sturdevant	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Tweed	<u>X</u>	_____	_____“

SEQRA – Resolution #3 of 2026 – Temporary Moratorium on Battery Storage
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 2 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 Lamont to classify the action as a Type 2 action, designate the Village as the Lead Agency, declare a negative declaration and authorize Mayor Gearhart to sign the SEQRA form. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Clerk’s office will advertise for public hearing 8/18/2026 at 6:00 PM.

Update Vendor Codes – tabled from June meeting – tabled to August meeting

Emergency Open Meeting Authorization – Video Conferencing (Public Officers Law 103-2) –
Motion was made by Trustee Fitch to approve Emergency Open Meeting Authorization – Video Conferencing (Public Officers Law 103-a. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Request from John Petschauer to waive tax penalties – after some discussion by the Village Board it was felt we would waive the penalty on the tax payment as the taxpayer indicated they mailed the payment on 6/22/2026 and there is no postmark at all by the post office.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to waive penalty on tax payment from John Petschauer. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Request from Bruce Burr for relief of Sewer on Water / Sewer bill – filled pool – Bruce sent an email – meter reading before pool fill – 0158001.61 and after pool fill – 0163052.67. He used 5,051 gallons to fill his pool.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to give credit to Sewer for 5,051 gallons for the pool fill @ 27 Crestwood Drive. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

Request from Michael Tweed for Boy Scouts to camp in Reservoir Park

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to allow scout troop to use Reservoir Park and would waive the fee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fitch and passed unanimously.

IDA Public Meeting on Clark Property – Phoebe Lane – Mayor Gearhart indicated this is FYI – IDA is looking for a PILOT for the apartments – the agreement was amended to give the Village full tax in a shorter period of time.

Mayor's Report

Delaware County Council of Mayors – last meeting 7/9/2026 – next meeting 8/13/2026 – Mayor Gearhart indicated the Delaware County Council of Mayors is going to give the Board of Supervisors one more change – then they plan to go public as they have been very patient thus far.

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 Tweed and executive session started at 9:10 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 9:23pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer