

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Delhi was held **Tuesday, August 18, 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: Ian Lamont, Barbara Sturdevant and Janet Tweed

Absent: Trustee Jeremy Fitch

Guests: Nancy Hughes, Josephine Monaco, John Whitney, Don Statham, Matt Krzyston, Marianne Greenfield and Lillian Browne, The Reporter

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Don Statham presented a “Mission Statement” along with a draft local law for the Tree Committee.

After some discussion, the board felt the “Mission Statement” was fine but we already had village codes that addressed the issues in the draft local law that Don Statham presented.

David Covell came before the village board with some of his ideas for signs in the Village along with branding – Delhi “Garden Spot of the Catskills”. David will share his presentation with Mayor Gearhart and is looking for additional feedback from the board to continue forward next month.

Nancy Hughes was present at the meeting and was wondering when the work would be done on Prospect Street. Mayor Gearhart indicated that Cobleskill had been to the village but they are reluctant to put their equipment on the street to make the repairs.

John Whitney and Josephine Monaco were present to follow up on the run-off on Delaware Avenue. Mayor Gearhart indicated that he and Daren Evans need to find time to get to Delaware Avenue to see where the water is coming from. Mayor Gearhart also indicated that water on Delaware Avenue has been an issue for a very long time now.

Marianne Greenfield reported to the board that she withdrew her previous grant submission. She would like to pursue 2 Pomeroy grants.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the Village Historian to proceed with both grant submissions. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Bill Brown reported project updates – Bill Brown was not present tonight – he had nothing he needs from the Village of Delhi this month. We will be looking to bid the Water Project in early 2027. Bill has also received some questions regarding the SPDES permit, so hopefully that means that is proceeding along.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve Abstract #003 dated August 18, 2026 in the amount of \$149,159.53 (General fund \$48,906.42, Water fund \$21,331.46, Sewer fund \$67,784.90, Joint Activity fund \$10,247.51 and Trust & Agency fund \$889.24). Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to accept the Bingo Inspection Report dated 7/22/2026, Police Report dated July 2026, Street Report dated August 2026, Water Report dated 8/14/2026, Sewer

Report dated August 10, 2026, Code Enforcement Report 7/15/2026 – 8/11/2026, Treasurers Reports for May 2026 final, June 2026 and July 2026, Clerk Report dated August 18, 2026 and Historian Report dated August 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Trustee Tweed reported for the **Police Committee**

Parking Reg's need revision – (Mike's list) How to approach? The board felt this might be updated with the General Code revisions to be approved.

FYI – Updated Policies were given to the Board for: Automated-License-Plate-Readers (ALPRs), Badges-Patches and Identification, Hate-Crimes, Immigration-Violations, Medical-Aid-and-Response, Medical-Cannabis, Personal-Protective-Equipment, Temporary-Custody-of-Adults, Victim-and-Witness-Assistance, and Wellness-Program.

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

Handicapped space – tabled from June meeting – nothing new to report at this time.

Constellation Contract Extension – tabled from July meeting –

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve the Constellation Contract Extension. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed. After some discussion, this item will be tabled to the September meeting as the board wanted to see the contract and terms before they vote on this.

Ti-Sales – Quote #QTE089729 from Ti-Sales - fire hydrant leak detection – tabled from July meeting

Jay was not at our board meeting but he indicated to Mayor Gearhart that vandalism is not a problem and the equipment would be helpful for him to have.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve purchase of fire hydrant leak detection from Ti-Sales at a cost of \$5,280. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

Report on Water Source Protection Meeting – Mayor Gearhart indicated the group went through the Mission Statement at the last meeting – Department of Health and Rural Water are part of this group. Part of the issue is the our aquifer is so large and goes beyond our village boundaries. There will be another meeting next week.

FYI - Henry Post has gotten his CDL

We received a request from Nash Ruchar to buy back 40 hours of vacation time from him.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve payment to Nash Ruchar in May 2027 for his 40 hours of vacation time. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

We received a request from Dave Curley at 2 Crestwood Drive for relief of sewer / water for a leak in pipe under a cement floor.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve relief of sewer / water for Curley @ 2 Crestwood Drive upon approval of his calculation by Water Superintendent Jay Decker. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sturdevant and passed unanimously.

We received a request from William Buel Estate for 269 Main Street. Mary Jane explained that William was taken from his home 4/27/26 to O'Connor Hospital and then to Albany Medical Center where he passed away 7/17/2026. The billing period was 5/1/2026 – 7/31/2026.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to amend 8/3/2026 billing for 269 Main Street to \$4.48 minimum for Sewer. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant to approve Volleyball Report, Basketball Report and Little League Report. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Mayor Gearhart indicated that he has had conversation with Maya Boukai about expanding the recreation programs under shared services – conversation will continue.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that Town of Delhi will help with Prospect Street, if their time allows.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that he is working with Hawley to obtain an abstract for the Sheldon property. We would then look for a legislator to handle with State Law relating to park property.

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

General Code – Proposal for Codification Services –\$13,500 – tabled from July meeting – Mayor Gearhart indicated that this would likely be a 2-year process to update our codes.

Motion was made by Trustee Tweed to approve the proposal from General Code for Codification Services at a cost of \$13,500. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Code Moratorium for Battery Storage – legal notice was not done in time to do the public hearing at our 8/18/2026 board meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont for the Clerk's office to advertise a public hearing for the Temporary Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems to be 9/15/2026 at 6:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

Trustee Sturdevant reported for the **Finance Committee**

FYI - Mayor Gearhart indicated that NYC DEC has a loan available for us for Propect Street work that needs to be done. The cost of the project is \$60,000 - \$75,000 and that could be spread over 2 fiscal years.

FYI – EV Revenue (A2770.1) for fiscal year 2025/2026 and 1st 2 months of 2026/2027 were dropped for information to the board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Use of Facilities Document – tabled until the September board meeting – Trustee Tweed has an application from Delaware County that she prefers the language in the Courthouse Square User Agreement. She was going to share this document with board members and talk about this next month.

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

Report on meeting with DRI team – Trustee Sturdevant reported that we are going to do a submission again this year – group working on this submission is Glenn Nealis, Bryan Boyer, Mary Bonderoff, Maya Boukai, Peg Ellsworth, Mayor Gearhart and herself.

We have re-certified as a “Pro-Housing Community”. There will be a group meeting on 8/26/2026 and a public hearing 9/9/2026 at 6:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Update Vendor Codes – tabled from June meeting – tabled to August meeting – discussion was had to see if the General Code Codification corrects this section of code and look to update it later, if it is needed.

FYI – Notification of adult-use retail dispensary license renewal was received for Catskill Botanicals LLC dba Bloom Room @ 53 Main Street.

Block Party – Second Street – 9/20/2026 – discussion and approval

Motion was made by Trustee Lamont to approve the block party on Second Street 9/20/2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tweed and passed unanimously.

FYI – 2026 Ballot for Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns – Mayor Gearhart indicated that the ballot is to vote for 3 regular members and 3 alternates – voted for Glen Faulkner – Town of Middletown, Ritchie Gabriel – Town of Andes and Wayland “Bud” Gladstone – Town of Andes for regulars and Jeff Gearhart – Village of Delhi, Deanna Osborn – Town of Roxbury and Will Outsen – Town of Meredith for alternates.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturdevant agreement with the choices on the 2026 Ballot for Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lamont and passed unanimously.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Gearhart indicated that he met with Tara Mason from Delaware Opportunities regarding the Small Cities money that we are holding. Village of Delhi would like to spend this money for first time home buyers but that may not be an option. Mayor received an email from Delaware Opportunities that there is no restriction on where we can spend this money.

Delaware County Council of Mayors – last meeting 8/13/2026 – next meeting 9/10/2026 –

Mayor Gearhart indicated they had a meeting last Thursday (8/3/2026) where they put forward petitions in our villages for signatures regarding the sharing of sales tax. Petitions will be presented to Delaware County.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that he, Ray Baker and John Hubbell have a zoom meeting Friday (8/21/2026) with Glen Faulkner from Middletown.

Mayor Gearhart also indicated that he has spoken with Tyson Robb from Delaware County Solid Waste regarding DEC regulations for treating and getting rid of PFAS.

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 9:11 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 9:41 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cairns
Village Treasurer