

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2025
6:00PM**

Supervisor Boukai called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Those present:

Councilmember's: Margaret Baldwin, Matt Krzyston, Josh Morgan, Christina Viafore

Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

Town Justice Mat Burkert

Residents: Edward Tucker, Jim Smart Cindie Smart

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Boukai.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

Approval of March 10, 2025 Minutes:

Councilmember Baldwin had stated that the word Platner Brook had been misspelled as Planter Brook in two places under Committee Reports, Highway/Machinery. With the corrections Councilmember Baldwin made a motion to accept the above minutes. Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Boukai stated the old business was to discuss further the insurance premiums. She asked the council if they wanted to table changing the property insurance deductible, knowing we have increased the deductible on the other two. Boukai said she was open to leaving it as is, because she thought that it would be a bigger one than any of the other ones. She asked if anyone was opposed to tabling any more discussion about property insurance, potentially, until we know what our premiums are for next year. Councilmembers agreed with Boukai to table the matter.

New Business:

Supervisor Boukai stated Mr. Tucker is here, and we have Mr. Gifford and Mr. Corcoran from our assessor's office here as well to discuss alternative veterans' tax exemption. Mr. Tucker introduced himself I grew up in Andes, and joined the military, been gone for 30-40 years and then moved back and lives in Delhi. He wanted to bring to everyone's attention that he has been speaking with Councilmember Josh Morgan about right now, Delhi offers the eligible funds exemption. And there is another exemption for veterans that would include more veterans, and it's called the alternate veterans exemption. The State authorized this in 1984 and you had to opt out. So, predecessors must have opted out of this long ago. He is just trying to bring it back, because he believes veterans should have a choice, as it would be one or the other. He went on to say everything's in the assessor's manual, and I've looked through that. He stated he already apologized to Joe Gifford, because there's a lot of lingo that's very confusing. He really just is bringing this up to the board, and he thanked Josh and Maya and the board for their time.

Boukai thanked him, and she appreciated him letting the board know, because had you not brought it up to Councilmember Morgan, had Morgan not brought up to her, none of them would have known about it, and she also didn't realize that Delhi is the only town that doesn't do the alternative exemption. She thanked him for bringing it to their attention.

Joe Gifford, Town Assessor, wanted to shed some light on the exemption to help the board make their decision. He had given Boukai information earlier explaining the exemption. He went on to explain the eligible funds exemption reduces the assessed value of the property that a veteran purchases he uses the eligible

funds right now, the limits up to \$7,500 of assessed value in eligible funds includes a veteran's pension, bonus, insurance, compensation, mustering out pay, and it can be used also on vacant property, and not only homes. Delhi is, like Mr. Tucker said, the only remaining town that accepts applications where people can apply because the county also observes eligible funds. So if they apply for eligible funds, they may get eligible funds at the county level, an alternative at the town. They're only allowed one or the other at the town, though. And currently, there's 43 veterans, or veterans' wives, because some veterans have passed, but the wives' are still eligible for the eligible funds after applying the maximum allowed eligible funds of \$7,500 and there are veterans that have less than \$7,500 of eligible funds in the system, the maximum savings is only \$176, but it's something, and it's something to show gratitude, and this is what it was designed for. Currently, the total cost to the town for eligible exemption is only right around \$3,400, it's minimal.

If the taxing jurisdiction offering eligible fund exemption decides at a later date to adopt the alternative exemption, it cannot grant any more eligible funds. Gifford added he had been working for Delhi with Frank Bovee (former assessor) for over 20 years, but we've received very few eligible funds. Mostly those eligible funds are for World War II veterans, Korean War, there are a group of veterans that are left out. And those veterans, sometimes are Vietnam and even Gulf War Iraq, those veterans and so, in his opinion, should be recognized.

Gifford went on to say the alternative exemption reduces the assessed value of the property of the primary residence, 15% for wartime, additional 10% for combat, and then an additional benefit equal to one half of the service-connected disability rating, if that veteran has disability. That percentage is subject to a maximum limit set by the town council, and as the council can go anywhere from the basic limit all the way up to an increased maximum limit, which he provided on the sheet that shows the limits.

Gifford then said what's positive and the negative; the big thing is reaching out to veterans that do not receive an exemption in the town right now, and also, depending on the maximum limit adopted, those veterans with eligible funds that have low eligible funds may see an increase in their exemption and their savings. The only negative that comes up is that it is an exemption and who pays any exemption that we are talking about; the rest of the town pays. Looking at numbers roughly, he will work with the Town Supervisor, fine tuning it, but it looks like the impact would be minimal at best. And this is just doing a rough study on the numbers, and the number of veterans that we have, which ones have combat, which ones don't, and applying across the board. A third wartime, third combat, a third disability just to get a number; he didn't come up with it with a huge impact. He also added an additional 20 applications, and doing the same, a third war time, a third combat, a third for disability, it was an increase of around \$7,000 to \$8,000 roughly. Supervisor Boukai asked if that was using the state minimum numbers or was that the increased numbers using the most common basic which was 12,000 for wartime, 20,000 for combat, 40,000 for disability. He used those numbers, which looking at the sheet is kind of a snapshot of the rest of the towns in Delaware County, and what they have at their maximum limits. Boukai said the majority are at the 12, 20, 40 limits.

Gifford added it's the council's decision, if in your discussion, Boukai needs to talk to him about the maximums and what that means in dollars and cents, and to the veteran, they can work together on that number. Gifford added for those veterans, if the council goes through with the exemption, it is important to note that those veterans would apply for the 2026 tentative assessment roll, but they would not see the exemption until the 2027 town county bill, as it is based on the 2026 roll.

If the town decided to pass a local law, the assessors will look at the veterans' DD214 discharge papers and then decide if they are better off with the eligible because they're grandfathered, if they're eligible funds is more than what the alternative would give. That's important to note, but they are grandfathered. All eligible funds veterans are grandfathered in. Boukai said the worst-case scenario is, they stay where they are in terms of their exemption. Gifford said the assessor's office would ask them to apply and look at their information, find out where they fall within the maximum limits, or the 15%, 25% and then let them know that they are better off with eligible and to keep it right there.

Boukai asked in terms of timing, what should we consider, in terms of drafting a local law, what is optimal so that we're conscientious of everyone else involved? Gifford said March 1st is the magic number for a

lot of things in the assessment world and that also holds true with the exemptions. You want to have that local law passed prior and give time for veterans to realize and be notified to know they may be eligible. The town can choose their target date if they decide to go forward with the exemption. But as assessors they don't want to get all the applications all in at once, because it's a very busy time of year, tentative roll and everything going on and all the exemptions coming in March 1st. It will inundate the assessor's office if we just wait till the end. Boukai said as long as we do by budget season, like September, October, and the local law around then. Boukai asked Gifford; Colchester, was the most recent town that passed this, their numbers are significantly higher; why might they have chosen that as opposed to what Middletown, Sidney or Walton did. Gifford said they went for a higher number because of their low equalization rate. They wanted to make sure it was worthwhile to the veterans; they're only at 2% or 2.3% for equalization. With the numbers Gifford and Corcoran provided they kind of maxed it out so that veterans could get the max. But again, there's a gamut between low and high, that the town can look at, Gifford can help Boukai look at what that means. He gave the council three examples. Boukai said with our specific equalization rate. Gifford said that shows you the savings What that does with the 32%.

Boukai asked if anyone had any questions at this point for Gifford; Councilmember Krzyston said he had a question, he felt that Joe Gifford and Mr. Tucker did a good job explaining it, and he still didn't know what was going on. Krzyston asked if somebody said this is shifting tax burden from one person to another, would that be accurate? Boukai said theoretically, yes, because you're reducing what certain people pay, and then you need to redistribute that to what the rest of the people pay. Krzyston then asked if we're the only ones who don't do that. Boukai answered yes, then added as Jim Corcoran said, we're already paying for people already, because we already have one exemption option. Krzyston added it's just changing the options, Boukai said yes. Councilmember Baldwin asked if each one of the options were clearly defined, you have certain guidelines. Boukai said they are set by the state. Gifford said the application requires the DB, 214 discharge papers, it comes to them, and they look at the dates of service and where they've served, and what medals they might have, and that is all taken into consideration to prove whether it's wartime combat, disability, etc. There are letters that come from the Veterans agency, the Veterans agency is wonderful, they do a lot of work to help us Gifford said. Boukai thanked both Gifford and Corcoran for coming.

Supervisor Boukai then gave the floor to Amy Randall of the Recreation Department. Randall said that Delaware Academy wants to have their field day at the end of the school year down at the Legion and at the pool. They want to do this on Tuesday, June 17, with a rain date of Wednesday, June 18, and it'll be an all-day thing with age-appropriate kids coming at different times, not the entire school, but kindergarten through second grade comes and they would like to use the pool. Colby Fancher, who is a physical education teacher and is a certified lifeguard (he guards at Roxbury in the summer) and Randall, who also teaches at the school. This would allow for two certified guards, and they would like to know if they can use the pool, and if we need another guard. She told them that that burden would be on them to pay, and we could get Isaiah or another one of the guards to guard for this. Boukai asked if Randall thought we would need a third guard? Randall stated no, because she thought if our maximum occupancy for the pool is 75 there's no grade that has 75 students. She didn't envision the need. Boukai asked this would allow the two of you breaks in between classes, you'll have a transition time where there's not someone there, because they're also doing other things which will be going on through the field days. Randall said it's not just a pool party. She's sure that Colby and she can handle it between the two of them. Councilmember Baldwin said this is not a new concept. This always occurred every year, and several times we've approached the school, but of course, the administration and everything and everybody's changed, but we were always offering this. Boukai said all we need to do then is just let the insurance know. Baldwin asked if we were going to cover the guards for their time; Randall said she didn't foresee she and Fancher double dipping, because they are already getting paid to work at the school. Boukai then asked if anyone had any concerns with DA's field day, June 17th or 18th; pending liability and their insurance. Councilmember Krzyston said if the pool is operational to which Boukai answered, yes it will be. Councilmember Krzyston then made the motion to allow the use with Councilmember Viafore seconding. Motion carried.

Boukai then asked if another guard is needed do we want to offer to pay that as the town, or would we have Delaware Academy cover it? Randall said if needed they are fine with paying. Boukai said just let us know.

Randall stated she been able to find a way to make the lifeguard guide much more concise, so that 16-year-olds will read it. It will be embedded on home base, so they will not be able to clock in for their first shift until they've signed off on reading the lifeguard guide. We have that as a backup in case anything happens. Randall just wanted to do the due diligence with them prior to them earning any money.

Randall added she now has control of the Facebook page. She asked for permission from the town council to be able to publish the plans from Sean Leddy for the improvements in the pool. She would like to be able to put the plans on the Facebook page. The town clerk has made it very clear that she would like Randall to turn off commenting on anything that she posts on Facebook, so any discussions about what people think of it will have to be had some other place. But she would like to be able to post the plans and asked if the plans were now public knowledge. Supervisor Boukai said we're going to determine if we're going to want to focus on plan one, or plan two, tonight, so I can let you know which plan we're going with. It might end up being a hybrid, but she will let Randall know which one the town is leaning towards. Randall responded that she was not going to publish anything on Facebook until the 17th. Adding that everything has been re imagined and redesigned so that it has a very cohesive look. So, if someone is talking about the pool, there's certain brand colors that we use now, there's certain icons that we use now, and anytime anyone's talking about the town pool, it has to follow those colors, that's for signage and that's for scheduling, anything that goes up in public. She left copies for the council. She had also included the official full schedule. There are the June school hours, which everyone's very excited about. And the water aerobics schedule. She also showed all the new signage for the pool. That's the same as it was before. Randall was very happy about the June hours, simply because those last two weeks of school, we always get a heat wave, and it's brutal. This is really going to be excellent for the kids.

Randall then stated she wanted to bring up is something that Birdsong Farm would like to do at the pool over summer. It's called Birdsong boxes, and its fresh produce supplied to the town's kids. They will be boxing 25 boxes every other week of fresh produce and distributing it at the concession stand. Understand this is no cost to the town at all. Birdsong will incur all the cost of distribution and the boxes and how they would like to set it up is much like the Delaware Opportunities does with the food distribution. They will start an event, Eventbrite page, and people sign up on that page. Everyone is welcome to it, it's not going to be, do you have SNAP benefits, do you have heap benefits. They are not going to ask any of those questions, and they will just limit it to 25 boxes every two weeks, first come, first serve, but to Delhi residents only. They are growing a lot more kid centric food this season. They are requesting the town council approval to do this at the concession area. Boukai asked if they had an anticipated start date; Randall replied July 4 weekend would be a safe date. Councilmember Baldwin asked who's manning this to distribute, Randall said she would be bringing the boxes. Boukai wondered how we could do that on the Eventbrite page for Delhi residents only. We might have to screen people just to make sure they're actual residents, because she could see that becoming an issue. So just pending logistics, does anyone have any questions about birdsong boxes? Boukai requested a motion to accept this idea to provide biweekly boxes starting sometime early July through the leadership and distribution by Amy Randall. Councilmember Krzyston stated this is not to be stick in the mud, but is this like a donation to the town, or we're just, are we are the location where it occurs. Boukai stated we're the location, because they can use the concession stand to store anything that is brought in the night before or whatever. Krzyston said all we have to agree to is that we can be the location for this. Randall said and the use of the Facebook pool page, and the logistics of sign-ups. Councilmember Viafore stated she would send out a Nixle alert just like she sent out a Nixle alert for the Delaware opportunities food distributions. It's just alerting people to where they're picking up, and it would just be at the pool.

Councilmember Baldwin said the town needs a Facebook page, but that's a whole other story. Councilmember Krzyston said do we agree that this is not a town project, everyone agreed. Boukai said this is Birdsong and we are only the location to distribute their food. Adding because we're not allowed to take donations. We're not allowed to solicit donations, and we would have to approve it if we take it, and it becomes

a different issue. Baldwin added we can't endorse any business or organization, Krzyston stated that was what he meant. Supervisor Boukai stated a motion to approve allowing Birdsong to use the concession area to distribute their food. Councilmember Viafore stated so moved with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

Randall noted there is a much more streamlined sign up for water aerobics this season. Rather than people having to sign in when they come with a punch card or whatever, there's a Google form now that'll be available. It's just on her phone, and people will log in and it'll be time stamped on what day they're in, so that she can just send that Google form to Laura, to see how much people have if they've paid, and if they have sessions left. This will allow her just to hold the phone, they punch in that they're here, or she takes attendance stating they're here, and then the form itself can just be sent to the town to keep track of who's paid and who's hasn't. Basically, this means no punch cards this year. Councilmember Viafore said they will purchase the passes first, Randall said yes.

Boukai state she would let Randall know which direction we are going on the plans, and what day she can post the actual schedule and revised prices. The council thanked Randall for all her work.

Supervisor Boukai stated Town Historian; Marianne Greenfield has requested reimbursement of mileage which is estimated to be \$84 round trip. She will be attending a public historians conference. As the board didn't have any questions, Boukai requested a motion to authorize the payment of \$84 for her mileage. Councilmember Krzyston stated so moved with Councilmember Baldwin seconding. Motion carried

Supervisor Boukai announced the Notice of Completion of the Tentative Assessment Rolls which has been advertised. The dates the assessors will be in attendance with the tentative assessment roll is Monday, May 19th, Tuesday, May 20th, Wednesday, May 21st and Saturday, May 24th. The information is available on the town's website also. She then announced the Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday May 27th 4:00pm – 8:00pm. Councilmember Viafore will have a NIXLE alert for this.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember's Baldwin & Morgan) Written report from Superintendent Evans provided to councilmembers. Evans stated there has been lots of routine annual highway maintenance, but probably the biggest thing is we're prioritizing on getting roads done that are getting a surface coat of oil and stone to seal them up this year. So definitely has been some slower traffic in those spots, last week, we didn't have very good luck, because it didn't stop raining. So we do have that porous feed loader rented for a month. We've been using it for two and a half weeks, so we'll have the remainder on out, and we'll get as much done as we can with it. We still have Arbor Hill to do, which we started today, and we'll work up Scotch Mountain, and we have to go back up on Rosa Circle when we're done, the ditches were way too wet to finish up there. Boukai asked if those were the last three roads then, Evans stated yes, unless things cooperate, then we're just going to get more done that we can. That's the majority, but the rest is routine maintenance. We got some cold patch going on. We will be transitioning culvert pipe replacement, they're going to be sporadic. We have a bunch of different ones to do, but that won't be for another couple weeks until we're done with the rental of the machinery. Evans also stated that they have started hauling in our winter material. They just started that this past week, that was about the only thing the trucking company could do, too, in the rain, so it worked out for everybody. Baldwin thanked the highway department for doing the trees at the pool. Evans asked if there any more that needs to be done down there. Baldwin said the work remaining by the trees could be done with volunteer work. Boukai stated the wood chips for the playground have been delivered but it is supposed to rain for the rest of the week. If you're able to get those onto the playground and spread it out. Evans stated ok. She added we'll do the compost that was delivered later on. Baldwin said it is kind of tricky, though, because it's got to be distributed so that not to brake the soil. Evans said there's quite a bit of stuff there, but we can get to it as long as the weather cooperates. We don't want to do any more damage, or we will have to fix that.

Boukai added Don and Darren have both been instrumental with the trees and Matt Krzyston helped plant too. Krzyston added he wanted everyone to know how much work Boukai did too along with John, they were there for hours. Randall helped on Saturday morning also.

Baldwin mentioned perhaps we could have Don help us with the town hall garden out front, under the town sign is really bad. Baldwin added she would not mind volunteering to help. Boukai said she is meeting with Sean tomorrow to see what he proposed and see how we can organize it so that when we do go for grants, we have an organized way to approach it, but more shrubs and bushes and all that kind of stuff at the pool would be great.

Personnel: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin): Councilmember Baldwin stated she had not heard back from Aflac, neither had Boukai and Viafore. She asked Evans if everything was good at the garage, Evans replied, yes. it's definitely busy season. Baldwin then asked Justice Burkert how things were going. Burkert stated everything's going well and we have no issues. They have a busy docket tomorrow, we have 66 Vehicle and Traffic matters and multiple criminal matters, everything is functioning well. Today, we had a mock trial the college put on here in the courtroom, which was really great to watch them do that here in the courtroom, to use the facilities we have, because they don't have a courtroom up there. We anticipate they'll be doing it again next year. Burkert also announced they are going to have an intern at the court this summer, she's a college student who's doing it for part of her credits in the criminal justice department. The faculty contacted us, and asked if she could interview. She interviewed with the court clerk and Burkert and will be starting tomorrow, and each day they hold court.

Recreation/Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Krzyston & Supervisor Boukai): Councilmember Krzyston stated that on the community service day, we had the students come and re-stain the picnic tables, they sanded them also. They cleaned out a lot of garbage from the concession building and made the place ready for the next step, which we'll talk about in the building section. They also cut down some dead trees that were there and blocked them off. Baldwin added the students worked really hard.

Boukai stated she was proposing for the swim schedule, open swim starting June 4, for limited hours after school once school is out, then we are open our normal hours. We will continue with water aerobics, since it was quite successful last year. We mentioned at the last meeting adding private swimming lessons, she has been working it out with Randall and the time the pool is most used. She went on to say having sensory swim and swimming lessons and private swim lessons at the same time seem to be the most optimal use of the pool. That way it's not fully shut down during the lessons. It's more of a quiet time between 11 to 1. She went on to say they had contacted the YMCA and Cooperstown regarding their rates. Our rate will be very similar to what the YMCA charges for lessons. She broke it down into private lessons and semi-private lessons, and then we would like to offer one session of group swimming lessons, like we traditionally have. She went on to say we would do that during June, when school is still in session, and only on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the evenings.

She further stated the heater company is coming tomorrow as all the parts are in. The parts were around \$700, we ordered spare of a couple different things that he said traditionally seemed to go first. The igniter was one of the things to go, now we have a spare and then one of the gas valves. The heater company said, if they can get it up and running, it should be running a lot more efficiently than it was, because it'll be using both igniters, not just the one.

Christopher Dwelyng met with Dusty last week. The chemicals were delivered Monday, Christopher and Dusty met on Tuesday for a hands-on tutorial of all the systems. Christopher was there this weekend doing some cleaning of the pool. Boukai will follow up with him to see when his next training with Dusty is. We are more than ready to go for June 2. Things are hinging on there being heat in the pool. Boukai is still working with the company out of Buffalo, who put the pool together for the town about the rust around the gutters, but they used a third party for the gutters. That company used the wrong welds, and that's why everything's rusting. At this point she hasn't heard back from them, but they have the pictures. They've also acknowledged that it was the wrong welds that were used, but she has not heard any kind of timeline or cost to rectify the situation yet. She doesn't think it's something that's going to prevent the pool from opening. It'll just be something we probably need to deal with by the end of the season, before we fully shut down the pool.

Boukai then stated she wanted to discuss in terms of the designs that Sean Leddy came up with. She asked if anyone has a strong feeling towards one or the other. The trees that were planted were planted to correspond with both plans. She added there are a few grants that are due at the end of this month, and then there's two at the end of the summer. Boukai added she would like to have an idea of what direction we want to

go, so that Leddy can help her with phasing for applying. She wanted to at least know what the council was leaning towards, or what elements of certain things they don't want to deal with. She believed there were a couple of things just by being down there and the labor that was done to plant the trees, she thinks unless we want to start paying our lawn company more to maintain, then we should go with very low maintenance things. She stated the rain gardens are going to require too much maintenance, but they can be added at later date. This is why she is more inclined to go with the first plan, because that was more focused on the pavilion and the sidewalks around it, where phase two had, the rain gardens, more up in the front. Councilmember Baldwin said she didn't think we needed all those buildings, and especially the one knowing the future of that area. Boukai said the playground area; Baldwin said yes, the playground, she liked the pavilion that was on the back side more than the one on the front side with the trees there. Baldwin said she felt visibility was important. Councilmember Morgan said he liked the simpler one. The council discussed pavilion placement and access along with parking. Boukai said she could have Leddy combine things from both plans. Boukai then said she was going to reach out to Evans about it. She had talked to Mayor Gearhart, and he had mentioned the village's capability of doing sidewalk work, and they're good at the straight-line ones, but they don't have, molds that you use to do the curved lines. If phase one is determined to be the pavilion area, like this is all straight lines. That could be a phase one with concrete work and the pad for the pavilion and concreting where the grass is right now in the pool, and that's all pretty straightforward. She will meet with Leddy and see what he thinks phasing could be. None of this would start until the fall at the absolute earliest. She added because of the way the grants times are, if the council wants to be applying for grants, then they need to know what we're actually planning on doing.

Councilmember Baldwin stated what caught her attention was that Boukai said having a heater would make a difference when the pool opened, she didn't understand why we can't open the pool without the pool being heated. Boukai stated she felt we could open it, but I don't know. I haven't looked at the temperature, but I can pretty much guarantee it's under 70 right now. Boukai then said for aerobics, that's the big thing having the pool heated. If we want to charge for aerobics, it needs to be over 80 degrees. Baldwin said you could postpone the aerobics; Boukai added if the heater doesn't work, then we will be delaying aerobics until it does work.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmember Morgan & Viafore): Viafore stated they have a meeting on Wednesday before the Joint Meeting. Councilmember Morgan stated he would not be able to attend.

Buildings/Codes: (Councilmember Morgan & Krzyston): Councilmember Morgan stated they had gotten two quotes on gutters. We got two quotes for some gutters on the town highway garage building, one substantially different than the other, given that snow retention bars were not included, he did put in a phone call today for Guardian to give an updated quote on that. There are some retention bars over points of egress, garage doors and the back door, but it still isn't going to make the warranty for the rest of the roof. He further stated we do need to get that figured out. He should be hearing something in the next couple of days.

Councilmember Krzyston stated they talked about the highway garage lot paving, and they felt that they must do an RFP for it. We need to talk to Terry about what the footprint is for, and what needs to be redone. But after we get that, then we should, basically, be looking for permission for us to publish, or however, we generally request quotes for this type of work. Morgan stated that it's more technical than just advertising, there's a lot of lingo that has to be very in-depth. The clerk stated in the past we had contracted with someone else to do the RFP for the town and that it was for the roof, she believed it was an engineering firm. She will pull the paperwork for Boukai. Krzyston said the other proposal would be to take no action on the proposal of the pavement. Both Baldwin and Morgan asked Highway Superintendent Evans his thoughts, he stated they only wanted to seal the area. Morgan added if it's only resealing that would definitely reduce the cost as he thought they wanted to resurface. Evans added we were just going to patch it up ourselves. Krzyston asked if we had had the town hall done recently. Evans said no, it's been a while. Morgan added we were talking about getting it resealed.

Boukai said according to our procurement policy, as long as it's under \$35,000, we need two written bids. But if you get the first bid and it's over, then we should stop and put it out. Evans stated he didn't believe it was over for the both of them and gave an example, a mile of oil and stone is \$21,000. Boukai said so the area is a smaller footprint. Evans said it would be the back lot and the front lot of the highway garage, and then the paved surface here of the town hall to be sealed. Morgan said town hall we would have to do restriping. Evans said it could probably be a shared service item. Krzyston added with this we don't have to advertise. Boukai said she believed we would just have to ask for two written quotes, but she will double check. Evans stated he would take care of getting the quotes.

Councilmember Krzyston gave an update on the concession stand, as he mentioned earlier, it's been cleaned out of a lot of trash, and the doors have all been replaced, and the windows have been replaced. The new roof is on, and a serving window has been added. We were talking about painting the whole building, and we decided to leave it in its traditional brick, and we're just going to paint the trim instead. They are not confident about getting a bathroom set up this year, but it's in the works for the future. Krzyston added regarding getting water turned on, we will communicate with the village about that. We will be adding a sink only within the serving area.

Krzyston and Morgan discussed the need for a chemical building at the pool. Boukai had ideas about how it should work, he and Morgan agreed about the placement of it. Krzyston said if you were at the playground looking at the main building of the pool, you would see three doors. There are two on the left, which are restrooms, and then there's the entry to the chemical pump room. The structure that they talked about is like a 10 by 12 shed. It would be a structure that encloses the existing door, you'd have to walk through this building to get to the pump room, and it would be on a concrete slab and a stick frame with something attractive on the outside. They don't know if it needs to be insulated or not, but we'll talk about that. This is still in the planning phase.

Supervisor Boukai added Deputy Clerk Mills helped again this year, putting together the documentation we needed to renew our pro housing community application. Boukai then sent it off at the end of the month, she will inform everyone when our recertification is completed. They're only tracking new builds or new resident residences.

IT: (Councilmember Viafore & Krzyston): Councilmember Viafore stated we have to move our website to a .gov site. She has started the process to figure it out. She has done website updates to enhance the search ability; the newest documents will always be on top. She stated if there's any other things that anyone wished our website did, to let her know, and she will see if she can figure it out. Boukai stated getting all the local laws on there, but we want to be able to teach Laura how to do it. Viafore stated she did create a local law section. Councilmember Baldwin asked who maintained our website, Boukai stated Aisle8. Baldwin asked why the company wasn't doing all of this. Boukai said we don't want to have to call him to do something every time there is an error, the issue is there have been more errors on certain things. Baldwin asked if he maintained the domain, Boukai said yes. Councilmember Viafore will be the first call when there is an issue with the website. The billing was discussed. Boukai added the Clerk's office is willing to do the work, letting us keep it in house.

Councilmember Krzyston discussed the keeping of an online call-in log for the highway department, and he is in favor of having it be a Google form. Viafore stated she put it in the Microsoft Teams, it's like the same thing, just Microsoft version.

Krzyston also wanted to ask about the cameras for the courtroom, since Burkert was there. He thanked Boukai for donating her cameras. Boukai said not to thank me yet, as they are Samsung cameras she needs to find if there's a new app. The app that she used to use doesn't support them anymore. They are plugged in and they're ready to go, they're Wi Fi enabled and all that. But she can't figure out what app they run off of. Krzyston asked Burkert what the purpose of this is, how do you want the cameras to work? Is it realistic for people to be if they're with their attorney. Justice Burkert stated for the sheriff's offices regulations regarding prisoners, the individual can't be in a room that has access to the exterior, where they can go out a window. It's got to be an enclosed room. There's only one way in and out. The officer, by their policies and procedures, has to maintain eye contact on the person at all times. A camera would be the only way we could have it or we

would have to have like a see through window. But Burkert doesn't think that would really work. It may work, but they have to keep their eyes on them. He stated as he said in the letter that he sent to the board, he think it's not every town, very few town village courts have this ability for clients to meet with their attorney at the court. He said he remembered somebody said boarding up the window. If we could board up the window, we could put a camera there so that the officer could watch. He believes the sheriff's office would be acceptable to allow that, as long as they can maintain eye contact with the individual at all times, Viafore said what if the door had a window in it, Burkert said they have to their policies, he said he will give the council a copy. Viafore added he already did that. Burkert said if you look in there, it has policies and procedures regarding prisoners. They can't have somebody that's in their care and custody who they lose eye contact with. Burkert added we are not the only court that doesn't have this, the vast majority of local municipal courts do not have this ability for clients to meet with their attorney. We could make it work if we wanted to board the window, put something in front of the window, and put a camera in there. Burkert added he will talk to the directors at the jail and those regarding transport. If it works, if we gave them an app, he will have court tomorrow, so he will look into that tomorrow, and will shoot the council all an email to letting them know what their response is. Councilmember Krzyston asked if we put bars over the window, from the outside would that work. Boukai stated she liked that idea. Burkert said we would still have to put a window on the door so the officer could observe. He believes looking at their policies and procedures again, but he can't speak for the Sheriff's Office and what they would accept, but he thinks it's reasonable for what they need to do.

Councilmember Krzyston said bars on the window and a door with a window in it and asked Burkert if he could get an answer tomorrow. Burkert said yes, he will get an answer tomorrow.

Burkert added he sent Boukai the information for diversion that he received for her review. He stated anything he gets pertaining to diversion, he will forward to the board. He added frankly, diversion is pertaining between the town board and the county, not between the court, but they are c/c' d on that information so when he does receive it, he'll immediately forward it to the council for their review on whatever it is they'd like to do with it. Supervisor Boukai said Kathleen is looking into some data that was mismatching with your last report.

CODES Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the Code's report for April 2025. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justice Court Report:

Councilmember Baldwin made the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for April 2025. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion, motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report & Tax Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to accept the April 2025 Clerk and Tax report, seconded by Councilmember Krzyston. Motion carried. Boukai announced the tax season was now closed and we collected 93% of the taxes for 2025.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Supervisor Boukai stated she uploaded the CLASS document to the drive; at the end of April, we were at 4. All of our CDs are renewing; some are renewing before our next meeting. Some are renewing after our next meeting at DNBD. She will keep everyone posted on what we do with that and where the rates are.

Supervisor's County Report:

Boukai stated in terms of the county, we did have a meeting on Wednesday of this week coming up, but it's been canceled, so everything's going to be pushed to the end of the month. She further stated Joe Gifford did get back to her on the tax implications of the camp, and he said it was under \$200 and the good thing about it is that with that piece of land that is currently forest, it was assessed as forest, but they've parceled off the one

buildable lot in the forest. She added should that lot become built upon, then that will in the end increase, even though we've lost land.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to approve both Abstract #005 – 2025 Accounts “A-SF” Voucher No. 00165 – 00208 = \$124,882.81, Account “TA” Voucher No. 0033 = \$516.00 Total vouchers submitted \$125,398.81. Councilmember Viafore seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilmember Viafore to enter into an executive session for the employment history of a particular individual at 7:20pm. Councilmember Krzyston seconded the motion, motion carried. Highway Superintendent Evans to remain.

A motion was made by Councilmember Viafore to exit executive session with Councilmember Morgan seconding at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Upon returning to the regular session a motion was made by Councilmember Viafore to hire:

Rowen Walsh	Lifeguard II	\$18.00
Brennan Walsh	Lifeguard II	\$17.00
Eric Blackman	Lifeguard II	\$17.00
Isaiah Eckman	Lifeguard II	\$17.00
Riley Card	Lifeguard I	\$16.00

Supervisor Boukai noted that “Lifeguard II” means someone who has been a lifeguard for two or more years. The start date for the above lifeguards will be June 1, 2025, unless noted with Supervisor Boukai. There are others that will be determined at another date.

Supervisor Boukai stated hiring Aerobics and Swim Lesson Instructors at \$27 and private lessons are \$20 a lesson; half hour session to the instructors.

Rebekkah Mowers was hired as an instructor at a rate of pay of \$27.00 per hour.

Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Viafore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, Councilmember Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

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