

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2023
7:00PM**

Supervisor Tuthill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Those present:

Councilmember's: Margaret Baldwin, Christina Viafore, and Bill Cairns, Matt Krzyston
Highway Superintendent Daren Evans

Residents: Josh Morgan, Cynthia Cobbe, Kim Cairns, Dezmin Colon, Josh Morgan, Ronan Hogoman, Ava Buttista, Abigail Allen, Jaysen Anderson Jr., LaQai White, Andy Dornt, Maya Boukai, Amy Randall, Elizabeth DeFalco; The Reporter

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Baldwin.

Approval of July 10, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Councilmember Baldwin stated the town clerk made an error on page 4, the word "spit was used instead of split" with the being noted, a motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the minutes with the word correction. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Tuthill requested a motion to re-appoint Code Enforcement Officer Dale Downin retroactive of September 1, 2023. Councilmember Cairns made the motion with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried.

New Business:

Supervisor Tuthill stated the town council would discuss new business after the executive session as some of the items required the board to go into executive session. He stated the board would go straight to committee reports and then do an executive session.

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember's Baldwin & Cairns) Written report from Superintendent Evans provided to councilmembers. Evans stated they have completed Bramley Mountain and Falls Mills Road, those projects are done. Both roads are CHIPS eligible. Supervisor Tuthill said he had heard someone slid off the road on Falls Mills; he asked if they tore up the road or just rolled on the stone; Evans said that was the first he had heard about that and noted that signage is up for loose stone and oil. Evans stated that the heat and rain did not cause any issues with the roads.

Evans announced that the 2007 Volvo was hit by a tree, he has been in contact with the insurance company and he just received an email that the adjuster has not finalized or given anything to the insurance company yet on whether the truck is repairable or totaled. Evans stated he has a company all lined up to repair the damage but we can't do anything or move the truck until insurance finalizes everything.

Councilmember Cairns stated he saw work has started on the new fence on Sherwoods Road; Evans said yes, the posts are all in ready to go.

Personnel: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin):

Councilmember Baldwin stated we would discuss things in executive session.

Recreation/Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin):

Supervisor Tuthill stated John Kolodziej gave a report on the number on the pool this year. He is getting the pool ready to be winterized. Daren will have the guys go down and take the chair out. John is waiting to hear from Todd Shady as to the official pool cover date.

Councilmember Baldwin questioned Tuthill if he was able to discuss with the mayor the chemical costs for the pool. Tuthill stated yes, he believes it is something we can do.

Councilmember Baldwin discussed the playground walkway and working with the village to complete the project. She further noted that the playground equipment will be delivered mid-November.

She also questioned how we are paying for the playground funding. Tuthill stated we can discuss it during budget season.

Councilmember Viafore announced that Clean Sweep will be held Saturday, September 23rd, you can register on-line or by calling. The deadline to register is Friday. She has sent a NIXLE notice and will put it on the website.

Baldwin also questioned the heater as it has been suggested it be serviced at the pool. Obviously we didn't use it much this summer and will not be using in in the winter months, but it's better to service the equipment then let it go. Tuthill said we will take a look at it and see.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmember Cairns & Krzyston):

Councilmember Krzyston stated they have no report on this.

Buildings: (Councilmember Cairns & Krzyston): Councilmember Krzyston stated that the NECA club at SUNY Delhi has volunteered to do more work inside the concession building. They will be putting up fiberglass panels on the walls that can be wiped down; it will make it more sanitary.

IT: (Councilmember Viafore & Krzyston): Councilmember Viafore stated the email migration will happen on Friday, September 22nd. We also have 182 Nixle subscribers.

Councilmember Krzyston asked if she could encourage students to sign up for it; she stated the college does their own system. Tuthill asked the clerk when they were going to complete the new phone system; she stated she had not heard any further other than they were waiting for a couple more phones.

Codes: (Councilmember Cairns & Krzyston): Councilmember Cairns stated in the month of August there were: 8 building permits issued, 10 inspections / meetings, 6 in-office conferences, 3 c/o letters, 1 certificate of compliance, 1 violation and he drove 149 miles.

CODES Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the codes report for August 2023 Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justice Court Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the August 2023 Justice Court Reports. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the August 2023 report and seconded by Councilmember Viafore. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Supervisor Tuthill presented the board with the August Supervisors Report. Councilmember Baldwin made the motion to accept the report with Councilmember Cairns seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill stated they had received a call regarding the AUD; everything was good except they were confused because of our "Good Neighbor" money. They wanted it somewhere else and they explained we have to account for it this way to make the city happy. Maggie will have more conversations with him because we are doing it the same way it has been done for the last 30

years. Apparently it is a new person and they want it in a different spot. We should get the sign off on it shortly.

Supervisor’s County Report:

Supervisor Tuthill stated they are still waiting on miscellaneous items for the building on Main Street. The C/O can’t be issued until it’s completed. The other highway buildings are moving along. Also, they are getting ready for budget season at the county. Councilmember Krzyston said he heard they have the foundation ready at the site on Main Street he asked about the timing of home to be placed on it, Tuthill stated no. Krzyston then asked about the bidding of the other project; Tuthill stated he was not aware they had rebid the project, he believed it would be late fall. It would make more sense to wait as they can get more responses. Krzyston asked if there was a chance another location was being looked at; Tuthill stated there is always a chance.

Tuthill then stated the mayor met with Finance Committee and they are working on a plan to help villages. Everyone agrees Delhi has taken the brunt of the blows. They will have further meetings for mayors and supervisors for input.

Tuthill announced they are still sending information to the Public Service Commission regarding the NIPA project. They have been awarded another \$24,000 for legal fees. We are pushing for answers; so far we haven’t gotten many we are getting a lot of run around. Krzyston said is there a “pot” that is divvied up to different communities or does it go to the same entity; Tuthill explained the “pot” they keep talking about is for disadvantaged communities and if you go through their program rules Delaware County does not qualify. He further stated we are getting help from some state elected officials, they need to take a hard look at this; it’s not the way it ought to be. We are fighting an uphill battle. We have serious safety issues with what could potentially happen should there be problems.

Councilmember Baldwin wanted to remind the board; when would be the right time to do a joint revised comprehensive plan as the last one done was 2012. The other thing is she noted should we do a Solar Plan similar to Hamden; Tuthill said you can pass a plan but if they meet certain criteria there is nothing we can do, the state will let it happen.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Krzyston made the motion to approve Abstract #009 – 2023 accounts A – DB Voucher No. 00355 – 00386 equaling \$174,202.49 and account TA Voucher No. 00121 – 00120 equaling \$17,733.56. Total vouchers presented equaled \$175,504.56. Councilmember Viafore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Tuthill stated we would have multiple executive sessions regarding the following: contract negotiations for the highway union, court security and personnel issues for the highway department. He then requested a motion to go into executive session for the three items; Councilmember Cairns made the motion at 7:30pm with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Motion carried. Tuthill stated there would be some decisions discussed after the executive sessions. Tuthill requested Justice Burkert to remain for his discussions and asked Highway Superintendent Evans to also stay for his discussions.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Councilmember Viafore at 8:14pm with Councilmember Cairns seconding.

New Business:

Supervisor Tuthill stated Resolution No. 003 of 2023 JCAP Grant approval, the justice court is applying for a grant for the court. Councilmember Cairns made the motion to approve the resolution with Councilmember Krzyston seconding. Tuthill requested the clerk call the roll:

	YEA	NAY
Councilmember Cairns	X	

Councilmember Krzyston	X
Supervisor Tuthill	X
Councilmember Baldwin	X
Councilmember Viafore	X

Tuthill proceeded to sign the grant request for the justice court.

Tuthill stated there is a new contract with ISD for maintenance; the new agreement is a monthly fee of \$499.99 it is a three year agreement. We have been paying \$3895 a year for quite a while. Councilmember Viafore questioned if there is an allotment of hours; the board discussed the agreement and felt they needed to look the contract over more prior to making a discussion. The board will table the agreement until the October board meeting. Councilmember Cairns made the motion to table until the October meeting and Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion; motion carried.

Tuthill announced the bookkeeper was working on budget worksheets as we speak, departments would have until September 25th to return the sheets. Workshops need to be scheduled; the board made the following dates and requested the clerk to advertise the workshops for the following:

Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 5:30pm

Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:30pm

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 5:30pm

Supervisor Tuthill stated the board reviewed the drafted union contract and will send it to the town attorney for his review.

Evans announced he would like to purchase a F600 cab and chassis; Tuthill stated this was under an emergency contract; Tuthill said we would have to pay for the truck when we place the order. Henderson will do the work and then when it's all done and ready to go, we can then reimburse the whole thing through the CHIPS line. Tuthill said we will have to sit on the cost for the truck for several months for reimbursement but in the long run we will get the entire cost for the truck it is a plus. A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to authorize Evans to pursue purchasing the F600 and seconded by Councilmember Cairns. Motion carried. Evans stated he will contact a couple of dealers that have them to see if they still have them and if we can have it.

Tuthill announced Evans had brought a couple of applications for the highway department. A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin to approve the hiring of the two individuals with Councilmember Viafore seconding. Motion carried. Tuthill stated the names are withheld so that the two individuals can speak to their current employers. The tentative start date of the employees is October 2nd, with a current rate of pay for the positions of \$24.16 based on the current union contract.

Councilmember Baldwin stated she wanted to make a motion to reimburse the two parents of the individuals that vandalized the recreation area \$50 apiece. This was due to the donated time that was performed by Jim Warren on the electrical work. Councilmember Cairns seconded the motion. Motion carried. The bookkeeper will do this based on the minutes per Supervisor Tuthill.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Krzyson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, Councilmember Cairns seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

Elsa Schmitz, Town Clerk, Town of Delhi