

**TOWN OF DELHI
BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2025
6:02PM**

Supervisor Boukai called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Those present:

Councilmember's: Margaret Baldwin, Josh Morgan, Christina Viafore, Matt Krzyston
Highway Superintendent Daren Evans
Town Justice Mathew Burkert

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Boukai.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

Approval of November 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes & November 10, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes:

Councilmember Viafore made the motion to accept both minutes with Councilmember Morgan seconding. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor Boukai business she had received the comprehensive plan contract from Barton and LoGuidice. It is more extensive than she originally thought, so she is going to have Gina (our attorney) look it over. Boukai will highlight areas, for important things for anything we should be concerned with, so we're not unnecessarily wasting each other's time. Boukai then stated she had been in touch with them. She has also posted on Facebook, and Councilmember Viafore ran a Nixle ad seeking people that are interested in being part of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The way we're approaching it is there's a link on both of the Nixle advertisements and the Facebook advertisements, that link takes someone to essentially a Google Forms where they fill out their name, where they live and age, because we're looking for a very diverse group of people, from business owners to SUNY students to people of all ages. We're looking for a good diverse group between the village and the town as well. Once we compile that list, we'll start looking and seeing how many people we have and how do we tap into that diversity. One person who Boukai had approached was Marnie Champlin to see if she wanted to be on that committee. She doesn't have Facebook. She doesn't subscribe to Nixle, Boukai just sent her the link. She told the council to go on Facebook, and they can just get the link for anyone that wants to apply. By applying, it just means we're gathering contact information at this point. It's not really a formal application, but feel free to send that to them or help them fill it out. There's a way they can print it and then fill it out by hand, and they could drop it off at the town clerk's office. At this point we're just trying to get a list of people that are interested.

Boukai stated they said we need between 7 and 11 people, she thinks if we have 13 to 15 it's not a big deal. Boukai will work with the company to see where things fall. Once we get everything in, we're putting the deadline as the 19th, which is a week from Friday, and our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, the 7th, at 530. Barton, is physically going to be here to do that kickoff meeting, and it's only for people that are interested in being on that committee. It's public and anyone can show up, but it's for people that are interested in being on that committee. They're going to help guide that group of people. They've recommended one person from the village and one person from the town board. We're figuring things out as we go along, using their guidance. At this point we have six people showing interest.

Boukai then stated the next grant update that she needs to do for the ARC grant is going to be through the end of this month, and then it's due at the end of January, and at that point, just for budget purposes, Boukai

will be pre requesting money so they know what's coming down the pipeline for the next three months. Stating that when we send them a bill for \$10,000, we can get reimbursed, and they know what's coming up. It'll be a bit more in depth of filings, but that was one of the things that she was going to do, and that's kind of alleviating some of the cost impact.

Councilmember Krzyston added he thinks that's great that Boukai put that out to invite people, and he hopes a lot of people show interest, adding like Boukai said we need diversity on there. Stating he observed that people think that the town board is represented by village residents, that's a legitimate concern, he hopes that people who live outside of the village respond. Councilmember Baldwin said she is thinking that maybe she can try to encourage some of the town people to at least if they had an interest. Boukai reiterated if the councilmembers knew people that might be interested, just send them the information. Adding the paperwork has seven questions, and it would take maybe a minute, if that, it at least forces them to acknowledge that they're submitting for something, as opposed to, do you want to join? If they're willing to at least fill out this form, then hopefully that means there's some continuity and motivation. Because it is a commitment, it's going to be about six meetings, and there's going to be a couple of public things. Adding, while we don't expect everyone to be there for every single thing, they should expect to be at the majority of the things that we're asking them to be part of.

Boukai then stated the Town of Middletown is using the same company, they had their first meeting was held the same day as our November meeting. Even though they're about 10 months ahead of us in terms of everything. Boukai was concerned as she felt we were “dragging our feet” but now thinks we're right in line, and as long as she can get the grant funding to be pushed forward once, they see that we've taken great stride as we have theoretically and through the end of May.

New Business:

Supervisor Boukai requested a motion to accept the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 0019 OF 2025

TOWN OF DELHI

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 002-2025

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Delhi, held at Delhi Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, Delhi New York on the 8th day of December 2025, Councilmember Morgan offered the following resolution, which will supersede Resolution No. 0026 of 1985 and adopting such law will supersede Local Law No. 001 of 1985:

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on November 10th, the Town Board introduced a Proposed Local Law of the Year 2025 entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO ADOPT THE NEW YORK STATE BASIC MAXIMUM VETERAN’S ALTERNATIVE EXEMPTION ON QUALIFYING RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing for December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for said Proposed Local Law, which hearing was duly noticed and advertised in the official newspaper of the Town and posted on the Town Clerk’s signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held at Delhi Town Hall, 5 Elm Street, Delhi New York on the 8th day of December 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of our Local Veteran’s, to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Delhi hereby adopts said Proposed Local Law as Local Law No. 002 of the Year 2025 entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO ADOPT THE NEW YORK STATE BASIC MAXIMUM VETERAN’S ALTERNATIVE EXEMPTION ON QUALIFYING RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately.

Resolution was seconded by Councilmember Viafore.

Roll call as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Supervisor Boukai	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Krzyston	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Morgan	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Viafore	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Baldwin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

With the above resolution approved Boukai stated with the local law a SQER is required and it will be a negative declaration and as such requested a motion allowing her to complete the SQER and sign it after answering the questions. A motion was made by Councilmember Viafore and seconded by Councilmember Morgan. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boukai requested a motion to adopt Local Law No. 002 of 2025, Councilmember Morgan made the motion with Councilmember Viafore seconding, roll call as follows:

Local Law No. 002 of 2025
Town of Delhi, County of Delaware

A Local Law to Adopt the New York State Basic Maximum Veteran's Alternative Exemption on Qualifying Residential Real Property

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Delhi as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent:

It is the intent of this local law to adopt the New York State Real Property Tax Law Basic Maximum Exemption Allowable for the Alternative Veterans Exemption from Real Property Taxation to provide relief to low income veterans.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Title 2, Section 458-a, of the New York Real Property Law.

Section 3. Requirements

(1) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such real property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) or the product of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Delhi. Qualifying residential real property shall include property owned by a parent of a child who died in the line of duty in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war; and **(2)** In addition to the exemption provided in Requirement (1) of this Section, where a veteran served in a combat theater or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property; provided, however that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) or the product of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Delhi; and **(3)** In addition to the exemptions provided for by Requirements (1)

and (2) of this Section, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veteran’s Administration because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by fifty percent (50%) of the veteran’s disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the lesser of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or the product of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Delhi.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Repeal.

All local laws or ordinances or parts of local laws or ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local Law are hereby repealed and in particular this Local Law supersedes Local Law No. 1 of the year 1985 which is hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Roll Call
December 8, 2025**

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Maya Boukai, Town Supervisor	<u>X</u>		
Josh Morgan, Councilmember	<u>X</u>		
Margaret Baldwin, Councilmember	<u>X</u>		
Matthew Krzyston, Councilmember	<u>X</u>		
Christina Viafore, Councilmember	<u>X</u>		

Supervisor Boukai stated the Organizational Meeting will be held on January 5, 2026 at 5:00pm, with the regular Town Council meeting being held on Monday, January 12th at 6:00pm. This has been advertised by the Town Clerk.

Boukai announced we had received from NYS Ag & Markets a satisfactory inspection from Ags and markets for the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. She also announced that then we received our annual audit request from the court, which we do in January. We will schedule that once the new board members are on. In January will we set up all the audits (the court, town clerk/tax collector and bookkeeper).

Boukai then stated she had received a resignation letter from Kevin Rossley, Chairperson of the planning board. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to accept his resignation with Councilmember Viafore seconding. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Highway/Machinery: (Councilmember’s Baldwin & Morgan) Written report from Superintendent Evans provided to councilmembers. Evans stated the weather has occupied a lot of our time lately. Equipment is still holding up relatively good, though, for what it's had to do. Evans then stated the only other thing he had,

was a formal proposal on a new grader that he was able to come across. but like you said, yeah, it is just a matter where there's some equipment in there, obviously, now that we're working on which in between, we just finished up one project today, so as soon as the work base completely cleared out. It's a lot easier to plan. We need to do keep an eye on it this week and see how it goes. They had a bunch of options for used ones, and we had the \$50,000 scheduled for this coming year in the budget, on top of the payment for the two trucks. This machine has come available, was a mis-order, through Milton caterpillar. One machine was supposed to be ordered for Otsego County and two machines showed up on the date of delivery. The other one was obviously turned down. So they gave a formal proposal, there's a payment plan that can be done the same way for however many years the town wanted. Evans set it up for a five-year plan, on average, with the \$50,000 down, if we use the \$50,000 for a down payment, there wouldn't be another payment until the following year (January 2027). Thereafter as a five-year, we would be around \$65,000 annual payment for five years. Although it can be extended however long the town wants it. We can do a six year. We can do a seven year. Supervisor Boukai asked if that quote good for a certain amount of time and have, they sent things like this out to a whole bunch of other counties? Evans answered the last he had talked, which was just a couple days ago, so no guarantee on the machine of how long it's going to go. Obviously, right now they're not in the market as well as they would be in the springtime, when everybody's going to need them. Boukai then stated that was my next question; is this going to, essentially, if we purchase this now, it's going to sit for a while. Evans said yes, because we do not plow some, some municipally plow with them, we don't. We were not set up for that. Councilmember Baldwin asked what the interest on the five year was; Evans stated 5.67%. Boukai asked how this price compares to what you're expecting in the spring prices to be. Evans stated as far as the used equipment is about double what the used equipment is. Most of the used equipment we're looking at ranging from well above 3000 to 4000 hours on them, which are well used and have no warranties. And this would have what seven years, they itemize it on what they do, but powertrain, engine, all of that stuff is a seven-year warranty. Baldwin asked budgetarily, is \$65,000 a year workable. Councilmember Morgan asked what's over the next two years; Boukai said we have the two trucks which is going to be five years, we are just starting that. Morgan asked Evans what do he felt the old graders worth was; Evans said if someone wanted parts off of one that's about all its worth at this point, because, as we discussed, it's a 97 and the manufacturer hasn't existed in 10 plus years. Morgan said you're getting close to needing another motor rebuilding, Evans said yes it does definitely needs a motor rebuilt. Morgan added if it can be salvaged. Boukai said we just did the hydraulics. Evans said there was a hydraulic ramp, that actually we were able to rebuild. Evans added if anybody knows anything about cylinders, the cylinder itself is obviously pitted and everything, they were able to rebuild it. And obviously at that point they said it wasn't going to last forever. Boukai asked is there any reason why we would keep both, if we were to get a new one and keep the second one, since it's really only valuable for parts, wait until it's dead and then part it. Evans said it would probably be the most beneficial. The only thing we would be doing would be paying the insurance on it, which it's an older machine. The only other thing would be to list it on auction and to see what it would bring. And there's no guarantee. No guarantees of what it would bring, it's just whatever somebody may need, or looking for at that point.

Boukai asked what the councils' thoughts were; Morgan said that's a good deal that's come up pretty early, Boukai added unfortunately, it's early. Morgan added he'd have to see what everything looks like for the next five years, adding it's a good deal. Baldwin said next year we wouldn't have a payment. So 2026, we would have the whole year to figure it out. Morgan said he was talking like rotational they are going to need a backhoe soon. Boukai added what other things are coming down the pipeline; Evans stated backhoe and mowing at some point. Adding whether they would have to be new, the mowing tractor should be a new model at that point back. Boukai said what are prices on that Evans responded it depends on there's different options to get. If we got one, which would similar to what we have there, he didn't know the prices off the top of his head. Boukai said the two pieces that are coming down the pipeline, would we be selling what we have and then replacing, or would we be keeping? Because, again, it's kind of a parts situation? Evans responded the mowing tractor, what we would do is we would keep that in rotation and just keep our road rake, and get rid of our 1984 tractor, and the backhoe is in the same boat as the grader is. These still parts are not a problem with it,

just the machine has a lot of hours, and it's done a lot a lot of work for the town. There are options there to see what we can do to, possibly used to replace that, it being said we do have the excavator also to do a lot of the digging. That backhoe doesn't have to do all of it, which it did for three quarters of its life, for the town. Boukai said in terms of what we we paid off this year, the last payment we made this year, and what we're starting to pay in January of next year, what would Evans say are those the three biggest kind of machines that we needed to update? Evans replied without a doubt we are in good shape with our trucks at this point. At this point, after these two new ones arrive, our oldest dump truck in year round service, is going to be a 2019 model. That one's still in good shape, with a stainless steel body and everything else there, so there's no wear on any of that, and that's the way we spec them all out now. Those components are not going to have the issues that the trucks in the past did, as far as the bodies rotten and stuff like that on them. Evans said yes, they were the biggest purchases. The grader is going used or new is going to be a crazy purchase for it. Again used with 4000 hours on them, they're going for around \$150,000 - \$170,000 somewhere in there, just in comparison on OGS contract, the municipality right off the bat, has a 34% discount, which is \$194,000 cheaper than what any of us would be if we were a contractor to go out buy the machine. Boukai added that basically covers the interest on these new machines, essentially. Evans found in his paperwork information on the new backhoe their warranty, it says on this is a seven year, 3500 hour premium warranty, which, like I said, usually covers the engine, the powertrains and all the big components of it.

Morgan said Evans wasn't a fan of renting one. Boukai said it was \$20,000 a month. Evans added the only other disadvantage of a rental machine is not having one on hand if and when something comes up middle of wintertime, we have had to use them for floods when the floods have come up to either clear out ditches or to put the roads back in. And same with even the fall of when winter starts, how early spring starts. And by random one, and not having one on hand, you're limited.

Morgan asked how far out can we go out with this payment plan? Evans didn't think they specified exactly how far we can. He thinks if they want the sale, they'll probably do it for whatever. Yeah, the mean, like I said, warranty seven years. So, seven-year payment may work. Morgan added it would be a little softer on the budget. Boukai added we can always pay off or double our payment if we want to reduce the interest. Evans added this is the biggest replacement that we do need to make at this point, and it has been for some time. Morgan said he was a little shocked with the price, it's definitely a good deal. Evans agreed. Boukai said we need it. We budgeted for it. Councilmember Krzyston added there's a lot of value to having equipment that's under warranty for seven years, like the dollar value of that.

Evans added the used ones we're looking at, they're still all new enough to have the new, updated emissions, the deaf fluid, all electric over everything. So there are prone to needing what every vehicle nowadays has, more so than what the older ones were, which are not available anymore. To have that stuff like Krzyston said, covered under warranty is a huge factor. You may be without it for a while, if it's a major warranty issue, but that's usually when this is right through caterpillar. Adding we've always had good luck with them. As far as if something goes out and it's on them, they would have to replace something.

Krzyston then asked if we were shopping for new and you're looking at all the options, is this one that you would have chosen, Evans said yes, the only thing it doesn't have is a set of scat fires and rippers that we use to rip up potholes. So that was going to be an add on to it. That would change it by \$1,000 or so of the annual cost. We're around \$65,000 to \$67,000 somewhere in there is what it would be per year. That was the only thing that thing it didn't have on it.

Boukai said she's under the impression time is somewhat of the essence, since there's someone else interested and the dealer wants this off their lot. She stated Morgan and Baldwin are on the highway department committee, Josh, what other information do you need to move forward? Morgan wanted to see if we could extend the terms of agreement. Boukai then stated how do we feel moving forward with a motion to purchase the vehicle pending a seven year payment term, and Evans can get us that information. Evans said he should be able to get the information tomorrow. Baldwin added then they would have that sense of commitment, that they would wait for us. Boukai agreed adding and then if they are willing to wait until our January meeting for us to formally make that purchase, that would be excellent. And if not, we'll figure out plan

B. If necessary, we, can you do it at the organizational meeting, we would need until the fifth of January to formalize it. She added to Evans we had a document fee with that other purchase was like dollars. If they need something like that to kind of show that we're committed, knowing that we're committed, so we don't lose it, she thinks then that's something we'd be willing to do. Evans said he will contact them and try for a 7 year plan.

Boukai then requested a motion to purchase the 2025 120 Caterpillar pending seven-year payment plan, willing to wait until January 5 to formalize the document. Councilmember Viafore made the motion with Councilmember Morgan seconding. Motion carried.

Personnel: (Councilmember's Viafore & Baldwin): Councilmember Viafore said she is working on sending everyone a link on the annual sexual harassment training. Supervisor Boukai announced that Dale Downin our current Code Officer met with Zach Haverly this morning with for a few hours getting up to speed on the Williamson system. He's filling out his paperwork. She also sent paperwork to Dan and to Simon, our new councilmembers. She will reach out to the planning board and see if they have anyone that's interested in being on the planning board, and if not, then we will do a Facebook ad seeing if anyone wants to join. It will be through 2029 to fulfill the remainder of Kevin's commitment. Viafore added she will also look into a Cyber security training also.

Boukai stated she had received from NYMIR the request regarding battery disconnects on vehicles, Evans stated yes, they had them. Boukai and he will sign the document and return it.

Town Justice Burkert announced Haley, their intern from the college, she just finished with them. She sent a card to the staff. He will give it to the council so they can take a look at it. She said she had a great time here and it was a great experience for us. We may get one next semester. She was good. She was great. She was really great. And she learned a lot. She was great with people. It was a real good experience, and it helped the staff, and hopefully we can do it again if they have somebody else next year. Burkert also announced they've completed their certified training for the whole staff. He wanted the council to know. Burkert added we'll talk to Dr Purdy (SUNY) to see if they have somebody that's interested in interning if so, it was a great experience, and when we do he will let the council know, and if it's okay with the council, we'll do it again.

Recreation/Health/Youth: (Councilmember's Krzyston & Supervisor Boukai): Councilmember Krzyston stated he attended the Delhi Community Fund meeting last week, and they are excited about what they've done for the town, they've donated money for buying stuff for the pool and for doing arts and crafts, and they offered money for the movie night. He wanted everyone to remember in the future to feel free to come to them with ideas. He is talking like in the \$500 to \$1,000 range, ideas, and they are into supporting the application that Boukai proposed to them.

Krzyston then said he received an inquiry from Rick Ackerley, who used to help organize the ice skating rink, and he said that there's a donor who wants to buy a new liner for the ice rink so that in the future, it can be done again. Krzyston gave him information on how to do that, but he's sort of managing that process as a volunteer.

Boukai then stated she is going to start getting quotes on the pool cover. There's really a limited number of places to get a commercial grade solar pool cover. She is waiting on the two grants, the swims grant, they said it would be December 15th before any announcements made. They also said the EPF grant would be announced sometime after November 15, and she hasn't anything. She is hoping early next year. Baldwin asked Boukai if she was working on some sort of contract with the village or MOU.

Economic Development/Shared Services: (Councilmember Morgan & Viafore): Supervisor Boukai asked Morgan and Viafore for an update on Shared Services, if they had met. Viafore stated she had spoken to Trustee Tweed virtually, and they just chatted about the different software's we're all looking at code, timekeeping, and Nixle, we didn't really make any decisions. It was only the two of them.

Councilmember Morgan stated he did a final part of the Zoom meeting for software, he should be getting a final quote before the end of next week.

Boukai then noted she and Barb Sturdevant (Delhi Trustee) submitted for a grant for only for pro housing communities. And it was a technical assistance grant that was called, and basically, they submitted a grant for assistance, jointly as a town in as the village to digitize all of our code documents and assist us in

coming up with processes that would better benefit the public when they come in to submit applications and things. One component of it was continuing like we expressed that both the village and the town have started the process of updating our zoning code, but that we're at a point where we could use the expertise of a consultant to carry that across the finish line. There's no match or anything like that. It's just for pro housing, and we submitted it together. They said that was completely appropriate, especially since we were looking at very similar pieces.

Councilmember Baldwin asked when the town was having a joint village town at some point, Boukai responded there is nothing on the agenda. Although she believes we can definitely talk about recreation, because we should have some kind of more formal MOU. She thinks, after the first comprehensive plan meeting as well, it'll give us another mechanism like or another blueprint for what we should be discussing, As boards, as the formal entities, with the community's guidance. She doesn't see us doing another joint meeting until the first quarter of next year. She is thinking March probably like once everyone's kind of up to speed and the new people are at least have a couple meetings under their belt.

Buildings/Codes: (Councilmember Morgan & Krzyston): Supervisor Boukai said today is the first time the new code officer met with Dale. Boukai had suggested that week of between Christmas and New Year's like it's a dead week, they don't do any meetings then, and just try and get them up to speed before the 19th. Dale will be working with him.

IT: (Councilmember Viafore & Krzyston): Supervisor Boukai also announced there was a transition period where Sentinel had to be deactivated so CrowdStrike could be activated. It was like five phone calls, five zoom meetings that she and Councilmember Viafore were on with the state and with ISD that is now completed. Everything's been swapped over to CrowdStrike. We're working on getting the two desktops, and we'll do some swapping. She doesn't think we'll have to spend anything, hopefully, they're newer than what we're replacing. She discussed the placement of the computers.

CODES REPORT:

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

Justice Court Report:

Town Justice Burkert said he wanted to talk about the phones. They have an issue with the phones. They've been having them since we switched over to the internet phones. Anytime we put them on speaker, it hangs up or it's intermittent, not every time, but the majority of the time, Councilmember Baldwin was there for a court proceeding where we have a Liberty recorder which records all official court activities. He stated sometimes people aren't able to make it here, or attorneys aren't able to get here, and we want to get them on the record, because everything has to go on the record. He will put the phone on speaker, and when he hits the speaker button, the phone hangs up. They've been using his cell phone to be able to put on speaker, Ms. Tofts and he discussed that they still have their old phones. They'd like to, if possible, go back to having just the courts line be a regular landline, not an internet phone. Ms. Tofts spoke with the phone company they told her it's not they don't have any other phones to replace these, and that we're stuck with them the way they are. Or we could go back to our other phone, the regular landline phone, where we could put the phones, we still have, put them back into service, and then we could have speaker phone capabilities. This was something he was hoping the council would consider the court looking into the doing, because it makes it a lot easier for court. Stating again right now, they're using his phone, but it works. But it would flow a lot better from the phones here in the court. If somebody called them, they could put them on speaker phone, to put them on the liberty for the full record. Again, it's not the best way to do court function, but sometimes people can't make it here, and he would prefer to have it on the record that and they can hear what's going on. Boukai asked if it had to be a cordless phone, Burkert said yes, it makes it easier because that black little triangle up on top that recorder. He can pull it places, but it's a cable that's attached to that laptop, and that's what picks it up. He will put his phone right next to it, or he'll take the phone, and he'll set it right on speaker, and he'll set it right next to Liberty, so the Liberty can hear it fully, and it can take everything into the transcript. And if they need to, they'll have the

people step up, or the defense counsel step up to the bench, so they can all hear it. Councilmember Baldwin said she had witnessed it happen.

Burkert then said he wanted the council to consider if it's them on the other line, or it's their family member that's doing a legal proceeding, and they're on the phone with the court and they're talking, and all of a sudden, the phone hanging ups it's not good. Boukai said she's wondering if it's only when the court goes on to speaker, is there a phone we can swap out? Burkert replied that they tried another one there, they switched the one from Kathleen's (the court clerk) office. And he'd say it's 80% of the time when they're talking on that phone and you hit speaker, it hangs up. The phone company said when she spoke to them it's a problem they're having with these phones, but they have no other phones to give us to change out. Boukai then asked what's their solution; Burkert said they have none. The clerk said this would be an added cost as they would have to go back to an analog. Boukai said then we're paying for a separate landline. Councilmember Morgan said it sounds like a programming issue within the network of that. The clerk stated it has never occurred in their office. Burkert asked if they used the speaker's system, the clerk stated yes. Burkert said they could try and switch the phones. The clerk questioned the internet as the court, where Boukai said it does make her wonder that's a good point only because, when she had her laptop running here, the Wi Fi was not great, it definitely was not as strong in this room compared to that side of the building. She wondered if just some kind of booster. Morgan said it's hardwired right; Burkert said no, the phone is wireless but when you hit the speaker button the phone itself, it literally goes black, it turns off, just loses power. He thought maybe it was a battery issue, or connection with the battery, so they switched it to the court clerks, and they tried it, and it does the same thing with both phones. He doesn't know they lose their connection and it turns off. But it's definitely an uncomfortable situation when they're talking to someone. Boukai said all the phones are through Delhi Telephone. The clerk wondered if ISD should return and check the internet connection. Boukai asked if the phone company could come up with a solution, Burkert said they didn't have a solution for us, and that's why Ms. Tofts wanted him to see if it would be possible for the court to look into and reactivating just the line in here for the court so they can put their old phones in, which worked fine. Adding they were older, but who cared? Burkert then added he believes they put new phones in their grant. The decision was made to try and switch phones and see if that helps, the clerk said she would switch her cordless if the court wanted to see if that made any difference. Viafore suggested they try contacting the individual while on speaker not while speaking to them, possibly that may make a difference. Burkert said they hadn't tried that but will.

Councilmember Krzyston then made the motion to accept the Justice Court report for November 2025. Councilmember Baldwin seconded the motion, motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report:

A motion was made by Councilmember Krzyston to accept the November 2025 Clerk report, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report:

Supervisor Boukai stated she had just discussed with the bookkeeper today regarding some budget amendments for the beginning of next year. We will have some budget amendments for January's meeting for 2025, she will make sure the council gets them, and she be able to explain to Simon and Dan (the new council members) the whole sequence of everything in that way, because it's very odd to be approving a budget amendment when you don't know what was going on the year before. She will have all of that ready for January's meeting, probably on the 12th, not the 5th. We're well, well over \$100,000 in interest earned. We're at about 113,000 with NY class. And it's conservatively around \$25,000 with DNBD. The rates have come down compared to where they were when she first took office, but we were doing what we can, and that's all we can do. It's working out really well, Meg gives her the transfers, Boukai then transfers the money's there, and things are rolling right along.

Supervisor's County Report:

Boukai stated county report, the last meeting of the year is on Wednesday. She forwarded all resolutions for the last meeting, and she has the last Social Services meeting of the year on Monday. Councilmember Krzyston

asked when she would get her committee assignments, Boukai replied if it's anything like when she first took office, she didn't think she announced them until that February meeting. They gave us the schedule for next year. She doesn't know if Mole will be offering additional committees to people, or if they'll just be staying on what they're on, but she definitely would like to stay on what she's on, just because now she is comfortable with the information and the flow of things. If Mole is taking requests Boukai will ask to be on the Finance Committee.

Abstracts:

Councilmember Baldwin made the motion to approve Abstract #0013 – 2025 Accounts “A-SF” Voucher No. 00541 – 00585 totaling \$41,379.68, Account “TA” Voucher No. 0046 equaling \$10,618.53. Total abstract \$51,998.21 Councilmember Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Viafore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm as the executive session was not needed, Councilmember Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Schmitz

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