

The June 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Delhi Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Rosanne K. Stertz in the Board Room of the Township Administration Building, 934 Neeb Road. Trustee Cheryl A. Sieve, Trustee Michael D. Davis, Fiscal Officer James J. Luebbe, Administrator Jack Cameron, and Law Director Bryan E. Pacheco were also present.

OPEN THE MEETING:

- The Board received certification that the rules adopted pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code had been complied with for the meeting.
- The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for the children of Delhi, that they remain safe during the Summer; and for the drivers, that they are attentive and aware of them playing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Regular meeting on 5/26/2021)

Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees regular meeting held on May 26, 2021 was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME: (Pay Period ending 6/1/21)

Motion to approve payment of overtime for pay periods ending June 1, 2021, was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion to approve bills for payment was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER: James J. Luebbe (Pending)

1. **Significant Transactions:**
2. **Receipts:** \$48,000 for the Cable Franchise Fee; \$8,000 for the Recycling Grant; \$295,000 for Payroll.
Disbursements: \$64,000 for Salt; \$37,000, equipment, 3 new police cruisers; \$62,000 for real estate taxes for Township properties.

TRUSTEES' CORRESPONDENCE:

- Trustee Sieve commented on correspondence received by the office concerning the reopening of the Senior Center and the Seniors plan to reopen on June 15th.
- Addressing concerns related to trash on Delhi Pike, Trustee Sieve confirmed that the Township has been working with Hamilton County on a plan to install trash receptacles at various locations along Delhi Pike.
- With regard to concerns related to the increase in aircraft noise over Delhi on June 4th, Trustee Sieve reported that our representative on the Airport Noise Abatement Committee confirmed the reason that flights were redirected over Delhi was due to weather conditions that caused low visibility over CVG.
- Trustee Sieve reported that the Hamilton County Health District is conducting COVID-19 walk-in vaccine clinics at Rapid Run Middle School, from 10 – 6, on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Trustee Davis commented on the Senior Center reopening, and the process working with Hamilton County to install trash receptacles along Delhi Pike.
- With regard to recent implicit bias training, Trustee Davis complimented Delhi and Green townships for partnering on the opportunity to make the training available to staff.
- Trustee Davis recognized Ray Caine, a member of the Delhi Fire Department, on his retirement.
- Trustee Davis referenced a radio interview with Dr. Gene Kritsky, professor with Mount St. Joseph University, talking about the cicada phenomenon reaching their peak and noise level over 90 decibels in some locations.
- With regard to the weather outlook for tomorrow calling for low lying fog, Trustee Stertz suggested that we could see flights redirected over Delhi again.

- Trustee Stertz thanked the Delhi Township Veterans Association for hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony for the community, of which she referred to as one of the most touching events she has attended.
- Trustee Stertz acknowledged three of our businesses for winning in their perspective categories in Cincy Magazine's Best of the West 2021: Bayley: Best Assisted Living; Chandler's Burger Bistro: Best Burger & Best Wings, and Embellish Salon & Spa: Best Hair Salon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Assistant Chief Jesse Moore

1. Retirement Recommendation

- A Motion to Accept the retirement of Part-Time Firefighter/EMT/FAO Raymond F. Caine effective June 9, 2021, was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.
- The Trustees recognized Mr. Caine for his service to the community and thanked him for his friendship over the years.
- Assistant Fire Chief Jesse recognized Mr. Caine's service to the community over his 22-year career, serving in the capacity of Firefighter/EMT, FAO, and CPR Instructor, filling a lot of shifts when needed, and instructing a lot of classes.

2. Waiver of Fees

- A Motion to Approve a request from William Eckhoff, St. Dominic Cub Scout Pack 483 Committee Chairman, to waive the open burn permit for their annual flag retirement ceremony on June 13, 2021 on St. Dominic Church property, 4551 Delhi Avenue, due to the community service nature of the request, was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.
- Mr. Eckhoff reported on details of the flag burning ceremony to be held from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on June 13th. He said that it was unfortunate that they were not able to give more notice and that they would like to do another event later in the fall.

PARKS & RECREATION: Assistant Administrator Greg DeLong

1. Resolution 2021-085

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with the Delhi Community Benefit Skirt Softball Committee for use of Delhi Park for its 2021 annual charity event, authorizing the Assistant Administrator to execute the agreement, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Mr. DeLong informed the Board that there are some changes in this year's agreement, including the use of Delhi Park for the Thursday, August 12th and Friday, August 13th events, and adding a few new fundraisers/concerts to be announced.

In response to Trustee Sieve's question regarding police patrol and protection, Mr. DeLong confirmed that police services were added to the most recent draft today.

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

2. Department Update / Events:

- Farmers Market is currently up and running on Saturday mornings at Clearview Lake
- The first concert in Delhi Park will feature Bad Habit on June 17th.
- Madcap Puppets will present Jack and the Gentle Giant at the Delhi Park Pavilion on June 23rd.
- The playground groundbreaking was postponed due to inclement weather.
- The restroom renovation project is planned to begin soon.

- The Delhi Senior/Community Center will reopen on June 3rd, and the Delhi Seniors plan to resume their activities on June 15th.
- The Parks Department is hiring for seasonal and custodial positions.

In response to Trustee Sieve's question regarding the age requirement for Seasonal help, Mr. DeLong responded that typically it is 18; however, exceptions have been made to hire individuals who are 16.

Trustee Davis stated that he is glad to see activities start back up again.

In response to Trustee Stertz' question will the Seniors reinstate their Wednesday activities, Mr. DeLong confirmed that he would know more about their plans after their meeting tomorrow.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (No Agenda Items)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (No Agenda Items)

ADMINISTRATION: (No Agenda Items)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Department Director Greg DeLong

1. Resolution 2021-086

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 518 Rosemont Avenue, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

With regard to the five resolutions addressing nuisance violations, Mr. DeLong confirmed there has been some effort by some of the property owners to clean up the properties (two are vacant, three are owner-occupied, and three are repeat offenders).

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

2. Resolution 2021-087

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 858 Ivyhill Drive, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

3. Resolution 2021-088

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 4301 Delryan Drive, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

In response to a question from Trustee Davis regarding the location of the violation, Mr. DeLong confirmed that the photos show the height of the grass both in the right-of-way and the front lawn.

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

4. Resolution 2021-089

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 4486 St. Dominic Drive, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

5. Resolution 2021-090

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 5165 Dundas Drive, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER: Fiscal Officer Jim Luebbe

6. Resolution 2021-091

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to spend greater than \$10,000 on behalf of the Township, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Fiscal Officer Luebbe reported that the resolution and spending addresses the purchase of a fire truck at the end of the month.

Trustees Sieve moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES.

Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

- Assistant Fire Chief Jesse Moore reported that Chief Campbell, Captain Helmes and Joe Joyce made the trip to Florida this week for the final inspection, at which time they addressed some issues. He confirmed that the dealer corrected all issues and has scheduled the driver to bring the truck to Vogelpohl Fire Equipment for final inspection and service, and that it should be put into service at the Greenwell station in two weeks. He addressed some of the features of the truck, including some newer features that address health and safety.
- Administrator Cameron confirmed that the purchase is a planned Capital expenditure scheduled in the TIF Fund, not the Fire Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary D. Reuss, 6174 Cedarbluff Court, addressed the Board on the topic of the Township’s governmental aggregation program and her concern about how the program is set up as an automatic enroll with Opt-out option. She referenced a letter that she recently received indicating that Dynegy would become her electric supplier, and suggested that the way the program was set up was misleading and could be confusing for some older adults.

Administrator Cameron reviewed the program’s design and identified the current rate for the electric supply. He could not identify the letter she received as being related to the aggregation program, although he did not think it was, and offered to reach out to the program’s broker to look into further.

Trustee Sieve informed Ms. Reuss that one of the reasons the Township contracted with Energy Alliances was because of the option to join or leave the program at any time with no penalty. She added that when the program was formed in 2014, the Township held meetings to make sure the residents were knowledgeable about the program so they would be able to make informed decisions about their natural gas and electric supply.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. Delhi Farmers’ Market is open at Clearview Lake on Saturday mornings.
2. Fishing is being offered on Fridays in designated areas at Clearview Lake.
3. Delhi Branch Library Outdoor Storytime is on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings on the front lawn.
4. Delhi Branch Library Discovery Summer Events are on Thursday, June 10th, Saturday, June 12th and Saturday, June 26th.
5. Delhi Historical Society program: Cincinnati German’s Before WWI is scheduled at the Delhi Park Lodge on Monday, June 14th.
6. Upcoming Concerns in Delhi Park: Thursday, June 17th with Bad Habit, and Thursday, July 15th with Excalibur.
7. Delhi Township presents: Mapcap Puppets in the Park: Jack & the Gentle Giant, on Wednesday, June 23rd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion to retire to Executive Session to consider the discipline of public employees of the Township, was introduced by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING:

A Motion to retire from Executive Session and return to the public meeting was introduced by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

Trustee Stertz confirmed that the Board would convene on Wednesday, June 30th at 6:00 p.m. for their next regular meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

Approved: _____, Fiscal Officer
_____, Chair
_____, Trustee
_____, Trustee

I hereby certify that the amounts needed to meet the above obligations have been lawfully appropriated and are in the treasury or the process of collection free from any and all obligations.

James J. Luebbe, Fiscal Officer