

The July 14, 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, were complied with for the meeting.
- The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for Timothy Skelly. Mr. Skelly was a resident of Delhi Township and a kind man who loved serving people for the greater good. He was a long-standing member of the Riverview Delhi-Hills Kiwanis, where he served as secretary for 31 years, and enjoyed singing with the Dunham Choraliers throughout the west side, especially at retirement and nursing homes. He is survived by his wife Mary Lee and four children Amy, Angela, Kyle and Kevin. Rest well dear friend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Regular meeting on 6/30/2021)

Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees regular meeting held on June 30, 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 6/29/21)

Motion to approve payment of overtime for pay period ending June 29, 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

1. **Resolution 2021-111**

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution amending appropriations for expenses, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Mr. Luebbe confirmed the appropriations are related to surveillance cameras for park, of which funds are being transferred out of the TIF fund.

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 2021-112**

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.

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. **Significant Transactions:** Disbursements: July 8 Payroll was \$305,000.

TRUSTEES' CORRESPONDENCE:

- Trustee Davis thanked his fellow trustees for their support of new cameras in Delhi Park. He said he welcomes the added security and that it is good timing with the new playground equipment.
- Trustee Stertz referenced the advertising of a concert on Delhi Middle School's sign to benefit the Skirt Game Committee. She confirmed that the sign was incorrect and that the concert was scheduled on June 17th, not July 17th as stated on the sign.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Doug Campbell

1. Promotion Recommendation

- A Motion to Approve the promotion of Benjamin E. Pritchard from Career Firefighter / EMT to Career Firefighter / Paramedic at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the IAFF Local 3389 effective July 14, 2021, was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.

2. Hiring Recommendation

- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Zachary A. Dapper as Part-Time Firefighter / EMT in the Fire Department at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with Delhi Firefighters Association and successful completion of the pre-employment physical, drug testing, and background check effective on July 14, 2021, was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.
- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Brian J. Link as Part-Time Firefighter / EMT in the Fire Department at a rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the Delhi Firefighters Association upon successful completion of the pre-employment physical, drug testing, and background check effective on July 14, 2021, was moved by Trustee Sieve and seconded by Trustee Davis. Trustees Sieve, Davis and Stertz voted YES. Motion carried.
- Chief Campbell's comments:
 - Ben Pritchard, originally hired as a Career Firefighter EMT, has completed training and is prepared to start working as a paramedic. He added that with this promotion, this was the last full time EMT position, and now the department is staffed 100% with full time paramedics.
 - With regard to the new hires, they are fortunate to add Zachary and Brian to their staffing.
 - Future Part Time Firefighter / EMT employment opportunity – the department is accepting applications for part time staffing and will be working on a hiring process after they receive enough applications to recommend for the process.
 - New Fire Engine – the truck will be put into service on July 28th. The Push Back Ceremony will be held early in the AM and the truck will be on display at the Administration parking lot during the Trustee meeting in the evening.

Trustee Sieve commented that Ben Pritchard is a second-generation Delhi firefighter and son of Pete Pritchard.

PARKS & RECREATION: Assistant Administrator Greg DeLong

Mr. DeLong reported on the following items:

- Delhi Park Sign on Foley Road – the sign is currently not operating due to an electrical issue.
- Park Playground project – currently under construction. The turf has been ordered and scheduled to be delivered in three weeks with the ribbon cutting scheduled on August 21st.
- Restroom remodel project – updates are completed and the restroom is now open.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: No Agenda Items.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Department Director Ron Ripperger

Mr. Ripperger reported on the following items:

- Duke Energy project on Bandana – scheduled to start on July 19th. Notices have been mailed to the residents.
- Sewer project on Mayhew near Leath – anticipate a road closure during the week of July 19th.
- Leaning utility pole on Delhi Pike and Katiebud – working with Cincinnati Bell on the repair of the utility pole. The delay in the repair was due to Cincinnati Bell staff working on hurricane relief.
- Greenwell road project - finishing up on the last street in the project. Residents have been patient with the contractors.

ADMINISTRATION: Board Chair Trustee Stertz

Recognition from Hamilton County Public Health

Trustee Stertz read out a loud a proclamation recognizing Delhi Township for its ongoing support for the health of Hamilton County citizens, and for working toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic. She also recognized Assistant Police Chief Braun, and Fire Chief Campbell, for their work coordinating the community vaccine clinics.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Department Director Greg DeLong

1. Resolution 2021-113

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 328 Bob Drive, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Mr. DeLong stated that resolutions 113 through 118 were found in the same condition during follow up inspections this morning.

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 2021-114

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 984 Neeb Road, 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 2021-115

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 5333 Whitmore 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.

4. Resolution 2021-116

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 5478 Alomar 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 2021-117

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for accumulated debris at 4426 Delhi Pike, 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.

6. Resolution 2021-118

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 1157 Anderson Ferry Road, 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.

7. Water issue on Alomar

In response to a request from Trustee Davis for an update regarding a water issue at a residential property on Alomar that was addressed at the June 30 meeting, Mr. DeLong confirmed that it is a rental property, the health department has inspected the property and contact has been made with the property owner. He added that they have not heard back from the property owner and will continue to work to get it resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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 through September.
3. Delhi Branch Library Outdoor Storytime on the front lawn on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
4. Delhi Branch Library Discovery Summer Event: Spellbound by the Magic of Science on Thursday, July 15th at 2:00 p.m.
5. Delhi Parks Concert in Park featuring Excalibur on Thursday, July 15th at 7:00 p.m.
6. Delhi Branch Library Adult Book Club: American Spy, on Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m.
7. Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, July 24th.
8. Riverview Delhi Kiwanis 31st annual Rollin' on the River Charity Car Show on Sunday, July 25th.
9. Delhi Parks presents Shakespeare in the Park: Romeo & Juliet on Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.
10. Delhi Township Community Blood Drive scheduled at the Senior Community Center on Monday, August 2nd.
11. Delhi Parks Concert in the Park featuring Curly & the Q-Balls on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Stertz confirmed that the Board's next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m.

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