

The June 8, 2022 regular meeting of the Delhi Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Cheryl A. Sieve at the Township Administration Building, 934 Neeb Road. Trustee Michael D. Davis, Trustee Rosanne K. Stertz, 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 all of our military service men and women, both active and retired; with much gratitude for our Delhi Township Veterans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Regular meeting on 5/26/2022)

- A Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees regular meeting May 26, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME: (Period ending 5/31/2022)

- A Motion to approve the payment of overtime for period ending May 31, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

REPORT FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER: James J. Luebbe

1. **Resolution 2022-070**

Trustee Davis 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 Stertz seconded.

Mr. Cameron reported, the resolution approves spending for three items: payment of property taxes to the Hamilton County Auditor, payment to the Health Department, and construction expenses for pickleball courts.

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

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

2. **Significant Transactions:**

Receipts: \$35,000 on May 31st for EMS reimbursements; Disbursements: \$315,000 on May 26 for Payroll.

TRUSTEES' CORRESPONDENCE:

- Trustee Stertz reported on the receipt of correspondence, from Pastor Landis with Bible Chapel of Delhi Hills addressed to the Fire Department, for response and care provided to the family during a house fire that occurred last month on Foley Road.
- Trustee Sieve thanked the Delhi Township Veterans Association for organizing the Memorial Day Ceremony for the community.
- Trustee Sieve congratulated the Parks Department for hosting the well-attended beer tasting event last month for the community.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Scleroderma Awareness Month - Mr. Darryl Haussler & Mrs. Debbie Haussler, National Scleroderma Foundation, Ohio Chapter

- Trustee Sieve introduced special guests, Darryl Haussler, retired from the Delhi Police Department with 22 years of service, who had a life-threatening experience with scleroderma, and his wife Debbie, who serves as the president of the Scleroderma Foundation, Ohio Chapter.
- A reading of the proclamation declaring the month of June as Scleroderma Month in Delhi Township, in honor of Darryl and Debbie Haussler, and all other citizens who have been diagnosed and are living with the disease, their families and support groups.
- Mr. Haussler said a few words about his career and how much he enjoyed working for Delhi Township, and thanked the Board of Trustees for their support over the years. He shared his personal experience with scleroderma, and his appreciation for all of the prayers and support from family and friends, thanking God for his recovery.

2. Fishing Opportunity from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife Mr. Mike Porto, Fisheries Biologist

- Introduction of the Department and description of Mr. Porto's duties, and interest to partner with Delhi to provide more fishing opportunities for the community at no cost.
- And their interest in expanding their fall Catchable Rainbow Trout Program in urban areas throughout the state, specifically in Columbus and Northwestern Ohio.
- Their role to keep the lakes and ponds stocked for their fishing programs.
- Would require an agreement/contract between the Department and the Township. After the agreement would be in place, Mr. Porto could make the request with the hatcheries this fall for stocking the lake with trout in the spring (March, April).
- Program Stipulations:
 - Fish would be free to anyone who would catch them.
 - Person fishing would need to be 16 or older and would need to obtain a fishing license through the Department of Natural Resources.
 - The agreement would change the current guidelines from catch and release, to allowing harvests of up to statewide limits and bag limits on certain species.
- Mr. Porto addressed Trustee Sieve's questions about the current species in the lake and the limits placed on fishing, either number of fish or size, depending on the species; and the fishing license requirement and enforcement by the ODNR.
- Mr. Porto confirmed that an officer should be assigned to Hamilton County early next year. The officer would have authority to enforce fishing and littering laws inside the park.
- In response to Trustee Stertz' question would the Township have to offer fishing every day of the week, Mr. Porto reviewed the terms of the agreement of which states, "free public fishing and reasonable access at all times." Confirmed that the time could be tailored to meet our needs.
- They also stock catfish, and are currently working on a Catchable Sunfish Program with Bluegill.
- In response to Trustee Davis' question regarding licensing, Mr. Porto confirmed licensing would be handled through any ODNR vendor throughout Ohio.
- In response to Mr. Cameron's question regarding the health of the lake over the course of time if we would enter in an agreement, Mr. Porto confirmed that he would conduct a fish assessment if over harvesting would occur.
- Mr. Cameron confirmed that he would like to offer the program but would like to avoid fishing on the weekend, when Township staff would be unavailable to response to any problems.
- Trustee Sieve informed Mr. Porto that the Township has a great interest and will pass the agreement on to our Law Director for review and input.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Doug Campbell

1. Hiring Recommendations

- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Ethan D. Brogan as Part-Time Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the Delhi Firefighters Association upon successful completion of the voice stress analyzer, pre-employment physical,

drug testing, and background check effective on June 8, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Zeno H. Perry IV as Part-Time Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the Delhi Firefighters Association upon successful completion of the voice stress analyzer, pre-employment physical, drug testing and background check effective on June 8, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.
- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Jesse Noell as Part-Time Firefighter / EMT in the Fire Department at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the Delhi Firefighters Association upon successful completion of the voice stress analyzer, pre-employment physical, drug testing, and background check, effective on June 8, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.
- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Tyler J. Ruhe as Part-Time Firefighter / EMT in the Fire Department at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the Delhi Firefighters Association, upon successful completion of the EMT Certification, voice stress analyzer, pre-employment physical, drug testing, and background check effective on June 8, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.
 - Chief Campbell reported, the motions will expedite the hiring process for the immediate pending vacancies.
 - Confirmed that three of the candidates earned their degrees through Cincinnati State, and one through Scarlet Oaks.
 - Also, Tyler Ruhe pending hire until he gets his EMT certification.
 - Congratulations, and welcome, to Ethan, Zeno, Jesse and Tyler, on their appointments to part time firefighter / EMT.

2. Resignation Recommendation

A Motion to Accept the voluntary resignation of Career Firefighter / Paramedic Christopher J. Eisenecker from the Delhi Township Fire Department effective June 18, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

- Congratulations to Chris Eisenecker on his new full-time appointment with Deerfield Township.

PARKS & RECREATION: Assistant Administrator Greg DeLong

1. Resolution 2022-071

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution adopting updated and restated rules for parks in Delhi Township, pursuant to 505.261 and 511.322 of the Ohio Revised Code, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mr. DeLong reviewed details of the updated and restated park rules:

- New rules to address the control of animals.
- Proper usage of sporting fields and equipment.
- Personal conduct.
- Smoking regulations, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.
- Identifies fines for the rules, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and enforced by Delhi Police.
- Trustee Sieve communicated her desire to prevent smoking around the playground area.
- Trustee Davis communicated his desire to control bad behavior and vulgar language in the park.
- Trustee Stertz appreciated the input and time invested in the re-write of the park rules.

- With regard to questionable behavior / activity in the park, Mr. Cameron reminded the public to call the Police Department if you would have a concern. An immediate response and observation by the officer are necessary if it would be a prosecutable offense.
- Rules will be communicated in a number of formats throughout the park.

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

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

2. Hiring Recommendation

- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Griffin M. Kain as Seasonal Parks & Recreation Worker in the Parks & Recreation Department at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour effective June 8, 2022, contingent upon successful completion of background check and drug testing, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.
- A Motion to Approve the hiring of Samuel M. Weidner as Seasonal Parks & Recreation Worker in the Parks & Recreation Department at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour effective June 8, 2022, contingent upon successful completion of background check and drug testing, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

3. Resignation Recommendation

A Motion to Accept the voluntary resignation of Seasonal Parks & Recreation Worker Jacob A. Rudolf effective May 31, 2022, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

Mr. Cameron commented that the salary changes that were approved last year to be more competitive in the marketplace have been effective in this year's hiring process for seasonal park help.

4. Floral Paradise Gardens Revitalization Recommendation

A Motion to Approve the plan submitted for Floral Paradise Gardens update, removal, and revitalizing of garden areas and hardscapes, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

- Having experienced a decline in park volunteers over the past few years, the plan of which was distributed in May for review, will implement changes that will reduce the gardens to a more manageable level and return it to the vibrancy that it once was. Changes will create a safer, walkable path for park visitors. Review of some of the changes:
 - Gardens closest to the street and most difficult to maintain will be turned in grassy knolls.
 - Removal of some of the wood structures that have become unsafe.
 - Recovery of the waterfall area.
 - The large painted pot has been put back out on display.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Assistant Chief Jeff Braun

Assistant Chief Braun reported on the following items:

- Thanked the Board for establishing park rules and clearly defining the terms of the violations so the police officers can process offenses accordingly.
- The two most recent police officer hires, Crawford and Vennemeier, are going through field training and will be out on the road on their own in the next 2 to 3 months.
- Review of door-to-door sales:
 - Vendors are required to obtain a permit through the Police Department.
 - Residents can request to be added to the "Do Not Solicit" list and will receive a sticker to post on their front door.

- As always, if a resident would not feel comfortable with the person at their door, they should call 911, or the Police Department's non-emergency number for assistance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Director Ron Ripperger

1. **Resolution 2022-072**

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing application for a grant from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office for 20% license tax funds to assist in the cost of the 2022 Street Rehabilitation and Repair Project expenses, authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute any required documents in connection with the grant application, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mr. Ripperger reported, this is an annual request for \$18,000 funding through Hamilton County Engineer's Office.

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

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

2. **Road Closure for Heather Ridge subdivision** – on Cleves Warsaw, between Ebenezer and Pontius from June 20th through June 24th.
3. **Safety reminder for people who live on Anderson Ferry Road** – use caution and be aware of the traffic when stepping out into the road to get your mail or trim weeds and grass.
4. **Safety reminder** – do not blow grass into the street – the grass can cover/clog drains and present a slick road condition for people riding motor cycles.

ADMINISTRATION: Administrator Cameron

1. **Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program Update**

- Notices went out from Duke Energy to members informing them that the contract expired and they were being returned to Duke aggregate pricing in the interim while our energy consultant works to lock in the best price for the next term. The transition will be automatic – residents do not need to take action.
- Scam Alert – there is a vendor going door-to-door in the community posing as Duke Energy with program information. This is not Duke Energy. It is another vendor trying to get you to enter into a contract with them for natural gas.

2. **Delhi Towne Square Update**

- Work started by Prus Construction on the underground infrastructure is currently experiencing a delay due to a delay in the permit process with MSD and the Cincinnati Water Works. Prus will be back on site as soon as the permits are in hand.
- Steel and precast concrete has been ordered and will be delivered to the site in September – November timeframe.
- Finalizing pricing on the next piece.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Assistant Administrator Greg DeLong

1. **Car Wash Openings** – The Blue Roo, and Clean Sweep car washes on Delhi Pike are scheduled to open June/mid-June.
2. **Resolution 2022-073**
Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 219 Cloverhill Terrace, declaring an emergency, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mr. DeLong reported, they originally started with 12 nuisances, of which 3 were found in compliance as of this morning during follow up inspections. The remaining 4 on the agenda are still active violations: 6 are owner occupied, 3 are rental properties, and 8 out of the 9 are repeat offenders.

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

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

3. Resolution 2022-074

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 410 Sunaire Terrace, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

4. Resolution 2022-075

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 511 Angelnook Drive, declaring an emergency, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

5. Resolution 2022-076

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 3912 Delhi Pike, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

6. Resolution 2022-077

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 3930 Delhi Pike, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

7. Resolution 2022-078

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 3944 Delhi Pike, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

8. Resolution 2022-079

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 4250 Delhi Pike, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

9. Resolution 2022-080

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 5400 Boutique Court, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

10. Resolution 2022-081

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution providing for the removal of a junk motor vehicle at 496 Pedretti Avenue, declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Not Applicable.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. Free Fishing at Clearview Lake on Fridays from 7am until dusk.
2. Farmer's Market at Clearview Lake from 9am until Noon on Saturdays throughout summer.
3. Go Vibrant's 7th Annual Million Step Neighborhood Challenge runs from May 28th through October 15th.
4. Delhi Historical Society program Walking Along with the Paranormal on Monday, June 13th at the Delhi Park Lodge.
5. Delhi Parks 1st Concert in Delhi Park featuring Bad Habit on Thursday, June 16th.

6. Delhi Branch Library: Discover Summer Series: Honey Hill Farm Petting Zoo, on Saturday, June 18th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
7. Mad Cap Puppets presents: The Story Quest on Wednesday, at the Delhi Park Pavilion on July 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Davis reported on a ground breaking ceremony held today, introducing Bayley’s new construction project, adding a new 80-unit independent living facility in Green Township, off of North Bend Road, across from Mercy West.

Trustee Sieve confirmed their next regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion to retire to Executive Session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and/or compensation of a public employees of the Township, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

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

BUSINESS TO CONSIDER:

A Motion to approve a 4% increase in salary for Greg DeLong, Randy Supe, and Brandon Lowry, was moved by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Stertz. Trustees Davis, Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING:

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