

**`Town of Delaware Town Board
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Delaware, Sullivan County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, in Hortonville, New York, in said Town, on the 12th day of March, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor DuBois, and there were

PRESENT: Scott M. DuBois, Supervisor
Cindy Herbert, Councilperson
Alfred Steppich, Councilperson
Christopher Hermann, Councilperson
Ian Blumenthal, Councilperson

Present were: Tess McBeath, Town Clerk; Kristofer Scullion, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Kenneth C. Klein, Esq.; Town Attorney; William Brown, P.E., Delaware Engineering

Councilperson Steppich led the pledge to the flag; Supervisor DuBois welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting were approved on motion of Councilperson Steppich, seconded by Councilperson Hermann, and carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Supervisor DuBois reported that winter was tough. He wanted to personally thank Bill and the workers for the dedication and hard work they put in. It was a tough winter, they went out many times. Hopefully we're done; there's still more winter to go. On behalf of the Board, Supervisor DuBois publicly thanked them for all their hard work.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: Mr. Scullion reported that another footing was poured in Kenoza Lake Estates; things are going along. He has another new application and plans. He's still doing short term rental renewals; had a house fire on Soumnty Road 164 – wood stove. It's been busy.

TOWN CLERK: (1) January receipts totaled \$4,462 with \$4,444 turned over to the Supervisor. Of that, \$3,145 was Building fees. Property tax collections total \$5,052,525.83 to date, which is 83.42% of the warrant. (2) DOT responded to our request for a speed limit on Route 52 by the Janice Center. The answer was basically no. Lucette Ostergren who submitted the request plans to pursue it further. (3) The UDC is running an Upper Delaware Litter Sweep again this year. *The Clerk was appointed Litter Leader; dates of April 12th with a rain date of the 19th were approved.* The Clerk will complete the DOT application. (4) People are asking about a shredding event. Jeff Bank has agreed to sponsor the event and split the cost with the Town, it will run about \$6-700 for each of us. We have approx. 12 cu.ft. of obsolete records to destroy. *It was agreed to hold the shredding event the same day as the Town Clean up.* (5) The Clerk requested permission for her and Deputy Leila McCullough to attend. *Permission granted.* (6) We've received numerous complaints about the lack of snow removal on the sidewalks in Callicoon. I don't believe many of the property owners even know that they own the

sidewalks, not the municipality; and if someone falls it's their liability, not ours. Attorney Ken Klein has a draft law on sidewalks, the Clerk requested the Board authorize him to prepare a local law.

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE INTRODUCTORY LAW:

Motion to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare an introductory law with regard to sidewalks was made by Councilperson Steppich, seconded by Councilperson Hermann and carried unanimously.

UDC REPORT: Harold Roeder's attended all the March UDC meetings, which included an update from the Project Review Committee report. (1) Their CPA provided a financial picture and the 2025 budget was prepared. (2) The election of officers was held with Jim Rogers from Fremont appointed as Chairperson and Evan Padua as Vice Chair. (3) Many members of the public attended the last meeting of the Full Council to discuss the Skinners Falls/Milanville bridge. There was also concern from the canoe liveries about the 600% increase in the cost of an NPS license in order to operate on the river. The NPS now wants a percentage of the livery operator's gross sales. (4) Reservoir storage is at 70.1% for Neversink, 37.9% Pepaton and 78.8% for Cannonsville. (5) The UDC is seeking proposals for river and shoreline cleanup.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Bill Brown reported they are working with contractors to gear back up; they have a job meeting this week. The wellhouse is moving forward, pipe work scheduled to start April 1. Once the weather is better they'll finish up on 17B, then switch over to Upper Main where they have to go under the railroad tracks. Work is progressing they're hoping to be done the first part of summer. They're working to get the last of the houses hooked up to meters; Katey sent a letter and the contractor now has 15 more scheduled the end of this month. Supervisor DuBois mentioned that anyone who is on Callicoon water needs to get a meter. There is no cost to the homeowner.

Supervisor DuBois wanted to make sure Mr. Brown coordinates with the Youth Center so as not to conflict with their schedule. Mr. Brown mentioned the bids went out for the athletic courts and he expects the bid can be awarded at the April meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor DuBois spoke of meeting with Bill; he'll plan his paving after he sees how the roads came out after winter.

The Supervisor mentioned that the Burning Ban takes effect March 15th. It's been very dry, please adhere to those dates.

Supervisor DuBois just got the AFR report done from Cooper Arias, he has to look it over and he'll report next month on where we stand on the funds. It's good that we have some building going on, that's the only way we generate revenue is through tax assessments. Still trying to dig out of the VRCC; and we got a tax certiorari on the pipeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Yael Feinerman asked that shredding day be after April 15th.

COUNCIL COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD – CRUSHED STONE:

On motion of Councilperson Hermann, seconded by Councilperson Steppich, it was

RESOLVED, that the bids be awarded to the lowest bidder for crushed stone, with the authorization to use the next lowest bidder as an alternate in case the low bidder doesn't have the product when needed. Resolution approved: AYES-5, NAYS-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION – INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1-2025: AMENDING §89-7 OF CHAPTER 89 OF THE TOWN CODE (FALSE ALARM LAW):

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Delaware, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town of Delaware Town Hall, 104 Main Street, Hortonville, New York, in said Town, on the 12th day of March, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilperson Herbert, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilperson Steppich, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025 entitled “A local law amending Section 89-7 of Chapter 89 of the Code of the Town of Delaware” is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Delaware, County of Sullivan, State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines the aforesaid local law to be a Type II Action pursuant to §617.5(26) and (33) of the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hold a public hearing on the aforesaid local law at the Town Hall, 104 Main Street, Hortonville, New York, at 5:55 p.m., prevailing time, on April 9, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the Sullivan County Democrat, of such public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

- Supervisor Scott M. DuBois voting aye,
- Councilperson Christopher Hermann voting aye,
- Councilperson Cindy Herbert voting aye,
- Councilperson Alfred Steppich voting aye; and
- Councilperson Ian Blumenthal voting aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION – RE-APPOINT DEBORAH S. SHEA AS ASSESSOR:

Moved by: Councilperson Alfred Steppich
Seconded: Councilperson Christopher Hermann

RESOLVED, Deborah S. Shea be re-appointed as Town Assessor for a six-year term ending on September 30, 2031. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

Supervisor Scott M. DuBois voting aye,
Councilperson Christopher Hermann voting aye,
Councilperson Cindy Herbert voting aye,
Councilperson Alfred Steppich voting aye; and
Councilperson Ian Blumenthal voting aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE ROAD FOR 5K/10K RIVER RUN:

Moved by: Councilperson Herbert

Seconded: Councilperson Hermann

RESOLVED, that the Delaware Youth Center is authorized to close roads in the hamlet of Callicoon for a specific duration on July 20, 2025 for the 5K/10K River Run. Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION: SET DATES FOR TOWN CLEAN-UP: On motion of Councilperson Christopher Hermann, seconded by Councilperson Alfred Steppich, it was resolved that the Town Clean-up will be held one-day only on Saturday, April 26 from 9-4. The Clerk is directed to put out an RFP for the hauler. Scrap metal will be collected by Metal Giant. Resolution carried unanimously.

A tentative April 26 date was set for a shredding event.

RESOLUTION: HAMLET OF CALLICOON TRASH REMOVAL. On motion of Councilperson Hermann, seconded by Councilperson Steppich, the Clerk is directed to put out an RFP for trash removal in the hamlet; from Memorial Day until after Dickens on the Delaware in December. Resolution passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTION: PAYMENT OF BILLS: March 2025 bills/vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment on motion of Councilperson Hermann, seconded by Councilperson Herbert and carried unanimously:

Callicoon Sewer	11,449.70
Capital	715,241.62
General Fund	43,515.69
Highway Dept.	114,994.25
Kohlertown Sewer	55,534.00
Water District	4,868.70

Supervisor DuBois mentioned that we have more people at the meeting than usual. He'd like set up a meeting with Kris Scullion and the fire department to further discuss and come up with some type of resolution, some type of compromise so we can move forward.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on motion of Councilperson Steppich, seconded by Councilperson Hermann and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tess McBeath, RMC
Town Clerk