

**^Town of Delaware Town Board
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 14, 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 14th day of May, 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; Leila McCullough, Deputy 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.

GUEST TO THE BOARD: Dr. Kathleen Bressler, Superintendent of Sullivan West, addressed the Board to thank them for their support and to discuss the 2025-2026 proposed budget. Dr. Bressler provided an update of all the positive things happening in Sullivan West. She encouraged people to vote to approve the budget May 20 from 12-9 p.m. at the Delaware Youth Center.

RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 9, 2025 meeting were approved on motion of Councilperson Steppich, seconded by Councilperson Hermann, and carried unanimously, AYES-5, NAYS-0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Supervisor DuBois reported that he spoke with Mr. Eschenberg, they're getting ready for paving. He hired a couple of new guys. They'll be doing road mowing soon.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Eschenberg submitted a list of surplus equipment and materials which he recommended be sold at auction. He requested the list be included in the minutes as follows:

- 2002 GMC pickup
- 2004 GMC one ton
- Paver and trailer
- Clark loader
- 570 John Deer grader
- 1994 International
- 2004-1 International
- Three Chevy one tons (two 2011, one 2013)
- 545 Ford mowing tractor, less the mower
- Miscellaneous scrap metal

The Supervisor said we'll deem it surplus and go to auction.

RESOLUTION - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

Councilperson Hermann made motion to move forward with selling our surplus equipment through AAR auctions. Motion seconded by Councilperson Steppich and carried, all in favor. Supervisor DuBois will set up with AAR.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: Mr. Scullion reported Bnos Rochel is on for next Wednesday's Planning Board for their conditional use permit. The Supervisor asked that he let them know we increased the fine on the alarms. Mr. Scullion said they're working up there. He went to a neighboring property, a new tiny house showed up, no permit. It was hooked up to water and sewer and has skirting around it. The owner is supposed to meet with Kris; he's advertising up to a 50-home community. This is the first one. He has to come to the Planning Board or it's considered an RV and can't be hooked up to the sewer. Mr. Scullion informed the gentleman that if he's going to have more of them he'd better come to the Planning Board; Attorney Klein added if it's even an allowable use. Mr. Scullion also reported that work this year is smaller, more reasonable. Some locals are doing some things. He's issued 35 permits so far.

TOWN CLERK: (1) April receipts totaled \$5,213 with \$5,186.50 turned over to the Supervisor. Of that, \$5,085 was Building fees. (2) The UDC's annual litterpluck effort was a huge success; the UDC supplied t-shirts and equipment, we had about 23 volunteers (a number of whom were Girl Scouts) and collected 28 bags of trash. (3) We shredded 1,780 lbs of paper at the shredding event. (4) County Planning requested a letter of support for the Mongaup Watershed Management Plan.

Even year elections. The Clerk explained that the appeal to leave elections as is was lost. So with the exception of Justices, town elections will be changed from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

The positions up for election November 2025 for a one-year term are:

Supervisor

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Highway Superintendent

In 2026 you'd have to run again but it would revert back to a two-year term.

The Council positions up for election November 2025 will run for a three-year term through 2028.

The Council positions up in 2027 will run a three-year term; then in 2030 it will revert back to a four-year term.

UDC REPORT: Harold Roeder's report was provided to the Board. A hydrologic report from May 12 was included - the Neversink's storage level is at 100.8%, Pepacton 101.7% and Cannonsville 105.3%. Mr. Roeder reported that Jessica Weinman of the NPS gave a report on "Public Accesses on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River". She covered all of the 20 public accesses from Hancock to the Mongaup River and provided a large printout of what each has to offer in addition to maintenance notes from the NPS and NYS. He found it really interesting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Bill Brown provided an update: Construction is underway in the water project. Bulk of the water mains have been installed. They're working on construction of the Well house; it's very tall to account for flood elevation. They're going up Route 17B with piping. Another

300' went in this Spring. Starting to hook up the water services on 17B; installing and testing Upper Main. As soon as the railroad permit comes in they'll be drilling under the railroad. Starting restoration in areas. They'll be replacing tank on Delvue Terrace, the steel is being fabricated now. They hope to be wrapped up end of June/early July. Work is proceeding; they appreciate everyone's patience.

With regard to the water meters, we're down to 16. Delaware Engineering would like to be more aggressive. The meters are in the town water code. Property owners have to allow for meters to be installed. They intend to send a letter stating their water service could be shut off. There's no cost – cost of the meters is built in the project. If you're one of the holdouts and don't do it, your water could be shut off and the cost of having the plumber come back and put the meter in the future could be charged to the homeowner.

Work is progressing on the Delaware Youth Center courts. The contractors have been on site last couple of days.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor DuBois thanked the Board for last weekend's clean up; it was successful. Shred day was also successful. Next month he'll put together a summary of the audit report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nicole Vallance from the Callicoon Business Association requested permission to close Lower Main Street and use the park for the Callicoon Country Fair on July 26th. She also requested permission to rebuild the flower bed at the 'Welcome to Town of Delaware' sign on Route 97, which has fallen into disrepair. They would like to rebuild the 10'x10' bed, add perennial pollinator plants and add two small solar lights to illuminate the sign in the evenings. They have beautification funding as part of the CBA's grant with the UDSB and would do the rebuild with our partners over at Job Corps Carpentry. As long as it doesn't cost us any money, was the only input from Councilman Steppich. *Approval granted.*

COUNCIL COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR NO. 2 FUEL OIL AND DIESEL FUEL:

Moved by: Councilperson Chris

Seconded: Councilperson Cindy

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to go to bid for No. 2 Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel, with bid opening set for June 6 at 11:00 a.m. Resolution carried AYES-5, NAYS-0.

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

Callicoon Light	\$ 768.85
Callicoon Sewer	15,570.00
Capital	127,080.26
General Fund	733,283.70
Highway Dept.	60,046.02

Kohlertown Light	166.76
Water District	7,286.72

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on motion of Councilperson Cindy Herbert, seconded by Councilperson Blumenthal and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tess McBeath, RMC
Town Clerk