



## VILLAGE OF DELANSON

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### VILLAGE OF DELANSON MINUTES July 14, 2014

1. PLEASE STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Gifford
2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:09 P.M.  
ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Grenier, Clerk Holbrook (excused), Chief Morrison, Water Commissioner Iveson, Sally Burns  
Mayor Gifford will take the minutes of the meeting
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2014  
MOTION TO ACCEPT: Trustee O'Connor offered motion to accept with changes noted to Water Department, Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Greiner
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 30, 2014 – Tabled  
MOTION TO ACCEPT: 2<sup>ND</sup>
5. REPORTS:
  - A. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Kevin reported area departments received grant funds for equipment and was concerned Delanson may have missed out on the opportunity. Mayor Gifford indicated Jenn and Darlene had been working together on the grant. Jenn should follow up with her. Mayor Gifford announced that section 10-1006 of Village Law is officially amended with regard to non-resident members of the Village of Delanson volunteer fire company and handed Kevin a copy. Mayor Gifford informed Kevin and the board of a meeting with Mike Hebert from Tech Home to address electrical issues within the building. Mike will perform a lighting audit and report back to the board at the August meeting with recommendations. Mike indicated most of the cost to upgrade may be picked up by NYSERDA.
  - B. TREASURER/CLERK: Treasurer reports were submitted. Discussion regarding new software and office procedures.
  - C. WATER DEPARTMENT: report attached. Jeff submitted a revised Water Standard to Trustee O'Connor. Jeff confirmed a significant number of downed trees at the upper reservoir due to tornado damage. Discussion regarding trespassing issues, hunting, fishing, swimming and the use of ATVs on the spillway at the upper res. Trustee O'Connor suggested we pull deeds for the village. Mayor Gifford will contact County/Lydia for title search. Jeff will call Mayor Gifford with contact information of the individuals he spoke with at Empire Gun Club who told him they were taking the wood. Jeff indicated he needs to buy a new sensor and o-ring for the plant. This expenditure will be approx.

\$200. Next Hydrant flushing is Saturday, August 9th. Clerk will post notice. Mowing almost complete at plant, Jeff will move the fallen trees at the lower res. with Town equipment.

D. PLANNING BOARD: discussion on updating zoning law.

E. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: did not meet

F. PUBLIC WORKS: Town Hwy. Dept. mowed the plant, school rd corner and other areas. Bill has the estimate from Gorman for Alexander Rd. He will break it down and get us the estimate soon, (busy with storm damage) Bill Reed reported to Mayor Gifford the culvert project on Mudge that was to close Rt. 20 this summer has been postponed until next year.

- George Martin on 1000 acre asked if we could ask the Hwy dept. to look into clearing the culvert at his lower driveway. Bill Reed indicated the drain pre dates the current drainage and would likely mean digging up the driveway and he wasn't confident the culvert was usable.

The Board agreed that patching problem areas on 1000 Acre road would be in the best interests of the Village in the event the pole project is not completed this season. Discussion about reduced speed limit and current signage on 1000 Acre Rd.

G. BUILDING INSPECTOR: presented – 2 clerk hours, 2 inspector hours – Follow up on several complaints and violation letters

H. ANIMAL CONTROL: presented

I. TRUSTEES PROJECTS: nothing to report

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: Mayor Gifford opened the floor at 8:06pm. No one wishing to speak the floor was closed at 8:07

#### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Watershed Rules and Regulations – nothing new

B. Dig Safely – Mayor Gifford has contacted Dig Safely rep Donna Shave to set up service area map to complete the final step in becoming members.

C. Hazard Mitigation Meeting update – Mayor Gifford and Bucky attended the 2 hour presentation that addressed potential hazards causing risk to the environment and health and safety in our Village. Review of current project worksheets addressing potential hazards and how to mitigate them. Discussion concerning the culverts behind the firehouse that may be causing the flooding in that area. Jeff described a culvert at Benzay & Harrison plant that was caved in during construction of a new parking area many years ago. Mayor Gifford suggested we invite Jim Kalohn to the August meeting to help finalize our worksheets and get our plan updated and adopted.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Town Highway Contract Renewal 2014-2015– Contract was not executed because changes discussed at a recent meeting between Roger Tidball, Mayor Gifford and Bill Reed where not made and requested 3 year analysis was not received. Mayor Gifford will contact Roger.

B. DWSRF Letter – Mayor Gifford presented a letter from Drinking Water State Revolving Fund indicating our proposed water project is eligible for a \$5,289,000 financing at 1.50% for a term of 30 years. Discussion regarding second opinion for a project that addresses replacement of current system instead of expansion. Possible grant money (Community Block Grant) if project is done in phases over time.

C. CT Male proposal – Mayor Gifford presented a written proposal to provide approximately 60 hours of engineering services to evaluate the Village water system including water supply, water treatment, water storage and distribution. Trustee O'Connor made a motion to allow Mayor Gifford to enter into an agreement with CT Male and Trustee Greiner seconded the motion.

D. Idling Trains – Increased incidences (daily) of trains idling. Bruce Barton presented a spreadsheet of incidents he and residents of W. Shore Rd. logged. Mayor Gifford was contacted by Randy Marsh, CP Rail Public Affairs who indicated he would look into the matter. Discussion about Cole Road crossing.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Planning Board Training Workshop at the Town – Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Three members are invited. Members of PB and ZBA have been notified.

B. Delanson Community Award recipient DCS – 2014 Graduate Libby (Elizabeth) Aliberti is this year's winner. She is also Salutatorian. Congratulations!

10. AUDIT OF BILLS AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trustee Greiner
CLAIMS: 169355-169379	TOTAL: \$20,157.90

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee Greiner

ADJOURNMENT: 8:46 pm