

**Special Finance Meeting
January 18, 2023**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, George Haynes, John Kosier, Wayne Marshfield, Jeff Taggart, Mark Tuthill and Tina Molé
Staff: Penny Bishop, Sylvia Armanno, Amy Merklen and Beverly Shields
Guests: Village of Delhi Mayor Sridhar Samudrala,
Delhi Community Coalition members Maya Boukai, Jessie Raber, Raegen Reed

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Village of Delhi Mayor – Sridhar Samudrala

Mayor Samudrala thanked Ms. Molé and the Finance Committee and stated he was there to ask for assistance. He distributed a 2-page synopsis of the Village of Delhi’s fiscal concerns regarding their 2023 expenses being up and revenues being down with a projection of same for 2024 and beyond. The synopsis listed a number of solutions, some of which would include voluntary action from the County and other local nonprofits.

Delhi Community Coalition

Members of the Coalition presented a slide show highlighting their ideas to generate revenue for the Village. They indicated that property tax is one of the village’s main sources of income and there are 15 county properties in the village that are not on the tax roll. They asked the committee to consider paying an annual host benefit amount to the village similar to how County Solid Waste Management pays out to Walton.

The group presented information about the increase Delaware County has received in sales tax revenue for the past four years and asked the committee to consider their proposal to split the village’s lost property tax revenue of their calculated amount of \$610,000 with the village for an annual payment of \$305,000 with adjustments for inflation.

The Coalition discussed possible PILOT payments as well.

Ms. Reed shared that a study showed that the Village hosts 3,000 people by night but 10,000 people by day. Their research indicates that 24% of land in the village is owned by Delaware County. Further, only 27% of village property is taxable and those property taxes are a burden that falls on the village residents to pay 100% of the property taxes.

Mr. Marshfield shared that the County must abide by the 2% tax cap. He noted that DSS already pays the Town and the Village PILOT and has made those payments since an agreement was made in 2008.

County Attorney Amy Merklen stated there are statutory laws for a County Seat to host some county buildings. Those laws need to be considered for all decisions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.