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## Delaware Water Gap Borough Council Meeting Minutes October 6, 2025

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### Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was hosted at the Borough Hall via Zoom on Monday, October 6, 2025. The following officials were present: Mayor Larry Freshcorn, Councilmen Bill Buzzard, Derek Anspach, Wayne MacWilliams, Ian Foster and Bruno Hennings. Solicitor Deborah Huffman and Borough Manager Allisen Trotter were present.

Vice President Charlie Bickart, Councilmen Jeff Plotnick and Engineer Hutchison were absent.

Mayor Larry Freshcorn opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Huffman opened the two Sanitation bids that were received. Waste Management bid including containers three-year lump sum bid price for years 2026, 2027 and 2028 \$438,190.76. Bid price for renewal year 2029 \$158,652.12. Bid price renewal for year 2030 \$165,784.68. Waste Management bid without containers three-year lump sum price for years 2026, 2027 and 2028 \$404,156.36. Bid price renewal for year 2029 \$147,038.04. Bid price renewal for year 2030 \$153,665.64.

Casella bid including containers three-year lump bid price for years 2026, 2027 and 2028 \$387,033.00. Bid price renewal for year 2029 \$134,228.00. Bid price renewal for year 2030 \$140,561.00. Casella bid without containers three-year Lump bid price for years 2026, 2027 and 2028 \$416,046.00. Bid price renewal for 2029 \$138,572.00. Bid price renewal for year 2030 \$145,501.00.

Guest: Jessica Delfino "This is the Poconos" Proposal

Jessica explained what the 30-minute show is about. Supports local governments and communities. First show airs on October 9 on Blue Ridge TV. The cable franchise fees can be used to pay the monthly fee for the show. Council will discuss it at the Work Session.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (Allisen Trotter)

- D. Anspach made a ***motion*** to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Seconded by I. Foster. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Anspach W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2025. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

- Received the grant funds in the amount of \$57,000 for the DCED Keystone Communities Initiative for 93 Broad Street/Gulf Station Inlet Project.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT (Larry Freshcorn)**

- Visited Steamtown to represent the borough. Mayor met the Superintendent and he is a Veteran while visiting and he is going to speak at Wreaths Across America.

#### **POLICE REPORT (Chief James Fisher)**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Solomon McEaddy)**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Assistant Chief in attendance. Nothing to report.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

#### **ENGINEERS REPORT (Melissa E. Hutchison P.E., T and M Associates)**

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Deborah Huffman, Esq.)**

#### **ZONING OFFICER'S/BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT (Michael Manter)**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Solicitor Huffman suggested council postponing the awarding bid until November 3 council meeting so council has time to review the bids at the Work Session.
- Snow Plowing Quotes: Received three quotes. Warnick \$135.00 per hour, Norman Fish \$125.00 per hour and Bob Marki \$110.00 per hour. W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to accept Bob Marki's quote for \$110.00 per hour. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to ratify the vote to Adopt a Resolution for the Borough to sponsor the Municipal Authority's LSA Grant in the amount of \$12,256.85 for the Septic Riser Project grant. Seconded by B. Buzzard. Motion passed unanimously.
- W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 93 Broad St Inlet Project. The change order was submitted to remove the concrete cheek walls from the project scope and will reduce the Contract Price by \$4,835.50. The New Contract Price is \$65,118.25. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** Payment Recommendation No. 1. for the 93 Broad St Inlet Project. The recommended payment by T & M Associates is \$58,606.43. A 10% retainage in the amount of \$6,511.83 is being held until the PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit is closed. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Anspach made a ***motion*** to replace the Fire Hydrant on Delaware Ave near DRJBTC maintenance building for approximately \$12,000.00. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167)
- Firehouse Renovations: Mayor Freshcorn has been getting quotes for siding
- Parking Ticket Increase
- Dutot
- Generator: Working on getting information for COSTAR electricians
- Building Modernization Project

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Roads/Building Committee: Zack Booth 2026 F-550 quote came in \$114,000.00. Ray Price has a 2024 on sale for \$85,000.00. Looking into 2008 F-550 comps for Municibid. Work Session.
- Water Committee: D. Anspach discussed the water leak at Lake Lenape. Submitted a permit application to NPS. The DEP is requesting that the road millings be removed from Wellhouse 6 area. Bob Marki will take the millings.
- Planning Commission
- Budget/Finance Committee: Meeting on October 8 at 2pm
- Personnel Committee
- Sanitation Committee
- Economic Development Committee: Eileen Noelle reported they are working on Holiday in The Gap. Mystical Mug is closing October 19.
- Recreation/Parks & Special Projects Committees, Open Space/Trail
- Shade Tree Committee: Fall Tree Planting 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November. Cleaned up around Lake Lenape and brought the 2 picnic tables.
- Friends of DWG: Tammy Cornelius is working on scarecrow and pumpkin carving contests. Home decorating and holiday event.
- COGS: House Bill #299 would create an OSHA Department that would manage municipal employees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Desiree Sienna: Wreaths Across America December 13, 2025, at 12pm
- Tim Snow: Zoning Hearing Smithfield Township 10.14.25
- Demitri Snykine: 4 Shepard Court
- Eileen Noelle: Shepard Ave and Main St intersection safety

W. MacWilliams made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:00pm. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

W. MacWilliams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Seconded by B. Hennings. All in favor

The next Work Session is on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 6pm. The next Council Meeting is on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allisen Trotter

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Borough Manager

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Date of approval