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# Delaware Water Gap Borough Council Meeting Minutes February 2, 2026

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## Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was hosted at the Borough Hall on Monday, February 2, 2026. The following officials were present: President Charles Bickart, Vice President Bruno Hennings, Mayor Larry Freshcorn and Council Members Ian Foster, Wayne MacWilliams, Jeff Poltnick, Desiree Siena and Robert Palmer were present. Also present, Borough Manager Allisen Trotter, Solicitor Todd Weitzman, Engineer Melissa Hutchison and Constable James Cuscani.

President Charlie Bickart opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Mayor Freshcorn: Swearing in the Fire Police

The following volunteer firefighters were sworn in as Fire Police by Mayor Larry Freshcorn: Timothy Mauceri, Bruno Hennings, John M. Smith, Brian Ogg, Terri Ogg and Kenneth Daley.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda)

### TREASURER'S REPORT (Allisen Trotter)

- R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2026. Seconded by J. Plotnick. Motion passed unanimously.
- W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for January 20 2026. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.

### MAYOR'S REPORT (Larry Freshcorn)

- Snow Emergency declared from January 24 to January 27, 2026. Thank you Bob Marki and Tim Snow for keeping the roads and sidewalks clear. Residents are not allowed to blow snow or shovel snow onto the roads.

### POLICE REPORT (Chief James Fisher)

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Tim Snow)

- Tim is working on cleaning up and organizing the downstairs, painting the hall, he cleared snow around borough fire hydrants. Details of work completed are on the back of his timesheet.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Fire Chief Tim Mauceri)**

- Assistant Chief Brian Ogg reported the fire department had 11 calls since January 1. Renovations on the fire hall are moving along.

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

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

- LSA Statewide Grant for the Water Tank Coating Project was not awarded to the borough.
- Reapplied for the T Mobile Hometown Grant. We should hear in February if it is awarded.
- Kim Dunn from T & M Associates provided some information (via Zoom) on FEMA Grants and stormwater management. There is a flood mitigation assistant program with a 15% Match. Planning and engineering would be Phase 1.
- Discuss Water Tank grant options at work session

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Todd Weitzmann, Esq.)**

- Solicitor Todd Weitzmann discussed the new county Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County will be delivering a copy of the plan this week. Each municipality must approve the plan by resolution within 12 months. He will provide a draft copy of the resolution.
- I. Foster asked if the borough is required to have an Emergency Management Coordinator. Mayor Freshcorn has been looking for someone to fill that position. There is training and certification required to become the EMC. If the position is vacant it defers to the Mayor.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare a Cross-Connection / Back-flow Prevention Ordinance and advertise. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed the ordinance to amend code ordinance to define and add specific requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses. Solicitor Weitzmann explained the process. It is reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission and County Planning Commission for review. B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to provide the Borough Planning Commission and County Planning Commission with the a draft data center ordinance. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Siena made a ***motion*** to increase hourly rate (3%) for Borough the Manager effective 01.01.2026. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously
- 9 1 1 signage on Broad Street. Work Session
- Discussed applying for PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for the Water Tank Coating Project. Work Session

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167)
- Firehouse Renovations: Mayor sent a letter to DCED in regards amending the LSA grant for the Firehouse to include electrical, siding and roofing. He is actively working on it.
- Parking Ticket Increase
- Dutot
- Borough Generator: Superintendent Tim Snow said someone is interested in taking the old generator. Wind Gap Electric is not getting back to the Mayor so he is looking for another COSTARS electrician. The generator can be purchased through Winter which is a COSTARS vendor.
- Building Modernization Project

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Roads/Building Committee: B. Hennings reported that the water main break on Cherry Valley Road was repaired. Meeting about the Mountain Road Project has been rescheduled with the Borough Engineer.
- Water Committee, Planning Commission, Budget/Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee, Sanitation Committee, Economic Development Committee
- Shade Tree Committee: The preliminary application for Spring 2026 planting.
- Friends of DWG: Tammy Cornelius is working on Spring events
- COGS

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Pete Begley: 250-year celebration plans

B. Hennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Work Session is on Tuesday, February 27, 2026, at 6pm. The next Council Meeting is on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allisen Trotter

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Borough Manager

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Date of approval