
Delaware Water Gap Borough Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2026

Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was hosted at the Borough Hall on Monday, March 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, Engineer Melissa Hutchison and Constable James Cuscani. Solicitor Huffman was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda)

- Dmitri Snytkine: Data center ordinance

TREASURER'S REPORT (Allisen Trotter)

- W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Siena made a ***motion*** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2026. Seconded by J. Plotnick. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to ratify the vote to pay Clear Choice Glass Invoice in the amount of \$489.00 for glass repairs at the Dutot Museum, Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Larry Freshcorn)

- Discussion about Vertullus (chemical plant in the borough) which is closing at the end of May. The plan is to have the plant decommissioned by end of July.
- Meals on Wheels invited borough officials to come join them between March 23rd - 27th.
- Pick up the Poconos is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at 9:30 AM. The sign-up sheet is available at the office.

POLICE REPORT (Chief James Fisher)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Tim Snow)

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Fire Chief Tim Mauceri)

- Fire Chief Tim Mauceri reported that the Firehouse renovations we're moving along. Once completed, they plan on having an open house and inviting everyone. D. Siena thanked the Chief.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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

- The ARLE grant was awarded to the borough and the amount of \$33,400.00 for the pedestrian walking signs to be installed at Shepard Ave and Main Street and two speed limit (traffic calming signs).
- PennDOT permits for the three existing traffic calming signs have been extended until 2027.
- Discussed the depression at the bottom of Mountain Road
- Park Service ROW for Well #7 agreement in process.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Deb Huffman, Esq.)

ZONING OFFICER'S/BULDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT (Michael Manter)

- Public hearing zoning hearing board scheduled for March 25, 2026 at 6pm

NEW BUSINESS

- R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to Adopt an Ordinance for a Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program consistent with the PA Department of Environmental Protection Public Water Supply Manual. Seconded by B. Hennings. Discussion: Borough would put the meter in. Property owner is responsible for other expenses. Motion passed unanimously.
- R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise the Data Center Ordinance. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.
- J. Plotnick made a ***motion*** to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. Deadline March 31,2026. The grant is for decorative light posts. Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion: Water Tank Exterior Coating Project. The borough received a COSTAR quote in the amount of \$249,300.00 from Kappe Associates, Inc. The borough has applied for grants over the last several years but none were awarded. Derek Anspach explained that the borough has been repairing leaks and the rust is getting worse. The work needs to be done this year. If we wait and need to replace the tank, it will cost millions of dollars. Marty Bartholomew suggested bidding the project out. Desiree Siena agreed that the borough should try and find a lower quote. Missy said in her experience COSTAR pricing is usually lower than bids. I. Foster made a ***motion*** to pay for the water tower coating out of the water fund. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. D. Siena voted nay. All others in favor. More discussion about the project.

A roll call vote was requested by A. Trotter.

- Council President C. Bickart: Roll Call Vote to accept the COSTAR quote to coat the outside of the water tower in the amount of \$249,300.00 from Kappe Associates, Inc.:
Desiree: Nay
Jeff: Yea
Charlie: Yea
Bruno: Yea
Ia: Yea
Robert: Yea
Wayne: Yea Motion passed.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to approve the quote from Critical Systems for wellhouse #4 recommended maintenance. Cost \$1,844.82. Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to adopt a Resolution to have the old generator removed and taken away free of charge. Liability Insurance must be provided prior to removal. Discussion about transfer switch being added to the resolution. ***Tabled.***
- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Committee Meeting Schedule. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to authorize the Superintendent to purchase a new Toro self-paced 30" mower. Cost up to \$2,000.00. Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167). *I. Foster would like an update from the Solicitor.*
- Cherry Valley Waterline Project: Engineer Hutchison will meet with the water committee to discuss plans.
- Firehouse Renovations:
- Parking Ticket Increase
- Dutot
- Borough Generator
- Building Modernization Project
- National Park Service Permit Application to repair the leak at Lake Lenape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Roads/Building Committee: J. Plotnick discussed the speed limit signs the borough will purchase with the ARLE Grant funds. Shepard Ave, Mountain Rd, Oak St, Cherry Valley Rd. Move the signs occasionally. The ARLE award letter and contract have not been received so the funds are not available yet. Jesse Rourke suggested the borough look for signs that track speed, etc.
- Engineer Hutchison will have design plans for Mountain Road Project at the April meeting
- Water Committee, Planning Commission, Budget/Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee, Sanitation Committee, Economic Development Committee

- Shade Tree Committee: I. Foster reported that the borough was approved for 10 more trees. Planting in April to be Arbor Day. Tree City application has been submitted. The borough must meet specific criteria to become a Tree City. Volunteer work is included in the criteria.
- Friends of DWG: Tammy Cornelius announced Friends meeting on March 11 at 6pm. Founder’s Day will be held on Saturday, June 27. There will be a car show and the train is coming. Need volunteers!
- COGS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jesse Rourke: 250-year celebration

ADJOURNMENT

R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Work Session is on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6pm. The next Council Meeting is on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allisen Trotter

Borough Manager

Date of approval