
Delaware Water Gap Borough Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2026

Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was hosted at the Borough Hall on Monday, April 6, 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, Solicitor Deb Huffman, Borough Manager Allisen Trotter, Engineer Melissa Hutchison and Constable James Cusani.

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

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 W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2026. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to close the ESSA Highway Fund. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Larry Freshcorn)

- Pick up the Poconos is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at 9:30 AM. The sign-up sheet is available at the office.
- Mayor Freshcorn thanked Tim Snow for assisting Leroy (Kappy) Kaiser and his family to have access to Lake Lenape. Kappy is 96 years old and a lifelong resident of the borough.

POLICE REPORT (Chief James Fisher)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Tim Snow)

- T. Snow asked if he could move the concrete barriers at well 6 to the salt shed to prevent people from driving in. He can use them as planters. Or plant Arborvitae there. Council agreed on moving the concrete to the salt shed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Fire Chief Tim Mauceri)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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

- The T-Mobile Hometown Grant was submitted. Awarded at the end of May.
- Plans for Mountain Road Pedestrian Safety Project.
- Discussion about optional grants for dredging Lake Lenape. Cost for the project is \$268, 135.00. Most grants require matching funds (15% and up). C2P2 grant has a 50% match, and a pavilion would be eligible under that grant. GTR Grants, LSA Grants and Watershed Restoration Grant. Engineer Hutchison is looking for grants to cover the matching funds. Environmental impact on wildlife was mentioned. The frogs, turtles and fish can be moved into pools to try to keep them safe. Work Session.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Deb Huffman, Esq.)

- Solicitor Huffman will follow up on Act 157

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

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Bickart appointed Robert Palmer to the Water Committee.
- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to adopt a Resolution to have the old generator removed and taken away free of charge. The transfer switch must remain in place until the new generator is installed. Borough received the Certificate of Liability Insurance. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to make a \$500 donation to The DWG Car Club (Veteran's Memorial funds Walt Conway donated these funds over the years). Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to apply for the PMVB Beautification Grant to purchase two benches for Main Street. Amount not to exceed \$2600.00. It is a 50% matching grant. Seconded by J. Plotnick. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to purchase ten "Tree Gator bags" for watering the trees with funds from the Shade Tree Budget at a cost of approximately \$175.00. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Siena made a ***motion*** to purchase two Tree City Signs and a flag for the Borough flagpole. Total cost approximately \$200.00. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to extend the warranty for the years on traffic calming signs (Speed radar Signs) from manufacturer Elan City. Cost is \$300.00 per sign for three-year extension. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss applying for grants for Lake Lenape project to dredge the Lake, install a new pipe with valve for water level control and install an auxiliary spillway. Engineer Hutchison talked about some optional grants. Cost is \$268,135.00. Most grants require matching funds (15% and up). C2P2 grant has a 50% match and a pavilion would be eligible under that grant. GTR

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- R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise Fire Hydrant Flushing from April 27 to May 1, 2026, from 7am to 4pm. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167)
- Cherry Valley Waterline Project
- Firehouse Renovations
- Parking Ticket Increase
- Dutot lease is signed (10 year)
- Borough Generator: C. Bickart is working on getting a quote from an electrician
- Building Modernization Project
- National Park Service Permit Application to repair the leak at Lake Lenape.
- Resolution for the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is available for review at the Borough Hall. Vote on Resolution at the May 4th meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Roads/Building Committee/Water Committee, Planning Commission, Budget/Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee, Sanitation Committee, Economic Development Committee
- Shade Tree Committee: Planting trees on April 18 at 9am. Need volunteers.
- Friends of DWG: Discussion about incorporating the America250PA into events. Parades are difficult because you need PennDOT approval to shut down Route 611.
- COGS: W. MacWilliams said they discussed a salt shortage and it was suggested that the boroughs and municipalities stock up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- D. Siena announced a fundraiser for the DWG Cemetery. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of their proceeds on April 30 from 4-10pm. Flyer with information is available.
- Karl Moeller is working with the owners of the Castle Inn. Issues with water in the basement. It was suggested that he attend the Special Projects meeting on April 8 at 10am. They will be discussing the Mountain Road Pedestrian Project which could resolve some of the water issues.
- R. Reznay: bicycles and e-bikes
- T. Snow suggested parking the police car around town to slow traffic down

ADJOURNMENT

D. Siena made a ***motion*** to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Seconded by W. MacWilliams. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Work Session is on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6pm. The next Council Meeting is on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allisen Trotter

Borough Manager

Date of approval