
Delaware Water Gap Borough Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026

Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was hosted at the Borough Hall on Monday, May 4, 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.

Solicitor Huffman opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Data Center Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. No questions or comments. Closed the Public Hearing at 6:05pm.

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.
- D. Siena made a ***motion*** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2026 with the correction to the typo under old business. Seconded by J. Plotnick. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Larry Freshcorn)

- Thank you to all that showed up to Pick up the Poconos on Saturday in the rain. Due to the inclement weather, it will need to be rescheduled.
- The 2nd LSA Grant for Firehouse Renovations has been extended to July 30, 2027. It was written specifically for HVAC and electrical work. The Mayor hopes to be able to amend it and purchase a generator for the building since the HVAC system has been done.

POLICE REPORT (Chief James Fisher)

- Chief Fisher authorized putting the Crown Victoria Police car out in various places to discourage speeders. He and the Mayor would like it to be brought inside each evening.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Tim Snow)

- T. Snow reported that half of the fire hydrants have been flushed. The remaining hydrants will be flushed on Tuesday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Fire Chief Tim Mauceri)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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

- See New Business

SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Deb Huffman, Esq.)

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

NEW BUSINESS

- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to adopt the Data Center Ordinance amending the Borough Zoning Ordinance to define Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses, to permit Data Centers in limited Zoning Districts subject to conditional use approval and to establish supplemental standards governing their location, design and operation. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to adopt Monroe County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Municipal Adoption Resolution. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to authorize the Borough Engineer to apply for the Greenways, Trails, Grant (GTRP) in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be used for the Lake Lenape Restoration and Recreation Project. The grant is due May 31, 2026 and requires a \$100.00 application fee. Seconded by D. Siena. Discussed 15% match requirement. Three years to use the grant funds. Grants can be applied for (LSA and others) to cover the matching funds. Motion passed unanimously.
- J. Plotnick made a ***motion*** to authorize the Borough Engineer to apply for the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be used for the Lake Lenape Restoration and Recreation Project. The grant is due May 31, 2026 and requires a \$100.00 application fee. Seconded by R. Palmer. Discussion: 15% match requirement. Engineer Hutchison explained that the borough will have three years to use the grant funds and grants can be applied for (LSA and others) to cover the matching funds. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to make Charles Bickart and Bruno Hennings signatories on both grants. Seconded by R. Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167)
- Cherry Valley Waterline Project
- Firehouse Renovations
- Parking Ticket Increase
- Dutot
- Borough Generator: C. Bickart has a quote for the generator. Quote for electrical work will be provided soon.
- Building Modernization Project
- National Park Service Permit Application to repair the leak at Lake Lenape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Roads/Building Committee
- Water Committee: I. Foster reported the outside of the water tower is going to be coated in the fall. Two hydrants still need to be replaced. Dogwood Trail hydrant was replaced.
- Planning Commission, Budget/Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Sanitation Committee, Economic Development Committee,
- Shade Tree Committee: 30 trees planted
- Friends of DWG: Tammy announced the Yard Sale dates are May 16 and 17 from 10am to 3pm. The train is confirmed for Founder’s Day. Bus from Martz will be available. Working on activities for the children’s area.
- COGS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Melissa Rourke: Dutot (Solicitor Huffman: Executive Session to discuss)
- Tim Snow: Data Centers

ADJOURNMENT

R. Palmer made a ***motion*** to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Work Session is on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6pm. The next Council Meeting is on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allisen Trotter

Borough Manager

Date of approval