
Delaware Water Gap Borough Council Meeting Minutes June 1, 2026

Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was hosted at the Borough Hall on Monday, June 1, 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. Also present, Solicitor Deb Huffman, Borough Manager Allisen Trotter, Engineer Melissa Hutchison and Constable James Cuscani.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda)

- Dimitri Snytkine: Adam’s Outdoor Advertising
- Jessica Delfino introduced herself. She is the artist that painted the borough’s Keystone. Jill Swersie helped her with the piece.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Allisen Trotter)

- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.
- W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2026 Seconded by J. Plotnick. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT (Larry Freshcorn)

- Mayor Freshcorn announced the unveiling the Keystone on June 27 at 10am during the Founders Day Celebration. Classic car show, the train is coming from Steamtown. Art and Crafts vendors.

POLICE REPORT (Chief James Fisher)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (Tim Snow)

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Fire Chief Tim Mauceri)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

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

- Pred Bid meeting for the Mountain Road Pedestrian Safety Project Phase 1 was on May 27th. Four contractors showed up and they toured the site. Bids are due on June 15 by 11am. J. Plotnick spoke with both business owners to make them aware of the work and will update them with dates as needed.
- Lake Lenape grants were submitted on May 29th

SOLICITOR'S REPORT (Deb Huffman, Esq.)

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

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Foster made a ***motion*** to ratify the vote to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for the Mountain Road Pedestrian Safety Project Phase 1. Seconded by J. Plotnick. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Hennings made a ***motion*** to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise a Special Meeting on June 15, 2026 at 6pm to open bids and possibly award the bid for Mountain Road Pedestrian Safety Project. Seconded by I. Foster. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Personnel Committee interviewed Austin Jackson and recommend him for the position. Chief Fisher highly recommended him. I. Foster made a ***motion*** to hire Part Time Police Officer Austin Jackson pending satisfactory background checks. Hourly rate \$28.00. Seconded by B. Hennings. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Foster would like authorization to apply for the Fall Bare Root tree grant. Charlie Cooper wants a specific Cherry Tree and has agreed to pay for the trees that will be planted on his property since they are not on the grant list. W. MacWilliams made a ***motion*** to authorize the Shade Tree Committee to apply for the Fall Bare Root tree grant for 10 trees from TreePennsylvania. Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed the Dogwood Drive Water Tower. An issue has surfaced since removal. In that the bottom/base metal ring is buried a couple of inches into the concrete slab. Mosquitoes are a concern. Ask Bob Marki to look at it.

OLD BUSINESS

- Storm Water Management Ordinance (Act 167)
- Cherry Valley Waterline Project
- Firehouse Renovations
- Parking Ticket Increase
- Dutot
- Borough Generator: C. Bickart met with Critical System's and the electrician about installing the generator. Both are COSTAR vendors.
- Building Modernization Project
- National Park Service Permit Application to repair the leak at Lake Lenape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Roads/Building Committee: Meeting tomorrow at 7pm
- Water Committee, Planning Commission, Budget/Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Sanitation Committee, Economic Development Committee, Shade Tree Committee, Friends of DWG, COGS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dimitri Snytkine: Signs for picking up after dogs
- Jessica Delfino: Event honoring volunteers on July 20 at Stroudsburg High School
- Tim Snow: Mountain Road and Kimberly dip in roads. Sanitary sewer.

ADJOURNMENT

- W. MacWilliams made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:50pm. Seconded by D. Siena. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to Exit Executive Session at 7:28pm. Motion Bruno, second Desiree, all in favor
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:29, Motion Desiree, second Jeff, all in favor.

The next Special Meeting/Work Session is on June 15, 2026, at 6pm. The next Council Meeting is on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allisen Trotter

Borough Manager

Date of approval