

**BOROUGH OF DELAWARE WATER GAP
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

August 1, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was held in the Francis (Casey) Drake municipal building on Monday, August 1, 2011.

Council members present: President Wayne MacWilliams, Vice President Bill Buzzard, Jack Shoemaker and George Munn. Also present Engineer David Jones.

Key of Terms:

President Wayne MacWilliams – WMW
Vice President Bill Buzzard – BB
Jack Shoemaker – JS
Susan Wilson – SW
Elvi DeLotto – ED

Philip Farber – PF
George Munn – GM
Mayor Walt Conway – WC
Solicitor David Williamson – DW
Engineer Boucher & James – B&J

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer Johanna Moreo - JM
Superintendent Bob Gallagher - BG
Delaware Water Gap - DWG
Zoning Officer Larry Freshcorn - LF

President Wayne MacWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the pledge of allegiance. **George Munn made a motion to approve the minutes, Jack Shoemaker seconded it. All in favor. Bill Buzzard made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, & pay the bills seconded by George Munn. All in favor.**

Superintendent's Report

Bob Gallagher stated that the loader broke down fuel injector pump quote new \$3,700. rebuilt \$800.-850. Bill Buzzard authorized pump & work 4 hours on it. Also need to get local people & use their rebuild sources, that way they have the experience with buying & installing. Bob will look into that tomorrow.

Bob also mentioned that on top of Kimberly Road, Julian property, the existing wall is on Borough property & there are 3 bushes on Borough property. He would like to know if they should send a letter first for him to remove or just remove it. BB asked the Engineer with minimal expense to provide 2 stakes in the ground to indicate the ROW. He would like to inform Julian that the bushes are in the ROW but not to dig it up until the stakes are in the ground.

Bob - spoke to PennDOT, they patched up Broad Street, and the water is no longer lying on the road. They plan on paving next year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor introduced Representative Rosemary Brown. He stated that she was very instrumental in having Main Street paved in preparation for the Downhill Derby. He asked her for help with the Laird property, 2 businesses made proposals recently but were turned down. The Windmill place is now in Hazleton & the Canadian Company that builds office furniture now in Easton. Both of those companies were planning on hiring 75+ employees. He is not sure what to do, possibly approach Laird. He had previously mentioned to Council that he could approach Laird to donate the property, but Council was not interested. He thinks there should be conscientious negotiations made when businesses are interested. BB questioned if Council could ask them why they are turning down offers. After some discussion, it was decided that Walt will call Laird tomorrow.

Rep. Brown stated that there are only 12 KOZ locations in PA, only 2 slots are open. It is highly competitive across the state. She will know if one opens up & let the Borough know.

The Mayor reported on the Police Depart - 6 tickets issued on Mountain Road for stop signs. They do not get as many trucks in the area as they use to. Chief May would like to speak to Mr. Gong about burning trash; there is no record of a garbage truck picking up trash there. BB stated he would like a copy of the Trash Ordinance & it put onto the Agenda for next meeting. The Police will be ordering radios within the next week; they didn't want to purchase them until 100% positive that it is not obsolete. They want the most modern equipment available.

Mayor received a call from the DRJTBC - no more money for grants; they are rolling it back into the bonds instead. Colette reported that DJ suggested talking to the DRJTBC anyway to see if they would be willing to fund curbing & worry about the sidewalks another time. He will pursue it.

Engineer's Report – refer to Engineer's report for further details. Colette representing B&J in David's stead.

- They will stake out the ROW on Kimberly Road by Julian's property, BB reiterated that it be at nominal cost.
- Broad Street/ LR Costanzo – no commitment from PennDOT.
- Well Grant – applied for grant, sent permits.
- Women's Resources – nothing new.
- Open Space Grant – bids are in, working with Rutledge - setting up construction meeting. BB stated that Bob & Johanna should attend that meeting.
- Adam's Outdoor – E&S plans submitted.

Zoning Update - refer to Zoning Officer's report for further details.

1. Women's Resources - Engineer felt that they were using the property without a C/O but that is not the case. They have it set-up for contributors to see their progress. He reiterated to them the need a C/O prior to opening.
2. Adams Outdoor - Shawn met with Don Small to negotiate the lease on sign, he is trying to use leverage to use the property. At this point Small is adamant on not letting them. In the meantime, Shawn offered the residents light blocking blinds. Don contacted LF to try to gauge the situation; LF feels that it is still open. Shawn also stated that if the Borough loses the fill it is not a problem, he could get more. LF will try to call Don & WMW will do so as well. LF also mentioned the cease & desist to Shawn; he would still like to work it out.
3. Laird - spoke to the last interested business & he thinks that the realtor is working for both Laird & Maula.
4. Joiner Deed - recommends a fee involved. **Jack Shoemaker made a motion to accept the joiner deed with a fee recommended by the Engineer, a reasonable fee to cover costs. Bill Buzzard seconded it. All in favor.**

Old Business - None. Chief Brad not present.

New Business

Stroud Township reciprocal residential use agreement.

Bill Buzzard moved to accept it, Jack Shoemaker seconded it. All in favor.

PennDOT 12 year plan, DWG not mentioned.

Bob will attend the 9/15 meeting & make up a list to send, WMW will stop by in the morning to review what should go onto the list.

MA shut off list.

George Munn made a motion to shut off, Bill Buzzard seconded it. All in favor.

Committee Reports

George Munn – problem with the dialer at Well #4, had this problem before, may have to replace it at some point.

JS – On Mountain Road there are cracks in the new pavement, BG will call contractor tomorrow. BB recommended that BG can use fill to get it done.

BB – nothing to report.

Questions and Concerns of Citizens

Higbee – parking on Shepard Avenue, got a parking sticker but Johanna mentioned that they had to return it bcs she was unaware that they could not park there. They wanted to know if something had changed because they have been parking there for 37 years. Chief May responded that they are parking partly out into the roadway, that part of Shepard Avenue is narrower than the rest of Shepard. They are parking on the roadway which is obstructing the flow of traffic. It is dangerous. He has spoken to other residents on Dogwood & Cherokee about cutting back the brush from the roadway, that way they can park further in. BG stated that he had the Ahmet's move their cars off the street bcs they were parking on the roadway, therefore he had to do the same for the

Higbee's who live across the street. WMW asked if there was a law against parking on the road, in the meantime they will take it under advisement & let them know.

McGovern - stated that on the left of Cherry Valley Road there are cars parked by the stop sign & cannot see past them. BB stated that parking off the highway is ok, but if it is at the stop sign is not ok. BG stated that they recently ticketed a green car that was parked too close to the stop sign, otherwise the cars that are parked there are legal. He questioned about Fairway Estates if whether or not the town has a bond issue with the road. He said that Broda is suing the bond company, the contractor who installed the road. WMW stated that they would have to check with the attorney. BB believes that they have some money in the bond, made a mistake & did not have enough money but Broda could have a separate agreement with the contractor.

Cridge - At a meeting it was mentioned that the DWGFD wants to move the FD to a different location, he wondered if they are. Council stated they have not heard anything new. He also stated that with Adams he is not going to sign off on the blinds until the burm is built. LF stated that he feels Shawn will continue with the burm & the blinds are only a temporary fix to the problem.

George Munn made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Jack Shoemaker seconded it. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johanna Moreo, Secretary/ Treasurer