

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

January 10, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Delaware Water Gap was held in the Francis (Casey) Drake municipal building on Monday, January 10, 2011.

Council members present: President Wayne MacWilliams, Vice President Bill Buzzard, Elvi DeLotto, Jack Shoemaker and George Munn. Also present Mayor Walter Conway, and 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. **Bill Buzzard made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and pay the bills, seconded by George Munn. All in favor. George Munn made a motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting.** Elvi DeLotto stated that in the minutes, Mayor’s report, it is wrong. It should say, **Elvi DeLotto questioned Anthony regarding using local farmers. He stated no, he would be using purveyors from all over.** Also in the section for Swift911, it should state that **Chamber of Commerce wants this as well because the businesses are not happy with what is going on. George Munn withdrew his motion. Jack Shoemaker made a motion to change the minutes stated by all parties, Elvi DeLotto seconded it. All in favor.**

Superintendent’s Report – Bob Gallagher not present.

Engineer’s Report – *refer to Engineer’s report for further details.*

- 4 Log Report: This will be resubmitted tomorrow, difference between field information known by the operator and not on file.
- Planning Commission meeting: The review they prepared for Women’s Resources & Pocono Inn go before PC next Monday, he would like to know if he should attend the meeting. ED & JS said yes.
- Curb & sidewalk replacement – Main Street: Council’s request for DJ to research cost scope to replace streetlights, sidewalks - \$725K for full replacement. Retaining walls are required going up toward the DWG FD. Paving not included but hopefully can get PennDOT on board. Bill would like to have a goal to come up with what Council’s feels they can come up with before next meeting & put it onto the agenda. Walt mentioned the Community Block Grant due 2/18 and recommended forming a sub-committee. Discussion followed, it was decided to research with priority of North side of Main Street (Antelao side). JM to contact Mr. Guernsey to see if he has current census information.

Mayor’s Report

Sgt. Hoff reported that they have issued several traffic citations for speeding and trucks. Bill inquired if there were any citations for no stopping at the stop signs. Sgt. Hoff said yes at the Kimberly intersection.

Zoning Update

- Trails Inn Café – Elvi mentioned that they need a grease trap.

Old Business

DWG Fire Department.

Fire Chief Brad Miller addressed Council, he had wondered if there was any room in the budget this year the FD. Bill stated that it was the same budget as last yr. He also stated that there had been many workers compensation incidents over the past few years which increase the premiums for the Borough. Brad stated that Jim Fareri oversees the claims. The Mayor recommended a training program for the FD. Brad stated that they have reorganized the structure of the FD to eliminate some of the things that occurred in the past. He also said that he will be attending all Council meetings from now on to update the Borough on all activities. Jack said he would like him to bring the budget to the next meeting, also that F&L doors will be meeting with them this week. They received 3 bids for the doors for the \$9,900. grant they received. The FD Auxiliary will be paying the difference to install the doors. Council stated that they appreciate the FD reorganization & their attendance at Council meetings. Bill stated he would like to see a financial report if they could bring it to a future meeting. Brad stated he will have everything next month.

Outdoor Dining & Alternate Energy Ordinances.

David W. wanted to make sure everyone is satisfied with these ordinances; he will then get them over to the MCPC for review & advertised. David J. recommended including the language that lighting must be compliant with dark sky technology in the outdoor dining ordinance item #5. This means to reduce the amount of light in the air (light pollution).

New Business

Yearly re-affirmations for solicitor, engineer, zoning officer & auditor.

George Munn made a motion to re-affirm, Jack Shoemaker seconded it. All in favor.

Appointments to Committees.

Wayne stated other than the exception of Phil Farber resigning from the Office Committee, that he will be taking over. **Bill Buzzard made a motion to approve the appointments, George Munn seconded it. All in favor.**

Pittsburgh City Council request help to enact an ord banning hydro-fracturing natural gas drilling.

David W. not getting involved in others fights. George stated he would like to review this & bring it up at next meeting; it could come up at one point.

DRJTBC resolution to apply.

Since a motion was previously made to approve the application, all that is needed are signatures for the resolution.

David W. stated that the County Control Center has identified a road behind Women's Resources that shares an access easement with Vertellus. This road needs to have a name, voted on by Council and reported to the Control Center. **Bill Buzzard made a motion to name the road J. Wilson Drive, George Munn seconded it. All in favor.** DJ also mentioned that municipalities can choose how numbering can appear on a property by ordinance as well as location of the numbering. It would benefit the Borough to have sign parameters, what the Borough wants as required by ordinance. He would Council to think about it and discuss it & make a decision by next meeting.

Committee Reports

George Munn – nothing to report.

Elvi DeLotto – nothing to report.

Jack Shoemaker – nothing to report.

Bill Buzzard – would like to get an update on Castle Inn's streetlights, JM stated that Larry sent him a letter that he will not be able to obtain any more permits until lights are installed. Bill would like to revisit this at the next meeting.

Questions and Concerns of Citizens

Sue Cooper addressed Council – given what has happened recently in the media she would like to thank Council for remaining positive. Council members voluntarily attend meetings; their hard work is not in vain. Sue also stated that she spoke to Aaron they are moving forward; good news should be February & then bids right after.

Jim Benson inquired on the address changes what is to be expected of residents. David W. stated that they are set, the County adopted them. All of Cherry Valley Road has been renumbered. In the future there will be a letter sent to residents from the Boro of the specifics. The number will be in GPS, emergency responders will find you at the new address. The sooner the number gets up the better for safety. Sgt. Hoff stated that they should take into consideration set-backs. If the house is further back they should have the number curb side.

George Munn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal issues at 8:10 p.m., Elvi DeLotto seconded it. All in favor.

Jack Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, Elvi DeLotto seconded it. All in favor.

Elvi DeLotto made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., Jack Shoemaker seconded it. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johanna Moreo, Secretary/ Treasurer