

MAYOR & COUNCIL
October 6, 2025
MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

Mayor Thomas A. Bauer called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of Delmar, Delaware to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is available to the public, in person with limited seating and via teleconference. In attendance were Vice Mayor Odell Jones, Jr., Council Members, Todd Lanier and Mike McClure. Key Personnel: Town Manager Jeff Fleetwood, Chief Ivan Barkley, and Clerk of Council, Vondell Spencer. Guests: Roger Martinson, Christine Chestnutt, Vince Luca, and Domenic Caserta; via teleconference: Rodney Brown. Absent: Council Member Matt Waldman.

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order, and Mr. Roger Martinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established.

Mayor's Comments

Council Member Waldman is excused this evening.

Officers Zachary Coco and Richard Cockey were promoted to Corporal. Mayor Bauer congratulated the promoted officers.

Heritage Day went well. There were many vendors, it was a great turnout, and the food was good.

The Delmar High School Homecoming Parade is October 18th. The parade starts at 11:30 a.m. and the lineup is at 10:45 a.m.

This week is National Fire Prevention Week. The Delmar Volunteer Fire is visiting schools and other facilities this week. Mayor Bauer said he was happy to participate today at Delmar Elementary.

The Fire Department's Sportsmen's Bash is Saturday, November 1st. Mayor Bauer said if anyone needs tickets see him or call the firehouse at (302) 846-2530.

The Delmar Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is on December 6th. Applications are due Monday, December 1st and the contact is Mr. Roger Martinson.

The Joint Council has sent a letter to the Delaware Board of Education to support the passage of the Certificate of Necessity for the school district to make it possible to have a referendum to build a new school in town. If the referendum happens it could be coming up in February or March. They have to give a 90-day notice.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to approve the September 2, 2025 meeting minutes as circulated. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Bauer) and carried by a vote of 2 Ayes, 1 Absent (Waldman) and 2 Abstain (McClure/Lanier).

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business –

2025 Farmer's Market Overview

Ms. Christine Chestnutt provided an overview of the 2025 Farmer's Market. A conversation ensued.

Swearing In Parks and Recreation Member

Mayor Bauer stated the application for the new Parks and Recreation Committee Member is for Mr. Roger Martinson and provided work history and community involvement for Mr. Martinson.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept Mr. Roger Martinson as the new Parks and Recreation Committee Member. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/McClure) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Waldman).

Mayor Bauer swore in Mr. Roger Martinson as the new Parks and Recreation Committee Member.

Halloween Resolution #2025-10-06

Mayor Bauer introduced and read Halloween Resolution #2025-10-06.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept Halloween Resolution #2025-10-06. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Waldman).

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reminded residents if they do not want to participate in Halloween turn their lights off.

Committee Reports:

Police Chief's Report – The report is included in the mail packet.

Chief Barkley thanked everyone who attended in honor of the PD officers.

Chief Barkley reported: 1.) PD is working on the transitioning of officers. The promotions that took place were well deserved by both individuals. He said we wish them all the success in the future and they are going to set them up to be there. 2.) PD's golf tournament is Saturday at Mulligan's

Pointe. This is the tournament's ninth year and all have been fully successful and they are fully booked again. 3.) No new crime trends or issues. 4.) PD has been assisting a lot of their partner agencies with issues in their areas but there have been no crazy issues in town.

Student Advisor –

Ms. Rylin Nichols introduced herself.

Student Advisor Nichols reported: 1.) Football has 2 wins and 3 losses. They play this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Forest. 2.) Cross Country has 4 losses. They have a meet this Wednesday and Saturday. 3.) Field Hockey has 3 wins and 6 losses. They play Smyrna tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. and Lake Forest on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. 4.) Boys Soccer has 2 wins and 6 losses. They play today against Caesar Rodney and they play Thursday against Lake Forest at 5:30 p.m. 5.) Volleyball has 4 wins and 4 losses. They play against Dover tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and Lake Forest on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. 6.) Spirit Week is October 13th through October 17th. 7.) Homecoming is October 18th. 8.) The National Honor Society will have their annual Trick or Treat night on October 31st. 9.) The end of the marking period is October 31st.

Ms. Nichols thanked everyone for the opportunity to be the student advisor.

Council Member Lanier noted that Ms. Nichols was a great student. She responded Council Member Lanier is a great teacher.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – The report is included in the mail packet.

Public Works – The report is included in the mail packet.

Utility Commission – The report is included in the mail packet.

Council Member Lanier reported: 1.) The by-pass equipment is gone at the Water Treatment Plant. 2.) The PAC tower had a bad valve and there was a \$4,000 change order. 3.) The wet well is sealed and filled. 4.) Large pumps are coming in this month. 5.) The sand filters will be changed this month. 6.) The Connelly Mill Rd. pump station issues are from a nick in the power supply line that was potentially done during a culvert repair previously. That nick allowed a lightning strike to ground out the wire and moisture set in to the jacketing through the nick. That repair has been completed by Public Works. The Waste Water Treatment Plant building is tied into the plant because of the backup generator supply. Town Mgr. Fleetwood added the final repairs to the lift station was very expensive. The two pumps had to be rebuilt in addition to the electrical wire.

Mayor Bauer asked Town Mgr. Fleetwood if that repair was in the budget this year. Town Mgr. Fleetwood answered the money is coming out of the Contingency Account.

Parks and Recreation Report – The report is included in the mail packet.

Council Member McClure reported: 1.) The second annual Chili Cookoff is scheduled for November 8th at State St. Park from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by Movie Night. The rain date is November

22nd. 2.) The New Year's Eve Celebration is planned for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. downtown Delmar.

Fire Department – No report.

Mayor Bauer said the FD is having their nominations for office tonight.

Planning & Zoning –

Vice Mayor Jones reported:

1. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation K – Lot 142, 11774 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE** – Mr. Brown presented a new home build as referenced per the attached drawings.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and Council for – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation K – 142, 11774 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation K – Lot 142, 11774 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (McClure/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes. 1 Absent (Waldman).

Town Manager's Report

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported: 1.) Lincoln Ave. between Bi-State Blvd. and Pennsylvania Ave.: the town is replacing stormwater piping that runs east west length. Once that is complete the entire run of Lincoln Ave. will be repaved. In addition, over by the high school on Sixth St. a piece of concrete was replaced. So that run of Sixth St. will be repaved in its entirety in the next 30 days. 2.) MD side over on Chestnut St.: from Chestnut Manor going south to the church at the county line there is a ditch towards the back that big trees have been removed from its center, the banks of the ditch have been mucked out, 38 loads of silt has been removed from the ditch, reseeded, and gravel has been placed on the eastside of the ditch. 3.) Public Works started mucking out the ditch that runs north south from Grove St. down to the granary by N. Pennsylvania Ave. This will help on Lincoln Ave. with the work that is going to be done on the stormwater pipe. 4.) There was a fairly significant leak across from Brian and Brittingham that has been repaired. 5.) Public Works Director, Bob Buck and his entire team have been in training to operate the tractor with the side arm. 6.) The town welcomes our newest fulltime Public Works employee, Jordan Johnson. Mr. Johnson was actually enrolled this past weekend and the next three weekends at Wor-Wic Community College. He will finish at the end of October for his CDL license. The town will have longevity with Mr. Johnson having his CDL. 6.) Mason Dixon Complex: closed until mid to late spring of 2026 for upgrades. Equipment started arriving today. 7.) Administrative Assistant, Starr Conaway and her husband Public Works Foreman, Bob Conaway are both retiring effective December 2nd 2025. November 25th the town staff will have a farewell gathering at 6:00 p.m. at Delmar Pizza.

Council Comments

Vice Mayor Jones, and Council Member McClure had no comment.

- 1.) Council Member Lanier commented he is glad that the town could give Mr. Jordan Johnson a home. Mr. Johnson exemplifies Delmar as much as anybody. The idea that he might be working here for a long time is something that he is looking for and he looks forward to seeing him for a long time.

Public Comments

- 1.) Mr. Roger Martinson commented this year at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be enforcing not throwing candy due to their insurance company's rules. Someone can walk with the candy and pass it out. There is a notice on the application.
- 2.) Mr. Domenic Caserta thanked Chief Barkley and PD for their presence. Mr. Caserta voiced his concerns involving his neighbors, the Stillwater development, HOA, and management of Ryan Homes/Stillwater. Town Mgr. Fleetwood provided Mr. Caserta helpful information regarding Ryan Homes. A conversation occurred.

Adjournment

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Waldman).

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council
Vondell Spencer