

MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS
April 13, 2026
MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

Mayor Benjamin Jorden called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Delmar, Maryland 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 Deputy Mayor Jack Lenox, Commissioners Jacob Boothe, Ronald Nembhard, and Cory Shaffer, Lieutenant Michael Bond, Town Attorney Robert Benson, Town Mgr. Jeff Fleetwood, and Clerk of Council, Vondell Spencer. Guest: Trenton Clark, Janet Robinson, Joe White, and Councilwoman Shanie Shields.

Mayor Jorden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Comments –

Mayor Jorden thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor Jorden acknowledged and thanked Wicomico County Councilwoman Shanie Shields for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes –

A motion was made, seconded, (Lenox/Nembhard) and carried to approve the March 9, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 5 Ayes.

Unfinished Business –

None.

New Business –

Property Purchase Ordinance #761

Town Attorney Robert Benson introduced Ordinance #761.

Mayor Jorden called for a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance #761. The motion was made/seconded (Boothe/Shaffer) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Student Advisor –

Town Mgr. Fleetwood stated he did receive a call from Student Advisor Colton Gwaltney. Mr. Gwaltney reported to him the Delmar Senior High School Prom is May 1st.

Committee Reports:

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

Lieutenant Bond reported as follows: 1.) There have been areas in town where people have been looking in cars last week. PD has a couple of suspects they are looking into. Lieutenant Bond stated residents need to lock their cars and make sure there is absolutely nothing in their car that would cause someone to break into it. 2.) One of the old police cars, 2010 Charger, got purchased by a gentleman in Poland to make it a museum type piece. Town Mgr. Fleetwood added the gentleman has a warehouse of about 50 police vehicles from small towns in the United States and they are all spotless inside and out. A conversation ensued.

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

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

Commissioner Shaffer said he thought PW did pretty well with the Spring Cleanup on the Maryland side for 2,900 residents. Mayor Jorden agreed.

Utility Commission –

The Utility Commission meeting was this evening at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Shaffer reported: 1.) The Phase 3 I&I Slip Lining and Sewer Line Replacement Projects were finalized. The State of Delaware awarded a \$983,000 loan at 2% on a 20 -year term. The Utility Commission finalized their vote on the brick-and-mortar part of the sewer line replacement. The cost for that was \$377,000. The contractor for the brick-and-mortar is Teal Construction. Premiere Service LLC got the reward for the slip lining. DBF was onsite for any questions during the meeting. 2.) The new water storage tank will be in the northeast quadrant of Delmar. The State of Delaware awarded the town a loan of \$2,793,000 at 2% for 20 years. The town has a piece of property where the storage tank can go but the town is negotiating with a neighbor to adjust it further. Town Mgr. Fleetwood added the water storage tank will put 1,000,000 gallons of water in the air that would give the town a little over 3-day supply. 3.) The town received a grant for stormwater mapping which will start soon. Town Mgr. Fleetwood added the Alliance Group will be mapping out Delaware and Maryland.

Water Treatment Plant Report – The report is included in the mail packets.

Parks & Recreation – The report is included in the mail packets.

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was on March 24, 2026.

Commissioner Boothe stated the new chairperson and the two new members have really done a great job and there are a lot of great things happening.

Commissioner Boothe reported: 1.) Depending on conformations there will be a kickball tournament/tour on Wednesdays from July 1st through July 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It's certainly a pickup game of kickball at Gordy Park at the ball field. The time and dates have already

been worked out with the Allstars. 2.) On May 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tot Lot there will be a Meet and Greet with Parks and Recs and the Delmar Library in attendance. They are doing a joint partnership. There will be books and different activities. 3.) There has not been a date set for the Chili-Cookoff but it will be in the fall. 4.) Movie Night may be held at Gordy Park and partner with the Delmar Library so there is no cost to the town. Mayor Jorden added the Farmer's Market will resume soon. Town Mgr. Fleetwood stated Ray Vincent, of Vincent Farms, has agreed again to provide produce to the town for this endeavor.

Planning & Zoning –

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 26, 2026.

Deputy Mayor Lenox stated all of the formal action was on the Delaware side. There is a new member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Commission Member Joshua Taylor. He said the commission is very pleased to that level of expertise brought to the table.

Town Managers Report –

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported: 1.) May 1st through May 11th Town Mgr. Fleetwood will be out of the country. 2.) April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the chambers at Town Hall there will be an Employee Milestone Award Ceremony. There is an employee that has been with the town for 35 years. Everyone is invited and there will be cake and drinks. 3.) May 22nd at the PD our Annual Milkshake Day will be held at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited and there will be milkshakes, hamburgers, and hotdogs.

Council Comments –

Commissioner Nembhard and Shaffer had no comment.

- 1.) Commissioner Boothe commented the concrete on Pennsylvania Ave. is looking nice. The entire area is looking awesome. He further commented it is always good to see the town's officers out and about, they are being very creative.
- 2.) Commissioner Boothe commented if nobody has seen the Fire Department side, Ladder 74 came in a week and a half ago and as a monster of a piece of equipment, it barely fits. Ladder 74 barely clears the pipes when they put it in for the fill stations. There are a couple little things they found wrong but working the bugs out. It is always busy at the Fire Department.
- 3.) Mayor Jorden commented he received confirmation last night Phase 2 for the ball field will be funded.
- 4.) Deputy Mayor Lenox acknowledged Councilwoman Shanie Shields. He thanked her for joining the meeting. Deputy Mayor Lenox commented they were surprised to find out that Wood Creek is in District 1 with Foskey Lane being the line. He further commented he

worked with Councilwoman Shields 20 years ago when she was on the Salisbury City Council. She has a lot of dedication to the neighborhoods and to people.

Public Comments –

- 1.) Ms. Janet Robinson and Mr. Trenton Clark from the Wood Creek HOA thanked the town on the wonderful job they did for Spring Clean Up. They presented their concerns about the crosswalk that goes from the new ball field over to the Wood Creek Community and the entrance to Wood Creek on Bi-State Blvd. A conversation occurred.
- 2.) Mr. Trenton Clark thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their painting assistance around the mailbox area in Wood Creek.
- 3.) Mr. Joe White updated the Mayor and Commissioners on the Capital Improvement Plan, Phase 2 of the Mason Dixon Complex, and possibly meeting with the town's Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the soccer program.
- 4.) Councilwoman Shanie Shields commented about the speeding problem. She also discussed being project oriented and fairness.

Adjournment –

Mayor Jorden called for a motion to adjourn which was made/seconded (Nembhard/Boothe) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council, CMC
Vondell Spencer