

MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS
August 4, 2025
MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

Deputy Mayor Lenox called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Delmar, Maryland to order at 6:00 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, Police Chief, Ivan Barkley, Fire Chief, Justin Elliott, Deputy Fire Chief, Josh Joyner, and Clerk of Council, Vondell Spencer. Guest: Mayor Thomas Bauer. Absent: Mayor Jorden.

Deputy Mayor Lenox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Comments –

Deputy Mayor Lenox informed everyone in attendance Mayor Jorden was unable to attend this evening and he announced the schedule for the meetings this evening.

Approval of Minutes –

A motion was made, seconded, (Nembhard/Boothe) and carried to approve the July 14, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Unfinished Business –

None.

New Business –

None.

Committee Reports:

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

Chief Barkley reported as follows: 1.) There are no new crime trends or patterns. 2.) Blue Light Night was fantastic. Chief Barkley thanked the commissioners for attending. He said the event was well attended.

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

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

Commissioner Shaffer mentioned the pool permits have risen and that is good to see.

Utility Commission –

Commissioner Shaffer said there is no report and it has already been given.

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

Parks & Recreation –

The committee met July 22, 2025

Commissioner Boothe reported: 1.) The second subcommittee meeting will take place August 7th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Boothe mentioned he did receive responses back from his email sent in reference to the New Year's Eve Celebration. The committee will make a decision on moving forward with the celebration at the subcommittee meeting. 2.) The committee voted to continue with the Chili Cook-Off and Movie Night the same day. Commissioner Boothe said the committee is pinpointing a date in October for those events. 3.) At the September meeting the By-Laws will be to date and memberships have been offered.

Fire Department –

Deputy Fire Chief Josh Joyner reviewed statistical information. He noted the EMS calls have remained steady in the 200's and that seems to be the new trend. He further noted last month the calls for service approached 300 for fire and EMS combined. Mr. Joyner thanked PD for letting the FD attend Blue Light Night.

Commissioner Shaffer asked Mr. Joyner if the FD needed any information on the mulch facility at the end of Maryland Ave. A conversation ensued.

Planning & Zoning –

Deputy Mayor Lenox reported the meeting was on July 24, 2025 and all items discussed were on the DE side.

Town Managers Report –

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported as follows: 1.) Last week town hall formed an in-house staff committee to do paper reviews for 23 resumes for the HR/Executive Assistant position to replace HR/Executive Assistant, Starr Conaway. The committee narrowed the resumes to six and interviewed six applicants. Starting tomorrow three of the six he will be meeting with and hopefully after the interview, proficiency test, and a writing sample tomorrow they will be able to come to a conclusion on who to make an offer to. Mrs. Conaway will be retiring December 2, 2025. 2.) Director of Public Works, Bob Buck, Water Treatment Plant, Superintendent, Ron Bailey and himself will travel to the Office of Drinking Water in Dover, DE. to discuss issues with Mr. Buck's water license renewal because he will not be working in the WTP only. 3.) Today patch paving has started throughout the town and Wednesday of this week concrete work will begin in town. He said he spoke with the three homeowners that will be affected by the work and one homeowner does not

want the work to be done and would like for it to be stopped. Town Mgr. Fleetwood gave the homeowner an option to have the work stopped. 4.) At the September Mayor and Commissioners meeting staff from Wicomico County will be in attendance to update them on the Mason Dixon Complex. Last week town staff met with Mr. Steve Miller for a pre-bid and six contractors were present. 5.) In September and October one of the ordinances on General Code pertaining to disconnects is not compliant and was written before meters were installed in the town and needs to come before this council for the amendment. 6.) The second week of August work will begin at the WTP on the FY'26 capital. 7.) One staff member at town hall has had surgery and is doing well. The staff member is projected to be out another two to three weeks.

Council Comments –

Deputy Mayor Lenox, and Commissioners Shaffer had no comments.

- 1.) Commissioner Nembhard commented Friday's Blue Light Night was a success. He said it was a good job by everyone. Commissioner Boothe agreed.

Public Comments –

None.

Adjournment –

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a motion to adjourn which was made/seconded (Boothe/Shaffer) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Jorden).

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council
Vondell Spencer