

MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS
September 9, 2024
MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

Mayor Benjamin Joden called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Delmar, Maryland to order at 7:05 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 Cory Shaffer, Jacob Boothe and Ronald Nembhard. Town Manager Jeff Fleetwood, Town Attorney, Robert Benson, Lieutenant Alexander Wade, Fire Department Chief, Justin Elliott, Fire Department Deputy Chief, Josh Joyner, and Clerk of Council Vondell Spencer were in attendance. Guests: AJ Angello, Sandy Angello, Kyle Hughes, Steve Fuller, and John McClellan.

Mayor Jorden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Comments –

None.

Approval of Minutes –

A motion was made, seconded, (Boothe/Nembhard) and carried to approve the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes as circulated by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Unfinished Business –

None.

New Business –

Special Event/Kylan Barnes – Kyle Hughes

Mr. Kyle Hughes and Mr. Mitch Marriner discussed a THC Event they would like to have at Kylan Barn and wanted approval from the Mayor and Commissioners for the event. A lengthy discussion occurred. The Mayor and Commissioners suggested transportation provisions for attendees and on-site security. There were no objections from the Mayor and Commissioners.

Mr. Huges presented the BBQ event with fireworks, and music on Sunday, June 29, 2025. He said he would like to have this BBQ event for the Town of Delmar's July 4th. He further said he would like to have the front field at Kylan Barn as permanent overflow parking for events. In the future he would like to avoid trouble with the town by having to pave that area at a later date. Mr. Hughes wanted an agreement with the town so he can use the field for parking. A discussion occurred. Town Mgr. Fleetwood stated Mr. Hughes does not need approval to have parking in the front field of Kylan Barn. Deputy Mayor Lenox asked Town Mgr. Fleetwood to follow-up on a previous affidavit Mr. Hughes has concerns about that was presented which would like relief from.

Committee Reports:

Police Chief's Report –

Lieutenant Wade reported as follows: 1.) Chief Barkley is in Ocean City all this week at a Chief's Conference. Town Mgr. Fleetwood informed the Mayor and Commissioners Chief Barkley presented the idea to the DE Council about restricted parking on the southside of Lincoln Ave., the last block Seventh St. and Eighth St. because buses are having issues with making that turn. 2.) Town Mgr. Fleetwood further informed the Mayor and Commissioners Lieutenant Mike Bond, Delmar High School Superintendent, Andy O'Neal, Mayor Bauer and himself had a meeting today with a citizen, Dewey Griffith regarding Mr. Griffith's solution for the traffic issue at the school. Town Mgr. Fleetwood said Mr. O'Neal is going to revamp the traffic committee at the school and they will meet again September 23rd and Mr. Griffith will present his plan. 3.) Town Mgr. Fleetwood informed the Mayor and Commissioners Eighth St. from State St. (Rt.54) to Delaware Ave. is a DelDot road. 4.) Lieutenant Bond's Brother-In-Law passed away.

Commissioner Boothe asked Lieutenant Wade if the new Durango's were in service as of yet. Lieutenant Wade answered they are waiting to get outfitted. The Durango's have been marked, all of the equipment came in last week, and it is just a matter of scheduling for the work to be done. A conversation occurred in reference to outfitters.

Commissioner Shaffer informed Lieutenant Wade about positive calls made to him previously and presently in reference to police presence the first week of school. A conversation occurred.

Fire Department –

Deputy Chief Joyner reviewed the FD monthly report. Mayor Jorden inquired about the status of volunteers. A conversation occurred.

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

Commissioner Shaffer asked Town Mgr. Fleetwood how often rental inspections were done. Town Mgr. Fleetwood answered rental inspections are done annually and/or potentially twice. A conversation occurred.

Commissioner Shaffer asked Town Mgr. Fleetwood the procedure for a code enforcement violation timeline and procedure. Town Mgr. Fleetwood explained the timeline and procedure. A conversation occurred.

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

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

Utility Commission –

Commissioner Shaffer reported as follows: 1.) There were requests for services. The paperwork for one request was incorrect. He explained before any recommendation could be made the proper

paperwork had to be submitted. There was also another request for a sewer tie-in that would run \$600 per foot.

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

Commissioner Boothe reported as follows: 1.) The committee is planning two events. Saturday, October 26th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., a chili cook-off tied with a job fair at the State St. Park. A tester for the chili cook-off will pay \$5.00. Immediately following will be Movie Night at 6:00 p.m. A poll from the community will be taken for which movie will be shown. 2.) A New Year's Eve celebration was also discussed to be held on Pennsylvania Ave. The ball drop will be the highball in town. Milano's and Sport's Nut have been contacted about this idea and are onboard.

Planning & Zoning –

Deputy Mayor Lenox reported:

1. **Sandy Angello/Sandajorge LLC – Concept Plan for Fitness Center/Athletic Training Facility – Foskey Lane and Southbound US Rt.13, Delmar, MD** – Mr. John McClellan from SVN-Miller Commercial Real Estate stated and described the proposal. He said Mr. AJ Angello wanted to expand on the youth athletic programs as well as other athletic programs. Mr. Angello stated he represents sports performance/training. He echoed Mr. McClellan in that he wanted to bring a high level of performance to the Eastern Shore and a lot of opportunities for the youth in this area and surrounding areas. Town Mgr. Fleetwood noted current Athletic Director, Head Football Coach David Hearn, Ms. Jodi Holloman, and Vice Mayor Odell Jones, Jr, is 110% in support of this project for the school. A discussion occurred.

Mr. Angello described the size of the indoor fields, the organizations he would be working with, practices and trainings, size of the building, number of coaches on staff, and possibly hiring outside contractors/trainers.

Town Attorney, Robert Benson suggested to the Mayor and Commissioners amending the zoning code because of the current uses for the property. A conversation occurred.

Deputy Mayor Lenox provided the Mayor and Commissioners with the conditions from the Planning and Zoning Commission in their motion. Town Attorney, Robert Benson stated his preference would be amending the zoning code to protect the applicant. A conversation occurred.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and Commissioners for – Sandy Angello/Sandajorge LLC - Concept Plan for a Fitness Center/Athletic Training Facility – Foskey Lane and Southbound US Rt.13, Delmar, MD as submitted with the conditions recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion was made/seconded (Boothe/Shaffer) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a motion to initiate text change to the community section

of the Town of Delmar's zoning code to delete the reference to non-profit regarding recreational facility uses. A motion was made/seconded (Shaffer/Nembhard) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Town Managers Report –

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported as follows: 1.) Inventory for the Lead and Copper Rule are below 300 homes. 2.) Presently there is an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) called Jurisdictional Assistance. He discussed a situation that caused this MOU to be streamlined. 3.) Heritage Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no rain date scheduled. 4.) Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported a phone call last week with MDOT to discuss five-year projects. The weigh scales on the south end of town are going to be revamped the end of calendar year 2025 finishing early calendar year 2026. 5.) There is a Delmar, Delaware Election scheduled for Monday, October 7th for 1 Mayor and 2 Council Member seats. The incumbents have filed and as of today there have been no challengers. If there are no challengers by September 23rd the election will be cancelled. 6.) Before this meeting the Mayor and Commissioners met outside by the railroad tracks for the streetscape project. Tomorrow they will be provided quotes for two options. 7.) On the northwest corner of the PW the yard has been framed up. A concrete pad will be going in tomorrow. 8.) A lot of work has taken place at the WTP on outdated valves and mixers.

Commission Comments –

Deputy Mayor Lenox had no comment.

- 1.) Commissioner Nembhard commented the Employee Appreciation Luncheon was well attended and all staff showed their appreciation. He said he was very happy about the luncheon.
- 2.) Commissioner Boothe commented Deputy Mayor Lenox and himself had the great privilege of seeing the Hometown Hero Banners at the VFW event. He said it meant a lot to see his father and brother on one of the banners. He further said he thanked Mayor Bauer and they look great.
- 3.) Commissioner Boothe further commented the streetscape project will mirror the DE side for the most part. He said it is nice to see that project and the community center plans start to come together.
- 4.) Commissioner Shaffer commented the FD's oil does not get cold. He said after this weekend the trucks were running back in forth. He said he gave props to the FD.

Public Comments –

None.

Adjournment –

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

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council
Vondell Spencer