

Utility Commission
April 13, 2026
DELMAR TOWN HALL & VIA TELECONFERENCE

The regular scheduled meeting of the Delmar Utility Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cory Shaffer. This meeting is available to the public, in person seating and via teleconference. The phone number and access code have been provided to all the members as well as the public. In attendance was Commissioner Ronald Nembhard, and Commission Members Phillip Moore and Lori Dewald. Key Personnel: Town Mgr. Jeff Fleetwood, and Clerk of Council Vondell Spencer. Guests: Jason Loar, Johnny Stant, and Chris Brown. Absent: Council Member Lanier.

Commissioner Shaffer called the meeting to order. A quorum was established with four members present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded (Nembhard/Moore) and carried to approve the March 9, 2026, meeting minutes as circulated. Commissioner Shaffer took a vote, and the motion was passed with 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lanier).

Unfinished Business –

Data Centers

Commissioner Shaffer stated, in the information provided at the last commission meeting, 80% of the water (particularly fresh water) withdrawn by data centers evaporates and with the remaining water discharged to the municipal water facilities. He further stated on both Maryland and Delaware sides there is no capacity available for data centers. A discussion occurred.

Commissioner Shaffer, and Commission Members Dewald and Moore decided this is a topic to stay up on for the future.

New Business/Town Manager's Report

Phase 3 I&I Slip Lining

Town Mgr. Fleetwood updated, described, and explained the Phase 3A of the I&I Slip Lining Project that was awarded to Premiere Service Group LLC. He mentioned the bid was for \$983,203 which is funding from the State of Delaware in the form of a loan at 2% interest with a 20-year term. A discussion occurred.

Phase 3 Sewer Line Replacement

Town Mgr. Fleetwood updated the Commission on the Phase 3B of the Brick-and-Mortar Sewer Line Replacement that was awarded to Teal Construction. He mentioned the price for the project

is \$377,303 that is not being funded by the State of Delaware. Teal Construction completed Phase 1 on the Maryland side. He further mentioned the funding will come from the Town of Delmar and the Utility Commission. A discussion occurred.

Specimen Bond for Water Storage Tank

Town Mgr. Fleetwood stated the State of Delaware funded a \$2,793,000 loan at 2% interest, 20-year term. The water storage tank will be located at the northeast quadrant of town off of Old Stage Rd. A discussion occurred including Davis, Bowen, and Friedel Representative, Mr. Jason Loar occurred.

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported: 1.) There is a commitment with Delaware and Maryland to purchase 24 E. State St. The purchase of the home is \$175,000. Town Mgr. Fleetwood provided pricing for the demolition and tree removal for the property. 2.) There will not be a normal Delaware meeting the first Monday in May or a normal Maryland meeting the second Monday in May. There will not be a Utility Commission meeting in May. There will be a Joint Council meeting May 13th at 6:30 p.m. 3.) April 23rd everyone is welcome to Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. in the chambers for the Employee Milestone Award Ceremony. 4.) May 22nd everyone community included is welcome to Milkshake Day at the PD. There will also be hamburgers and hotdogs. 5.) There is still some discovery left to do for the lead and copper lines in Maryland and Delaware. Town Mgr. Fleetwood the town received funding for Maryland and the town will purchase Electro Scan Inc.'s SWORDFISH machine. Two young men will be hired from Delmar High School as soon as school is out. The two young men will be trained, and supervised to do the leg work for the identification. 6.) The town received full funding for the mapping to be completed by Mr. Tom Leigh from the Alliance Group out of Dover, DE. 7.) Colonial Mill Estates and Gateway Mobile Home Park are pending task orders from MDE before they begin their process of tying in to town water. On 8.) On Thursday, April 16th Commissioner Nembhard is going on a trip with the Alliance Group that is fully funded to tour the Eastern Shore's waterways and stormwater. There will be a lot of activity at the old police station due to parking for the Alliance Group trip. 9.) May 1st through May 11th Town Mgr. Fleetwood will be out of the country.

Commission Comments –

- 1.) Commission Member Dewald commented April 11th there was a story in the Cape Gazette about the State of Delaware examining wastewater infrastructure in manufactured home communities and across the State of Delaware. She said she thought it was very interesting and DNREC is providing all the monies. A conversation occurred among the Commission and Town Mgr. Fleetwood.

Public Comments –

None.

Adjournment –

A motion was made, seconded (Dewald/Nembhard) and carried to adjourn. The motion passed with 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Lanier).

Submitted by:

Vondell Spencer, CMC
Clerk of Council