DELMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 9th, 2026

77 Greensburg Street
Delmont, PA 15626

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor David Weber	Present	Amanda List	Present
Robert Walczer, Council President	Present	Krista Krautbauer	Present
Chris Bigley, Vice President	Present	Tina Campbell	Present
Pam Simpson	Absent	Julie Walczer	Absent

JUNIOR COUNCIL:

VACANT — N/A

EMPLOYEES:

Bill Heaps, Public Works Supervisor	Present
Dawn Earhart, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Chief Joe Calabrace, Delmont Police Chief	Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Timothy Witt, Watson & Mundorff, LLC — Present

ENGINEER REPORT:

LSSE Report – Dalton Mack, Kevin Brett

Morris Knowles Report – Donn Bartram, Bill Utzman

RESIDENTS ATTENDING:

Dalton Gilpon – Pro Waste
George Visnik
Andy Shissler
Pat Grace
Chris Ickes
David Piper
Brandy Walters
Clint McCutcheon
Michael Perltz – VFD
Donald Craig
Bob Stackiewicz
Annamarie Stackiewicz
Franklin Piper
Stan Cheyne
Michael Earhart
Bret Rankin

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OTHERS ATTENDING

Penn Franklin – Ken Bustin – Not Present
Tribune Review – Patrick Varine – Not Present

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Walczer calls meeting to order and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STANDARD MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES:

Council reviewed the August 12, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Tina Campbell Made a Motion to Approve the August 12, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. A Second Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer. All Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

After review of the September 9, 2026 Treasurer's Report, Chris Bigley Made the Motion to Accept the September 9, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Krista Krautbauer Made a Second Motion. All Approved.

BILLS:

Bills on display but not read. The report of the bills to be paid reflect the day after the previous Council Meeting until the day of the new Council Meeting. Chris Bigley Made the Motion to Pay the Bills. Tina Campbell Made a Second Motion. All Approved.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Stan Cheyne spoke in regards to utilizing the remaining grant funds and closing out the grant for the Newhouse Park Walking Path Grant. A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Make a Payment Request for the Remaining Available Grant Funds and Close Out the Newhouse Park Walking Grant. A Second Motion was Made by Chris Bigley. All Approved.

Patrick Grace spoke on behalf of DAAA. He had made mention that he submitted preliminary plans to request additional field up at Shields Farm. The Shields Farm Committee stated that there are stipulations that are part of an agreement with the Borough and DCNR in regards with what can and cannot be done with the land, and the Committee will need additional time to research and consider. There was also an additional concern for where it would go, as that area is used for parking for the Apple & Arts Festival. More discussion would be needed. Patrick Grace also inquired about any availability at Newhouse Park Fields. The Borough Office will look into the 2027 permit for FRAA and reach out them for any vacant dates/times.

Andy Shissler spoke on behalf of Troop 465. He requested Council's approval on utilizing Shields Farm for their Compass Exercises on Monday, October 12th in the evening. Stan would notify residents in the Deer Management Program. A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Allow Troop 465 to Utilize Shields Farm for their Compass Exercises. A Second Motion was Made by Chris Bigley. All Approved.

Brandy Walters spoke on behalf of the Apple & Arts Festival. She requested a Field Permit for the 2026 Apple Festival.

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David Piper inquired if there was an engineer was that overseen the road project up at White Valley Drive. Bob Walczer stated that the job was repair work, Bill Heaps stated that the road itself was solid, there was a little gravel showing though, they used standard specs, and that anytime there is a bigger road projects, the engineers are present. This was repair work.

Franklin Piper inquired why Council has been tabling the Motion to Appoint a new Captain. Council Member Chris Bigley stated that they are still looking into a few things. He also inquired as to why the K9 Officer had not attended the meeting, Chief Calabrace stated that he had prior commitment that evening.

Annamarie Stackiewicz spoke on behalf of the Delmont Visionary Committee. They held another Steering Committee meeting last week. Consultants have been reviewing the possible routes to connect Delmont to the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. Preliminary Plans will probably be ready in December/January. She thanked all who are part of the key stake holder's meetings and interviews.

Mike Earhart shared his research on Facebook policies in light of recent posts on a non-official Delmont Facebook group made by an anonymous member of the group. He mentioned that the Borough Solicitor can issue a letter to Facebook itself, not the page, and from what he had researched, Facebook would possibly require the group's administrator to "unmask" the anonymous member and possibly shut down the page for violating Facebook policies concerning cyber bullying, defamation, hate speech, etc. Solicitor Tim Witt, asked to see the post, as he was unaware. Council Members also expressed their disappointment in the page.

JUNIOR COUNCIL:

N/A

ENGINEERING REPORT – LSSE

Engineer Report Attached.

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Authorize LSSE to Prepare LSA Category 4 Grant for the Phase II COA EQ Tank Project. A Second Motion was Made by Tina Campbell. All Approved.

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Adopt Resolution for LSA Category 4 Grant Application. A Second Motion was Made by Tina Campbell. All Approved.

A Motion was Made by Tina Cambell to Amend the Agenda to Include a Motion to Approve Grant Application for the LSA Statewide Grant. A Second Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer. All Allowed.

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Adopt Resolution for Grant Application in Amount of $100,000 for Newhouse Park Project. A Second Motion was Made by Amanda List. All Approved.

A reminder that there will be a Public Sewage Meeting in regards to the Act 537, on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 PM at the Borough Building.

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MEMO

TO: Delmont Borough Council

DATE: September 9, 2026

FROM: Kevin A. Brett, P.E.
Dalton G. Mack, P.E.

S. O. NO.: 398-001

cc:

SUBJECT: **Monthly Engineer's Report**
September 2026

CRAMER COA

- **EQ Tank Design:** *LSSE recommends sizing the new EQ tank based on a 10-year summer storm event, putting the new tank size at 375,000 gallons (compared to the 325,000 gallon tank size in the original Act 537 Plan). This tank size concept was reviewed with the Sewer Committee on January 12, 2026. Borough Sewer Committee and LSSE met with PennVEST on January 27, 2026 to review funding opportunities through PennVEST; PennVEST advised of potential options for funding, including 20- and 30-year loans and partial grant funding.*

  LSSE reviewed multiple options with Sewer Committee for the scope of work to fund through PennVEST, including the basic scope required for COA compliance, and a larger scope which includes replacement of the pumps at the lift station, the addition of a second "package style" lift station in the Borough, and replacement of the remaining old forcemain, with the goal of addressing all the Borough's current sewage pumping issues in one project. One large project would also be more cost effective for an Act 537 update, re-use of existing concrete structures, and for construction-related costs. These options were reviewed further with the Sewer Committee on May 27, 2026, with the recommendation to pursue the larger scope. A summary memorandum of the alternatives was provided to Council. LSSE met with Sewer Committee to review options and recommended adding additional Phase to Act 537 plan for the addition of intermediate lift station so the Borough has options on constructing when funds are available. Borough authorized LSSE to prepare the Act 537 update per this recommendation for public meeting and adoption.

  The Borough was awarded $500,000 in funding through the 2024 Statewide LSA Program for the EQ Tank project.

for the EG Tank project.

- **<u>Act 537 Update</u>:** *Following June Council meeting, LSSE began to prepare the Act 537 update with the options summarized above included. The next step of the process is for the Borough to initiate a public comment period, including a public meeting, as part of the Act 537 update process.* **The Act 537 Public Comment period is now open, with the 30-day period set to end October 2. A public meeting is scheduled for September 16 to address resident questions.**

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- **Progress Reports:** *Reports due to DEP in July and December each year.* **Next Report is due December 31, 2026.**

FTMSA COA

- *The FTMSA COA was executed by all entities dated **August 29, 2019**. The following milestones are required per the Order. The First Amendment to this COA dated January 16, 2025, was executed by all parties, revising milestones as follows.*

  - **CCTV and Clean – August 29, 2024 for FTMSA, Cramer is 365 days from when Order is signed for CRAMER:**

    a. *Within **five years** of the execution of this COA, televise the portions of their SSS that are referenced in this COA and clean all segments necessary to restore full hydraulic capacity; excepting however that FTMSA shall on or before March 1, 2021 televise and clean the FTMSA Interceptor System. All televising is complete.*

    b. *Within **six years** of the execution of this COA, identify and repair all Grades 4 and 5 defects ("Grades 4 and 5 defects") observed in the portions of their SSS that are referenced in this COA.*

    c. **Tollgate Lane Sewer Replacement:** *Borough received $200,000.00 in funding through LSA Westmoreland County, $208,000 through the 2024 Statewide LSA, and $175,000.00 in grants through the 2024 PA Small Water and Sewer program for the work; total project funding is $583,000. DCED advised on May 26, 2026 that the Add Alternate paving scope was approved. Bid opening was held May 12, 2026; Borough awarded work to G. Salandro Excavating, LLC in the amount of $238,505.00 for the Base Bid and $86,500.00 for the paving Add Alternate, for a total project cost of $325,005.00.*

    As the project came in approximately $200,000.00 under the grant funding awarded, DCED advised that the scope can be increased to use the remaining funds available. LSSE surveyed additional area to extend line replacement to use extra funds; LSSE met with Contractor to review on site on July 7. LSSE prepared proposed extension, which includes approximately 150 feet of additional line replacement to remove undersized sewer lines and eliminate a blind sewer connection along West Pittsburgh Street and Monticello Drive. **LSSE prepared letter for Borough to send**

to DCED requesting scope change as approved by Council. Pre-construction meeting was held on September 1; construction to begin in late October with emphasis on completing section along Monticello and West Pittsburgh first so as to not impact Monticello Lights.

Flow Monitoring (BY FTMSA): *No later than* **March 1, 2026**, *FTMSA shall commence and complete by* **October 30, 2026**, *a flow monitoring program to determine the magnitude, frequency, duration, source(s) and cause(s) of all SSOs and the hydraulic overload in the FTMSA Sewer System.*

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- **SSO Elimination Plan (BY FTMSA):**

  a. *By* **April 1, 2026**, *FTMSA shall develop a hydraulic model of the FTMSA Sewer System.*

  b. *By* **April 30, 2027**, *FTMSA, on behalf of the Municipal Entities, shall submit to the Department for its review and approval, or modification and approval, a joint plan and schedule to eliminate the hydraulic overload and all SSOs in the FTMSA Sewer System ("SSO Elimination Plan"). FTMSA sent a letter dated February 25, 2026 to LSSE requesting to meet and for LSSE to provide update on Delmont Borough activities. LSSE is coordinating as necessary.*

- **ACT 537 Plan (BY FTMSA):**

  a. Within 270 days of the Department's approval of the SSO Elimination Plan, FTMSA, on behalf of the Municipal Entities, shall submit to the Department a joint amended Act 537 Plan ("Act 537 Plan") for the construction of the projects elected in the SSO Elimination Plan.

  For Cramer following:

  Within 180 days submit Act 537 Plan for gravity sewer and forcemain. Complete.

  Within 60 days of Cramer 537 Plan approval submit Part II for gravity sewer and forcemain. Complete.

  Within 730 days of Part II approval construct gravity line and forcemain. Complete.

  Within 270 Days of gravity line and forcemain to Cramer - submit revised Act 537 Plan to include the tank following post flow monitoring. Flow monitoring in progress.

  Within 60 days of Planning approval submit a Part II permit.

  Within 545 Days complete construction of EQ tank.

- **Construction of Improvements:**

  a. *On or before 41 months after DEP's approval of the Act 537 Plan, FTMSA shall complete construction and operate the new or modified sewerage facilities in the approved SSO Elimination Plan.*

  - **Progress Reports Signed August 29, 2019 (AMENDED January 16, 2025):** *The Municipal Entities shall each submit semi-annual (January 31 and July 31 of each year) progress reports to the Department documenting their efforts to comply with their obligations described in Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 of this Consent Order and Agreement ("Progress Report"). The Progress Report shall be sent to the address in Paragraph 20 of the Agreement, and include, but not be limited to:*

    a. *A description of the actions taken in the previous six months to comply with the obligations in Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 of this Consent Order and Agreement.*

    b. *A description of all activities scheduled for the next six months to comply with the obligations in Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 of Consent Order and Agreement.*

    c. *A description of any problems or delays encountered or anticipated regarding the performance of the activities required by this Consent Order and Agreement.*

    d. **Next Report is due December 31, 2026.**

Roadway and Stormwater

- **Freeport Street Stormwater and Roadway Improvements:** *Borough was awarded $873,000.00 in funding through a CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant. Survey was completed.* **Design work has started, projected early 2027 bid opening; LSSE to meet with Delmont Stormwater staff to review scope of work.**

Grants

- **2025 Statewide Local Share Account (LSA):** *LSSE submitted applications for the COA Phase II Equalization Tank project for $1,000,000.00 in funding and Freeport Street roadway and stormwater improvements project for $873,000.00 in funding.* **Notice of Award is anticipated in November 2026.**

- **FY27 Appropriations Requests:** *Applications were submitted for Senators McCormick and Fetterman for the COA EQ tank project. Senator McCormick requested additional information regarding the project; LSSE provided. Senator McCormick's office advised that the Delmont application was forwarded for federal consideration in the amount of $4,355,000.00; negotiations will take place over the next six to eight months, with notices of award anticipated in early 2027.*

- **2026 LSA Statewide Program: The 2026 LSA Statewide Grant Program opens this month with a due date of November 30, 2026. Applications can range up to $1,000,000 and no match is required. Eligible projects include roadway and line work construction. DCED has advised that equipment purchases will be ranked lower this year and recommends construction projects for this round of applications. LSSE recommends Borough apply for funding for the Phase II COA EQ Tank project.**

- **2026 Category 4 LSA Program: The 2026 LSA Statewide Grant Program is currently open with a due date of September 30, 2026. Applications have no funding request limitations and no match is required. Eligible projects include roadway and line work construction. LSSE recommends Borough apply for funding for the Phase II COA EQ Tank project. A Resolution would need adopted at this meeting to apply for the grant; Resolution to be provided by LSSE.**

- **A summary of all grant applications submitted can be found below, including grant request amounts and necessary Borough match:**

Grant Program	Project Name	Grant Request Amount	Borough Match Amount	Submission Date	Anticipated Notice of Award / Rejection
LSA Statewide	COA Phase II Equalization Tank Project	$1,000,000.00	$0.00	11/30/2025	11/2026
LSA Statewide	Freeport Street Roadway and Stormwater Improvements Project	$873,000.00	$0.00	11/30/2025	11/2026
FY27 Appropriations – Senator McCormick	COA Phase II Equalization Tank Project	$4,355,000.00	$1,145,000.00	3/20/2026	3/2027

- **A summary of grant funds awarded are listed below, including grant award amounts and necessary Township match:**

Grant Program	Project Name	Grant Award Amount	Borough Match Amount	Award Date	Funds Expiration
DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund – Grant Contract No. C000096273	Freeport Street Roadway and Stormwater Improvements Project	$873,000.00	$0.00	1/20/2026	6/30/2029
LSA Statewide – Grant Contract No. C000097773	COA Phase II Equalization Tank Project	$500,000.00	$0.00	12/18/2025	6/30/2028
LSA Statewide – Grant Contract No. C000095748	Tollgate Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement	$208,000.00	$0.00	12/18/2025	6/30/2028
LSA Category 4 – Grant Contract No. C000095748	Tollgate Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement	$200,000.00	$0.00	3/18/2025	6/30/2028
PA Small Water and Sewer – Grant Contract No. C000097155	Tollgate Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement	$175,000.00	$26,350.00	1/20/2026	6/30/2029

ENGINEERING REPORT – MORRIS KNOWLES

Engineer Report Submitted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Tim Witt, Esq., Watson Mundorff, LLP

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Approve the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Accept the Subdivision Plan for Visnik. A Second Motion was Made by Tina Cambell. All Approved.

A Motion was Made by Tina Campbell to Approve Ordinance 2026-02: PMRS Annual Amendment for 2027, Waiving the 5% Employee Pension Contribution. A Second Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer. All Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – *Mayor David Weber / Chief Calabrace*

Chief Calabrace shared the August 2026 Police Department statistics. There were 135 calls for service, with 28 traffic stops, which includes 10 citations, 13 verbal warnings, and 5 warning cards. Also, two people arrested for disorderly conduct. Chief Calabrace reported the August 2026 Delmont VFD statistics. There were 20 alarms. Chief Calabrace also shared the data from the speed trailer while it was stationed in Apple Hill:

Between August 12th and 24th, 5,254 cars registered on the speed trailer. 98.3% were under the speed limit, each with an average speed of 18 MPH. The trailer will be moved to Athena Drive next.

Mayor Dave Weber spoke in regards to the Superload and the recent briefing that took place. Willie Sanford from Edwards Moving and Transport will notify the Borough of any changes. The Mayor made note that if you get caught behind the transport, that you may want to try to detour out from behind them, as they will be traveling at speeds between 2-4 MPH, in some rural area's may be up to 10 MPH. They do not stop.

Chief Calabrace requested a Motion to promote Officer David Johnston to the Captain position, siting that he ranked #1 in the testing/interview process in front of a panel of Police Chiefs. A Motion was Made by Chris Bigley to Table the Captain Promotion. A Second Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer. All Approved.

BUILDING AND RENTALS *Pam Simpson / Chris Bigley / Krista Krautbauer*

A railing will be installed at the lower door of the borough building. Roofing contractor is supposed to come out to repair the borough building roof.

STREETS/ROADS *Bob Walczer / Tina Campbell / Amanda List*

Streets & Roads Committee reported that White Valley Drive has been repaired and paved. The office will follow up on quote for $1600 for the Borough Building parking lot work. Discussion of Streets & Roads paying for it as there are funds in there, as Buildings & Rentals went over-budget on the building renovation earlier in the spring. No Motion needed. Streets & Roads Committee also discussed doing repairs with the excess funds prior to the asphalt plants closings. Billy had mentioned West Pine Street needed some work.

PERSONNEL/INSURANCE COMMITTEE – *Chris Bigley / Krista Krautbauer / Julie Walczer*

Nothing to present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob Walczer / Krista Krautbauer / Tina Campbell*

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Schedule and Advertise 2027 Budget Sessions for Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM. A Second Motion was Made by Tina Campbell. All Approved.

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Cancel the Wednesday, November 11th meeting, Reschedule for Thursday, November 12th at 5:00 PM and Advertise the Change, due to the Veterans Day Holiday. A Second Motion was Made by Amanda List. All Approved.

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Transfer the Commonwealth's Deposit of $915.97 from the Liquid Fuels Account to the General Fund. A Second Motion was Made by Chris Bigley. All Approved. This was an automated deposit for additional winter services, due to the severe weather.

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SEWAGE COMMITTEE – *Bob Walczer / Julie Walczer*

Bob Walczer would like to remind residents of the Public Sewage Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 PM. The meeting will address the Act 537 Updates and options for the pump station.

SHIELDS FARM – *Amanda List / Julie Walczer / Krista Krautbauer*

The Shields Farm Committee thanked all the volunteers that showed up for the Shields Farm Maintenance Day. 60+ Cornerstone Ministries volunteers, the residents that came out. All of the support from the Salvation Army, the Lions Club, the Applefest, the Pilgrimage. The Amphitheater and the garage were painted. The FR 11u baseball team to paint the last two buildings up at the farm. They thanked Public Works, Keith Walters and Keith Brinker as well. Annamarie Stackiewicz thanked Council Members Krista Krautbauer and Amanda List for coordinating the event.

GRANTS COMMITTEE – *Julie Walczer / Tina Campbell*

A Motion was Made by Tina Campbell to Authorize the Borough to Facilitate a LSA Category 4 Grant Application for the Delmont VFD in the Amount of $159,000 for Portable and Mobile Radios. A Second Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer. All Approved. Mike Peltz from the Delmont VFD stated that the current radios

CONTRACTED TRASH COMMITTEE – *Pam Simpson / Chris Bigley / Amanda List*

A Motion was Made by Chris Bigley to Approve the Contracted Trash Agreement with Pro Waste LLC for the 2026-2031 Term, Pending Solicitor Review. A Second Motion was Made by Amanda List. All Approved. Five (5) bids were received. A public meeting was advertised and took place on September 2nd. The Contracted Trash Committee recommended Pro Waste LLC. Information will be posted on the www.delmontboro.com website.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

A Motion was Made by Tina Campbell to Approve the Final Payment Request and Closeout of the Grant for the Apple Hill BMP. A Second Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer. All Approved.

Discussion about Park Pavilion Rental Fees. Stan Cheyne mentioned the upgrades made to the kitchen and the last time fees were reviewed was in 2021, other than the Friday discount that was approved in last couple years. Fees will be discussed in budget sessions for the 2027 season.

Delmont Trick-or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Reschedule and Advertise the Change of Date for the November Council Meeting to Thursday, November 12th at 5:00 PM. A Second Motion was Made by Amanda List. All Approved.

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A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Close Greensburg Street on Saturday, November 21st from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM for the Light Up the Parklet Night. A Second Motion was Made by Tina Campbell. All Approved.

A reminder to residents that the Holidaze Event is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Resident of the Year Nominations can be made via the www.delmontboro.com website.

Food Drive to take place at the Borough Garage on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT:

Nothing to Report.

ADJOURNMENT: Krista Krautbauer Moves to Adjourn. Chris Bigley Seconds Motion. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dawn Earhart
Delmont Borough Secretary
APPROVED:

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