DELMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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	Absent	Tina Campbell	Absent
Pam Simpson	Present	Julie Walczer	Present

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:

Donald Craig
Stan Cheyne
Mike Peltz
Annamarie Stackiewicz
Bob & Kerri Cole
Bill Barnes
Vicki Walters

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 September 9th, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Pam Simpson Made a Motion to Approve the September 9th, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. A Second Motion was Made by Amanda List. All Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

After review of the October 14th, 2026 Treasurer's Report, Amanda List Made the Motion to Accept the October 14th, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Pam Simpson 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. Julie Walczer Made the Motion to Pay the Bills. Krista Krautbauer Made a Second Motion. All Approved.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Stan Cheyne spoke about the recent Stormwater Meeting. The DSA is looking to do a project at Faith United Global Church. A resident from Dogwood Drive had a compliant about water on Dogwood Drive. The DSA is also looking into facilitating a grant for Shields Farm. Stan also offered to do the Bare Root Tree Grant for the Borough again in the Spring.

Bill Barnes spoke on behalf of the Delmont Public Library. In light of upcoming budget sessions, he wanted to thank Council for their continued support with the annual donation to the library. In 2026, the library has offered more than 150 programs, as well as had over 1,400 total attendances.

Annamarie Stackiewicz spoke on behalf of the Visionary Committee about the Feasibility Study, stating that they had six (6) possible areas for connecting the trail, one being a Pump Station option.

Vicki Walters spoke on behalf of the Apple & Arts Festival, as Brandi Walters was out of town. They wanted to thank the Chief, the Public Works Department and Mike Bowen, EMA. They are having a meeting tomorrow to discuss results of the festival, etc. She also spoke on behalf of the Historical Society, stating that the Trough is complete and there are no leaks anymore and the pump is running. They also have the railings installed at the log house on the ramp. She mentioned there being some water marks by the trap door in the log cabin that may need addressed. 460 people visited the log cabin during the Apple Festival. Council Member Julie Walczer offered to reach out to the PA Historical Society for assistance in some renovations at the log cabin.

Kerri Cole, a resident, wanted to give a big thanks to all involved in the Apple Festival. She had many guests rave about the event.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT:

Mike Bowen reported that there were no safety issues this year at the Apple & Arts Festival. Everything went well. Emergency personnel will be prepping for the Pilgrimage next. He also

reported that Westmoreland County has had some recent changes in leadership. He is also currently attending weekly and monthly trainings.

JUNIOR COUNCIL:

N/A

ENGINEERING REPORT – LSSE

Engineer Report Attached.

Dalton Mack reminded council and residents that public comment on the Act 537 update ended on October 2nd. A Resolution to Approve the Plan will be on the November Agenda.

A Motion was Made by Amanda List to Authorize LSSE to Prepare LSA Statewide Grant Application for the Purchase of a Skid Steer and Phase II Equalization Tank. A Second Motion was Made by Pam Simpson. All Approved.

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.

Act 537 Update: *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 closed, with one set of public comments received. A public meeting was held on September 16, 2026 to address resident questions. Upon completion of the planning agency review (November 2, 2026) or receipt of planning agency comments, the plan will be forwarded to the Borough and Salem Township for adoption by resolution at the November monthly meetings. Upon adoption, the plan will be forwarded to DEP for approval.**

- **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. **DCED approved additional scope of work via email on September 22, 2026.**

- **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.*

- *Flow meters shall be installed in order to obtain accurate data demonstrating capacity above connection points, flow entering from tributary connection points, and capacity downstream from connection points, and shall, at a minimum, be placed at the following locations (the "Monitoring Locations"):*

- **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. LSSE is coordinating obtaining televising footage of storm sewer as part of design 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 funding was announced September 15, 2026; Delmont was not awarded funding as part of this cycle.**

- **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.* **LSSE recommends Borough apply for funding for the Phase II COA EQ Tank project.**

- **2026 Category 4 LSA Program: LSSE submitted applications for the Phase II COA EQ Tank project for $1,000,000.00 in funding and the Newhouse Park Walking Trail Upgrades project for $100,000.00 in funding. Notice of grant awards is anticipated in late Winter / early Spring of 2027.**

- **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
FY27 Appropriations – Senator McCormick	COA Phase II Equalization Tank Project	$4,355,000.00	$1,145,000.00	3/20/2026	3/2027
LSA Category 4	COA Phase II Equalization Tank Project	$1,000,000.00	$0.00	9/30/2026	3/2027
LSA Category 4	Newhouse Park Walking Trail Upgrades	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	9/30/2026	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

Not present. No report submitted.

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

A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Retroactively Approve Resolution 2026-12: New Plan Development. A Second Motion was Made by Amanda List. All Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chief Calabrace shared the September 2026 Police Department statistics. There were 122 calls for service, with 31 traffic stops, which includes 14 citations, 13 verbal warnings, and 4 warning cards. Also, three people arrested. One for possession. One for false ID to law enforcement. One for an active warrant. Chief Calabrace reported the September 2026 Delmont VFD statistics. There were 36 alarms. Chief Calabrace also shared the data from the speed trailer while it was stationed on Athena Drive:
Speed Trailer was triggered 50,000 times. The average speed was clocked at 28 MPH.

Officer and K9 Handler Rob Jones, introduced Kuno, the Borough's new K9 Officer. 12-month-old German Shorthaired Pointer Kuno is currently trained in narcotics and had started his search and rescue training last month. The K9 Unit is run 100% donations, collected through fundraising and community support. Chief Calabrace thanks the community for their continued support.

Chief Calabrace requested a Motion from Council to Promote Officer Dave Johnston as Captain, as recommended by the panel of Chiefs of Police, as a result of the testing process. A Motion was Made by Bob Walczer to Table until All Council Members were Present.

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

A railing was installed at the side entrance of the Borough Building, courtesy of Marjorie at Kline Tax Office.

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

Streets & Roads Committee reported that the Borough will use the remaining funds in the Streets & Roads budget for 2026 to pave West Pine Street.

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 Approve the UPMC Insurance Renewal Effective December 2026-27.

SEWAGE COMMITTEE – *Bob Walczer / Julie Walczer*

Nothing to Report.

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

The Shields Farm Committee member Amanda List stated that she was helping the Christmas Pilgrimage with applying for a grant for Shields Farm. If the grant is awarded, there would be a match of funds up to $5,000. A Motion was by Krista Krautbauer to Approve Letter of Support and Matching Funds Commitment for Pilgrimage up to the Amount of $5,000. A Second Motion was Made by Julie Walczer. All Approved.

GRANTS COMMITTEE – *Julie Walczer / Tina Campbell*

Nothing to Report.

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

Nothing to Report.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Peltz, a representative of the Delmont VFD, inquired about a refund of the Amusement Tax from the Borough due to the recent legislature banning the skilled game machines. While the Solicitor stated that payers would not be entitled to a refund of the tax, Council members agreed to pro-rate the tax paid. A Motion was Made by Krista Krautbauer to Pro-Rate the Amusement Tax Paid for the 2026 Tax Year. A Second Motion was Made by Pam Simpson. All Approved. Michael Petz also mentioned purchasing a "private dumpster" sign through the Borough. Also talked about the Borough maybe getting PennDOT compliant solar signs at Abbe Place and Manor and Manor Road at Route 66.

Council discussed the playground equipment safety issues and the gazebo at Newhouse Park repairs. It was mentioned to reach out to the family that donated the gazebo first, and follow options would be a possible Eagle Scout project. In regards to the playground equipment, it would need sanded and painted.

Council noted that the Borough still needs a Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Borough Secretary was given two referrals to contact to see if they would be interested. Also noted was that there were two residents interested in volunteering for the Zoning Hearing Board, as there is only one member currently. Borough Secretary will follow up to confirm interest and put their Appointment on the November Agenda.

Krista Krautbauer spoke about upcoming events and reminders:
Holidaze Resident of the Year Nominations are being accepted. QR code on flyer and on the Borough website. Both Adult and Youth awards will be given at Light Up the Parklet on November 21st.

Toy bins are currently out at participating locations (Borough Building, Ace Hardware, John's Barbershop and Red Barn Winery) Deadline to donate new, unwrapped toys is December 4th.

Saturday, December 19th, Santa will ride through the community starting at 4:00 PM. He will also be throwing out candy to kids who are waiting for him outside.

The Salvation Army will be at the Rose Wigfield Parklet on Halloween night during trick-or-treating at 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM with FREE hot dogs.

ADJOURNMENT: Krista Krautbauer Moves to Adjourn. Pam Simpson Seconds Motion. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dawn Earhart
Delmont Borough Secretary
APPROVED: