



Townsend Special Council Meeting Agenda
June 24th, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
VIA CONFERENCE CALL & Town Hall
141 Main St, Townsend, DE 19734

7:00 pm Special Town Council Meeting

- I. Call to Order: Approximately 7:04pm.
- II. Opening Ceremonies
 - A. Roll Call: Mayor Lobdell, CM Bangura, CM Sharif (Via Zoom), CM Chapman (Via Zoom), CM Wiggins (Via Zoom), TM Goodyear, & FO Helms.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance: None.
 - C. Moment of Silence: None.
 - D. Recognition of Visitors: None.
 - E. Announcements: None.
- III. General Citizen Comments:
 - A. None.
- IV. Review/Adoption of Agenda:
 - A. *CM Bangura made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. CM Shariff seconded the motion.*
Voice vote of Council: All yeas.
- V. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and Review of Preliminary FY27 Budget.
 - A. FO Helms provided a summary of the Preliminary FY27 Budget. She also shared that in the packet provided there was a formula error on her spreadsheet and the deficit is only \$66,175, not \$170k. FO Helms reviewed the scheduled tax increase and presented several potential budget reductions that could be implemented to offset the remaining deficit.
 1. TM Goodyear suggested eliminating the unformalized plans for renovating or updating the old PD building.
 2. CM Sharif suggested that each committee develop a prioritized list of needs and identify low-priority items that could be reduced or removed from the budget.
 - a. FO Helms stated that some departments were allocated significantly fewer resources than others during the budgeting process and expressed her concern that further reductions may impact those departments.
 - i. Mayor Lobdell agreed, noting that the Public Works Department has already experienced substantial budget reductions and that he would be reluctant to make additional cuts to that department.

b. Discussion continues regarding potential areas for cost savings while maintaining essential municipal services and departmental operations.

3. TM Goodyear recapped the budget reduction options discussed. She noted that the scheduled tax increase is expected to offset a portion of the remaining deficit and that Council is leaning towards cutting a portion of the PD renovation funds to cover the remainder.

a. FO Helms reminded Council that several of the budgeted items for both PD and PW in FY27 are one-time purchases and capital expenditures. As a result, those funds are not expected to be recurring in the future, which should provide additional flexibility in the next fiscal year to address remaining departmental needs that cant be funded this year.

I. Discussion of future agenda items.

A. None.

II. Adjournment.

A. *CM Bangura made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cm Sharif seconded the motion. Voice vote of Council: All yeas.*

1. *Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.*
