



Town of Townsend Public Safety Committee Meeting
January 21st, 2026 @ 9:00am
VIA Conference Call & Town Hall
141 Main St. Townsend, DE 19734

9:00am Public Safety Committee Meeting

- I. Call to Order: Approximately 9:18am.
- II. Opening Ceremonies
 - a. Roll Call: CM Bangura, CM Wiggins (Via Zoom), Chief McCloskey (Virtual), & TM Goodyear.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: None.
 - c. Recognition of Visitors: None.
 - d. Announcements: CM Wiggins gave kudos to TM Goodyear and Chief McCloskey for staying on top of the PD building project.
- III. Citizens Comments & Participation.
 - a. None.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda.
 - a. *All agreed to adopt the agenda as written.*
- V. **ACTION ITEM-** Discussion and Review of Pole Builders Meeting.
 - a. TM Goodyear shared that there was a meeting held with Pole Builders to express the concerns the Town has regarding the project. She feels that the meeting was constructive and that the feedback was received. TM Goodyear also provided electrical change orders for the project that would require additional funding.
 1. Chief McCloskey shared that he has submitted requests to local senators and representatives for grant funding to help with the additional costs of the PD build.
 2. *All agreed to approve the proposed cost of the electrical change orders.*
- VI. **ACTION ITEM-** Discussion and Review of Police Tactical Gear.
 - a. TM Goodyear encourages the sensitivity of the topic due to it relating to public safety before proceeding.
 1. CM Bangura expressed that he will only discuss what was discussed at the Council Meeting.
 - b. CM Wiggins expressed that he trusts the Chiefs requests for upgrading PD tactical gear.
 1. Chief McCloskey shared that by gaining these items, it would be adding value to the PD. He stated that he is ready to move forward with the purchases.



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2. TM Goodyear clarified that the requested gear was not within the original budget that was already approved by Council. She expressed that finding alternative protection within the budget may be in their best interest.
 - I. Chief McCloskey shared that he would like to proceed with the purchase of what was approved at Council, and to investigate the more advanced and additional material to present to Council at a later date.
 - a. TM Goodyear shared with the Committee that the yearly Finance meeting is coming up and will give each committee and or staff member a chance to present their 'wish list' items for consideration for the FY27 budget.

VII. Ongoing Business Updates.

- a. None.

VIII. New Business.

- a. None.

IX. Discussion regarding next meeting date.

- a. *All agreed to meet on January 30th and February 2nd, both at 9am.*

X. Adjourn.

- a. All agreed to adjourn the meeting.

1. *Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52am.*
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