



**Public Safety Committee Meeting
February 27th, 2026 @ 11:00 am
VIA Conference Call & Town Hall
141 Main St, Townsend, DE 19734**

11:00 am Public Safety Committee Meeting

V. Call to Order: Approximately 11:16 am.

VI. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Roll Call: CM Bangura, CM Wiggins (Via Zoom), TM Goodyear, FO Helms, & Chief McCloskey.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: None.
- c. Recognition of Visitors: Mayor Lobdell & TPD Peters.
- d. Announcements: None.

VII. Citizens Comments & Participation

- a. None.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda.

- a. *All agreed to adopt the agenda as written.*

IX. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and review of TPD Pay Scale.

- a. CM Wiggins presented the proposed TPD Pay Scale and went over the items that were revised.
 1. Chief McCloskey expressed concern that the PD is advertising competitive pay and keeping things competitive.
 - a. CM Wiggins clarified that his reasoning for making a ladder pay scale was to assure that rank and years served are being compensated as well. Not just officers starting. He shared that education and knowledge are a big factor of the pay scale.
 - b. *Chief McCloskey was directed by the committee to create proper wording for the pay scale and then forward to the Town Manager to have on the next Council Meeting.*

X. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and review of Police Bldg. Updates- Artesian Water & Fire Marshal Inspection.

- a. Chief McCloskey provided an update on the Police Building. He shared that the contractor is waiting for the Fire Marshal to provide their approval before they can continue. Chief is hopeful that construction will resume soon.
 1. CM Bangura requested that the project manager communicate more with the builder rather than TM Goodyear and Chief McCloskey. He explained that the project manager is being paid to represent the town

and that it would be less on Chief & TM workload.

- a. Chief McCloskey did share that the project manager is communicating with everyone and includes him and TM on all emails that he sends to the contractors.

XI. Ongoing Business Updates.

- a. Chief McCloskey provided updates on the potential of leasing new PD vehicles. He explained the cost factor of leasing vs. purchasing plus the cost of upfitting.
 1. Discussion was held on if the purchasing process could begin before FY27 since the PD is actively pursuing the hiring of officers and they will need working vehicles in order to operate.
 2. FO Helms requested the discussion be held at the upcoming Finance meeting as a part of the PD budget wish list.

XII. Discussion of future agenda items.

- a. None.

XIII. Discussion regarding next meeting dates.

- a. *All agreed to meet on March 9th at 9am.*

XIV. Adjournment.

- a. *All agreed to adjourn the meeting.*
 1. *Meeting adjourned approximately 12:40pm.*