



**Public Safety Committee Meeting
March 9th, 2026 @ 9:00 am
VIA Conference Call & Town Hall
141 Main St, Townsend, DE 19734**

9:00 am Public Safety Committee Meeting

- I. Call to Order: Approximately 9:07am.
- II. Opening Ceremonies
 - a. Roll Call: CM Bangura, CM Wiggins (Via Zoom), FO Helms (Via Zoom), TM Goodyear, & Chief McCloskey.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: None.
 - c. Recognition of Visitors: None.
 - d. Announcements: None.
- III. Citizens Comments & Participation
 - a. None.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda.
 - a. *All agreed to adopt the agenda as written.*
- V. **ACTION ITEM:** Continued Discussion and review of Potential PD Vehicles.
 - a. TM Goodyear shared on behalf of FO Helms that she would rather purchase the vehicles outright rather than finance or lease. She is researching both options to see which option is better for the Town.
 - b. Chief McCloskey shared that the proposed vehicles are ready to go for purchase at a local dealership and to be sent out for outfitting.
 1. FO Helms shared that she is unsure about the total price because she does not have finance rates for the vehicles, so it is hard to determine which option is better. She requested that the PD wait until the start of the new fiscal year which is July 1.
 - I. Chief McCloskey suggested that to start the vehicle buying process, the Town finance the vehicles and they pay them off in July at the start of the new fiscal year.



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2. TM Goodyear expressed that while she does not disagree with buying new PD vehicles, it feels that the PD is being put ahead of the other departments before even hearing their requests at the upcoming budget meeting. She also noted that the FY27 budget has not even been approved yet.

- I. FO Helms agreed with this.
- II. CM Wiggins clarified that the vehicle purchase still needs to get approval from Council before proceeding and that each committee should be able to advocate for their needs.
- III. Chief McCloskey shared that there is an ongoing opportunity for a deal on the proposed vehicles, and purchasing now would end up benefiting the Town.

3. *CM Wiggins made a motion to approve the purchase of the two proposed vehicles and that a financing option is presented to Council with the option to pay in full.*

- I. *All agreed to this.*

VI. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and review of Financial Officer Update on Vehicle Acquisition.

- a. Same discussion as above.

VII. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and review of Existing Building Accommodations regarding prisoners.

- a. Chief McCloskey shared that he has concerns with the prisoner holding cells and that it can be a potential danger with the bathroom not being accessible to the cell. He said that it's not critical but could be an issue and could possibly disrupt their accreditation.

1. TM Goodyear asked when Chief may have preliminary pricing due to the finance meeting next week so it could be presented. She suggested sprucing what PD currently has and then in a year or two they could fully fix the issue.

- I. CM Wiggins agreed with TM Goodyear and suggested adding a wall temporarily. He requested Chief to come up with some ideas that would help resolve the issue.



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VIII. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and review of Existing Building Revamp & Construction Needs.

- a. TM Goodyear provided an update on the PD building revamp. She shared that there is a hold up regarding the draining/plumbing and the Fire Marshall becoming involved. She explained that the project manager has been in contact with all parties. There will be an additional request for funds to fix the issue.
 - 1. CM Bangura asks why this was not thought of by the contractor and project manager before it became an issue. He requested that TS Hatfield be involved to see if there is any recourse in the service that is being received due to mistakes.
 - I. CM Wiggins agreed and shared on a positive note that things like this are a part of the process and are growing pains.
 - II. TM Goodyear shared that a letter was previously sent out to the contractor requesting an update on the construction process since other outreach was not answered. She shared that she was given a very vague response.
 - a. CM Bangura expressed that this task should be one of the Project Managers to take some items off of TM Goodyear's plate.

IX. Ongoing Business Updates.

- a. None.

X. Discussion of future agenda items.

- a. None.

XI. Discussion regarding next meeting dates.

- a. *All agreed to schedule a meeting at a later date.*

XII. Adjournment.

- a. *All agreed to adjourn the meeting.*

- 1. *Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:57am.*