



**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 9:26am.
- II. Opening Ceremonies
  - a. Roll Call: CM Wiggins, CM Bangura, TM Goodyear, TC Gallagher, & Chief McCloskey.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance: All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - c. Recognition of Visitors: None.
  - d. Announcements: CM Wiggins acknowledged the rise in PD presence at the Town fair and that there were no incidents.
- 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 PD Building Construction Updates.
  - a. TM Goodyear provided a brief update on the PD building construction, highlighting that she is not satisfied with their response or lack of response. She shared that she has requested items from them twice with no response and no progress. She also shared that the sprinklers are required per the Fire Marshal but it is possible to overturn this decision with the State Fire Commission.
    1. CM Wiggins tasked TM Goodyear to demand a clear timeline on the PD building.
      - I. TM Goodyear agreed and stated that she and PM Gruenes already have and have not received anything.
    2. Chief McCloskey recommended a position of authority call and speak to the owner of the company with possible litigation.



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- I. TM Goodyear shared that a list was shared but no timeline was offered. She has followed up for answers but there is no response. She expressed that all efforts have been exhausted.
- II. CM Wiggins agreed but would like to remain professional. He suggested inviting him to the next PS meeting or even the committee chairs meet up for coffee to discuss.
  - a. TM Goodyear advised that when both chairs are together, it creates a quorum.
  - b. *All agreed to schedule a meeting with the contractor and his team.*

**VI. ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and review of updated PD Building Budget.

- a. TM Goodyear would like to prepare a plan for the next steps of needing a sprinkler system.
  1. CM Wiggins shared he is inclined to not take shortcuts and risk the overall safety of the building. He also shared that he would like to have a quote first before making a decision.
  2. CM Bangura stated that this project is becoming more and more expensive. He would really like to tighten up the budget so he requested the PD tighten up what they want vs need, or find better alternatives.
    - I. CM Wiggins stated that some of the stuff is mandatory in order to get the C/O after construction. He asked if it may be able to be considered historic and that could also qualify the building for more grant money.
      - a. Chief McCloskey does not suggest doing this in case they cease all construction.
  3. CM Wiggins would like to push on getting a sprinkler quote to see if it may be worth changing construction for now and then working on it later.



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4. TM Goodyear asked if operation costs would change if the sprinkler system is needed.
  - I. Chief McCloskey stated yes that it would change all of the security operations as well as monthly expenses. Because of this, he was going to request additional funding at today's meeting.
    - a. TM Goodyear shared that FO Helms would now need to be involved to adjust the budget.
    - b. CM Wiggins does not approve of the request for additional money because there is no new information to provide and that there was just an additional \$50k approved at the last Council meeting that may cover it.

**VII. Ongoing Business Updates.**

- a. TM Goodyear asked the Committee would like to host any Town events.
  1. Chief McCloskey shared that he would like to hold a "Coffee with a Cop" at JJ's coffee shop.
  2. CM Wiggins shared that he would like to hold an open house with the PD and the FD.

**VIII. Discussion of future agenda items.**

- a. *All agreed to further discussion on the Police Building.*

**IX. Discussion regarding next meeting dates.**

- a. *All agreed to meet on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am.*

**X. Adjournment.**

- a. *All agreed to adjourn the meeting.*
  1. *Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46am.*