MINUTES OF THE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
SEAFORD CITY HALL – 414 HIGH STREET

Attending: Mayor Matthew MacCoy
Vice-Mayor Dan Henderson
Councilman Orlando Holland
Councilman Mike Bradley
Councilman Alan Quillen
Councilwoman Dr. Stephanie Grassett

Staff Members Present:
Charles Anderson - City Manager
June Merritt – Director of Finance and HR
Chief of Police – Marshall Craft
Deputy Chief of Police – Tyler Justice
Trisha Newcomer- Director of Economic Development
Beth Stewart - Recording Secretary

7:00 P.M. **Mayor MacCoy calls the Regular Meeting to order.**

Invocation

Invocation led by Mayor MacCoy.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor MacCoy led those present, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session:

Personnel and Negotiations.

Changes to the agenda for this meeting.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any changes to the Agenda; there were none.

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2026.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2026. Councilman Holland made a Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2026. Councilwoman Grassett seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor**.** The motion so passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Dickerson, Vice President of Seaford Athletic Alumni Association, was present for Public Comment. Mr. Dickerson came forward and extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend a Fundraiser Mixer to help raise money for the Seaford Middle School and Seaford High School athletes. This event will be held on March 28, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Seaford Moose Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Present for approval a list of proposed improvements to Soroptimist Park that would be implemented by the Soroptimist International of Seaford Organization.**

   Dolores Slatcher, representing Soroptimist Park came forward and presented the information for approval of a list of proposed improvements to Soroptimist Park that would be implemented by the Soroptimist International of Seaford Organization. Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; Councilwoman Grassett thanked Ms. Slatcher for her efforts. Vice Mayor Henderson inquired if the work would be done before the commencement of the normal activities in the Spring. Ms. Slatcher reported that based on the last conversation that she had with the contractor, probably not. Mayor MacCoy solicited any further questions from Council; there were none. Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilman Holland made a Motion to approve the proposed improvements to Soroptimist Park that would be implemented by the Soroptimist International of Seaford Organization. Councilman Quillen seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

2. **Present the FY2025 audit and draft financial statements.**

   Tobi Hollander, Engagement Partner of SB & Company, LLC, attended the meeting via telephone and presented the results for the FY2025 audit and draft financial statements. Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

   City Manager, Charles Anderson extended his appreciation and thanked June Merritt, Director of Finance and HR for her tireless efforts and reported that she received a clean, unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion you can achieve.

3. **Present for a first reading revision to Chapter 8 by adding Article 11 to the Municipal Code that outlines Electronic Speed Monitoring System Requirements.**

   Deputy Chief of Police, Tyler Justice, presented the information regarding the Electronic Speed Monitoring System Ordinance. Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; Vice Mayor Henderson inquired about the length of the speed study. Deputy Chief Justice responded that it took place for 36 days from December 1, 2025, through January 5, 2026. Councilman Bradley inquired what the average fine would be. Deputy Chief Justice reviewed the fine breakdown that was presented to Council. Councilwoman Grassett inquired if the vendor was able to keep up with that volume of offenders. Deputy Chief Justice reported that they have asked that question

as well, and they were told that there are some minor issues; however, they are working diligently to expand their operations and that they would be hiring more assessors. Councilwoman Grassett inquired if the police department would have to hire someone within the department to verify the information of the violators. Deputy Chief Justice confirmed that they would have to hire someone to review them. Mayor MacCoy inquired about whether there was a procedure we would have to follow since some of our roads are state-maintained roads. Deputy Chief Justice reported that it's generally all the same process. City Manager, Charles Anderson reported that any reported expenses that the City incurs from this program, can be reimbursed. Vice-Mayor Henderson inquired about whether the police department receives filtered violators from the third-party vendor? Deputy Chief Justice reported that the vendor reviews the information for accuracy, and then it is forwarded to the City, to ensure that the information is correct. Vice-Mayor Henderson reported his concern was with who would be filtering the unmarked emergency vehicles that are ticketed. Deputy Chief Justice responded that with any ticket, there is discretion to a certain extent. Vice-Mayor Henderson inquired about what the main consideration was when the speed study was done, as crash reduction and pedestrian safety, are not always the prime indicators of traffic safety. Deputy Chief Justice responded, the point of this would not be to just prevent collisions, it includes community perception of safety as well. Mayor MacCoy reported that anything that the City can do to increase public safety and reduce traffic accidents should absolutely be considered. City Manager, Charles Anderson reported that this was the first reading of the ordinance, and that it would be brought back for a second reading, if Council elects to adopt it, and at that point there would be a thirty-day advertising period before this would come into effect. Mayor MacCoy solicited any additional questions from Council; there were none.

4. **Present for approval a proposed project that would install four tree boxes on High Street to improve storm water runoff quality.**

Brent R. Jett, P.E. with George, Miles & Buhr, LLC, presented the information for approval of phase II of the proposed project that would install four tree boxes on High Street to improve stormwater runoff quality. Mayor MacCoy solicited any additional questions from Council; Vice-Mayor Henderson inquired if this would replace any existing vegetation. Mr. Jett responded that one of the crepe myrtles would be replaced with a more suitable tree for the location. Vice-Mayor inquired about the species that they were proposing. Mr. Jett reported that a common suitable tree that they were considering was the Redbuds. Councilman Quillen inquired about the root structure. Mr. Jett reported that it confines them in a concrete box about 4 to 5 feet deep, which allows room for the roots but prevents the trees from growing to their full capacity. Councilman Bradley inquired about the size of the gap for the drain. Mr. Jett reported that with a six-inch curb, you would have about a four-inch gap. City Manager, Charles Anderson reported that there are currently two on Walker Street, that you could look at to get an idea of they look like.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilwoman Grassett made a Motion to approve the proposed design and seek funding for a project that would install four tree boxes on High Street

that would improve stormwater runoff quality as presented. Vice-Mayor Henderson seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

5. **Present for approval a revision to the attendance policy that clarifies recording of time for hourly employees.**

Director of Finance and HR, June Merritt, presented the information for approval of a revision to the attendance policy that clarifies recording of time for hourly employees. Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; Vice-Mayor inquired about how the information would be communicated to the employee. Ms. Merritt responded that the policy will be sent out along with an acknowledgment form that each employee will execute and return. Mayor MacCoy solicited any further questions from Council; there were none. Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilman Holland made a Motion to approve the revision of the attendance policy that would clarify recording of time for hourly employees as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING NEW MEETINGS:

1. **CITY OF SEAFORD Municipal Election – Saturday, April 18, 2026**

The City of Seaford Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 414 High Street, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. E.S.T. and 3:00 p.m. E.S.T.

One (1) Mayoral Seat (2-year Term)

Two (2) Council Member Seats (3-year Term)

Vice-Mayor Dan Henderson has filed for reelection.

Councilman Mike Bradly has filed for reelection.

Mayor Matt MacCoy has filed for reelection.

All candidates must have filed by 4:00 p.m., E.S.T., Friday, February 27, 2026. Registration can be completed at City Hall, 414 High Street, Seaford, DE. Registration hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by appointment if you cannot register during these normal business hours. Any candidate who withdraws his/her name must do so in writing. Any candidate who withdraws his/her name after 4:00 p.m., E.S.T., February 27, 2026, will still

appear on the official ballot for election. You must meet the following to qualify to hold the office of Council Member or Mayor:

- Be a bona fide citizen of the United States and of the State of Delaware and a resident of the City of Seaford for at least one (1) year next preceding the annual election; provided, however, that no full-time employee of the City of Seaford shall serve as City Councilmember during such time as he/she is a full-time employee of the City of Seaford; and

- At least eighteen (18) years of age; and

- A non-delinquent taxpayer of all capitation and property taxes of the City of Seaford for at least one (1) year next preceding the annual election. 65 Del. Laws, c. 249

- Shall not have been convicted of a felony. 76 Del. Laws, c. 153

To be eligible to vote, anyone eighteen (18) years of age or older who is a bona fide City of Seaford resident and US Citizen **must have been registered at the State of Delaware Department of Elections by 4:00 p.m., E.S.T. on Friday March 27, 2026.**

Nonresident property owners must be owner of record for a period of six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the Annual Municipal Election (October 18, 2025) and shall have one vote **provided he or she is registered in the "Books of Registered Voters" maintained at the City Hall by 4:00 p.m. E.S.T. on Friday, March 20, 2026. Registration hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., or by appointment if you cannot register during these normal business hours.**

All voters will need to show proof of residency which may be a State of Delaware driver's license, a State of Delaware identification card, a federal or state tax return with address, a City of Seaford utility bill or real estate property tax bill, or other acceptable proof of residency or ownership.

LIAISON REPORTS (All reports attached to the end of this document)

Code, Parks and Recreation – Councilwoman Dr Stephanie Grassett

Police & Fire – Councilman Dan Henderson

Administration – Councilman Orlando Holland

Electric – Councilman Mike Bradley

Public Works & WWTF – Councilman Alan Quillen

Mayor MacCoy expressed his appreciation to everyone in the City that worked through the storm.

Mayor MacCoy solicits a motion to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion to hold an Executive Session; Councilman Quillen made a Motion to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations. Councilman Holland seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor, the motion so passed. The Executive Session was opened at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

1. Personnel
2. Negotiations.

Mayor MacCoy reopens the Regular Council Meeting.

The Regular Council Meeting was reopened at 9:03 p.m.

Mayor MacCoy solicits a motion to act on items discussed in the Executive Session.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion; Vice-Mayor Henderson made a Motion to approve the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by Chief Craft and Deputy Chief Justice, pursuant to the discussion in Executive Session for the S.P.E.A.R. Team-Sussex County Multi-Agency Tactical Response Team Agreement. Councilwoman Grassett seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor, the motion so passed.

Mayor MacCoy solicits a motion to adjourn the regular Council meeting.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Quillen made a Motion to adjourn the regular council meeting. Councilman Holland seconded the motion; the motion so passed with all voting in favor.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Charles D. Anderson, City Manager
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Approved by Council: 03/10/2026

2/24/2026

Code Department Report

- Issuing permits (34 in 2026)
- Rental Licenses (1,865 Units)
- 2026 Rental renewals are being processed.
- 2026 License renewals for plumbers, septage haulers and trash venders are being processed.
- Doing routine inspections for on-going projects
- Doing violation inspections throughout City
- Performing plan reviews for new permits

Large project status's

- **Mearfield 1 Phase 4** –17 Lots remain in phase 4. GMB reinspected phase 3 prior to dedication, few items remaining for repair.
- **BelleAyre Single Family** –Danfield Dr – Lennar has completed all the homes, developer has tested the last sewer line, found an issue, public works to run a camera to see what it is.
- **Western Sussex Business Campus** – Waiting for final inspection. Talked to KRM and they will be scheduling the inspection soon. They are also working on the first lease for storage space.
- **Nylon Capital** –Permits issued for the front building shell spaces. Fitout for "The Mill" has started. Deltech fitout permit issued and work has started. Tidal Health building construction progressing. Contractor is doing the new storm water tie-in on Tull Dr this week.
- **Modwash** – Building is up. Exterior façade installation started. Working on interior as well. Looking at opening in April.
- **Governors Grant Phase 4** – DR Horton has 2 homes under construction.
- **Aldi** – Permit issued. Precon with Sussex Conservation scheduled.
- **Cookout** – Final revised plans returned and have been approved. Still working on architectural plans for submission.
- **Seaford Inn** –Property went to settlement on 1/26/2026. New owner is ready to start working as soon as the weather clears up. Doing the roof and securing the exterior first. Shingles have been delivered to the site.

Parks & Recreation
Council Liaison Report
for 2/23/26 Council Meeting

Accomplished week of 2/9

Parks – Worked on maintenance on the seat of the 3033R Tractor
Parks – Picked up limbs at Williams Pond & cut back overgrowth at Soroptimist Park
Parks – Complete routine trash pick up
Rec. – Held 6th week of youth basketball games and began playoffs
Rec. – Closed soccer registration on 2/14 – have around 220 kids registered
Rec. – Posted photo of Little Wrestlers program – received a lot of positive feedback
Parks&Rec. – Made contact with landscape contractors (both in year 3 of 3) and created renewal letters to send out
Parks&Rec. – Submitted bid documents and spec sheet to USTA for preliminary grant review
Parks&Rec. – Reviewed porta john bid for renewal in FY27

Accomplished week of 2/16

Parks – Bobby and Evan attended the MD Pesticide Conference in Salisbury on 2/17 (received credits towards their licenses)
Parks – Worked on softball fields (bad drainage from snow) to try and prep for weekend tournament (was postponed)
Parks – Cut overgrowth and brush at Soroptimist by front pavilion for better pond view for Spring/Summer rentals
Rec. – Held final week of youth basketball games, congratulations to the 6-9 Hornets and 10-13 Hawks for winning the championship!
Rec. – Began sorting soccer registrations by age groups and reaching out to confirm coaches – now have 260 kids registered
Parks&Rec. – Completed and submitted 2025 Evaluations
Parks&Rec. – Attended the annual SCORP Committee Meeting (DE's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) on 2/19
Parks&Rec. – Worked on FY27 Draft Budget

Parks & Recreation Highlights 2/9 – 2/22

PARKS:

- Picked up limbs and cut back overgrowth/brush at Soroptimist near front pavilion for better pond view for Spring/Summer rentals
- Bobby & Evan attended the 2026 MD Pesticide Conference on 2/17
- Worked on the softball fields to try and prep for a tournament on 2/21 but had to postpone because of excessive moisture on the fields
- Worked on clearing snow at SVFD, PD, & City Hall on 2/22 into 2/23

RECREATION:

- Held final two weeks of youth basketball (congrats to 6-9 Hornets & 10-13 Hawks for winning the championship)
- Held 6th annual Skills Competition for Youth Basketball with 3 different skills challenges for the 6-9 and 10-13 age group
- Have around 260 kids registered for youth soccer (practices begin in March)
- Currently working on confirming coaches and began sorting soccer registrants by ages

SUPERINTENDENT:

- Made contact with landscape contractors (both in year 3 of 3-year contract) for final year renewal
- Submitted draft bid documents to USTA for their grant program for SHS tennis courts (up to $120,000)
- Completed and submitted 2025 Evaluations for the Parks & Rec Dept
- Worked on FY27 Draft Budget

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Meeting of Mayor and City Council
Tuesday, **24 February**2026
Fire and Police Department Liaison Reports

Seaford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Communications from President Mark O'Bier:

There is no communication to report for this period.

Communications from SVFD Fire Chief Matthew Read:

Fire Statistics

Month / Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2026	241	**4.46**
February 2026	120	**5.21**

*Calls per day as of 15:00 on 02/23/2026

EMS Statistics

Month / Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2026	709	**13.13**
February 2026	315	**13.7**

*Calls per day as of 15:00 02/23/2026

Total Department Responses

Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2026	950	**17.6**

Significant Incidents

- 02/18/2026 – Residential Fire - 102 Shallow Brooke Ct. Clearbrooke Estates

- 02/19/2026 – MVC into Building – 22318 Sussex Hwy (Salvation Army)

02/19/2026 – MVC into Large Propane Tank – W. Stein Hwy / Woodpecker Rd
*pictures attached below

Apparatus Status

- E872 remains in reserve
- E875 went out of service for a couple days for an issue with the Turbo. Thought to be fixed but are till having some ongoing issues. Staying in service for now.

Training

- **Last Training:** Wednesday, February 18th, at 1900 hours – Man vs Machine

- **Next Training:** Wednesday, March 1st, at 0800 hours – Command Training

Emergency Medical Services / Career Services

- Applicants completed the self-assessment portion of the hiring process. Next step is interviews with the Chief, President and AC Hudson.

News and Events

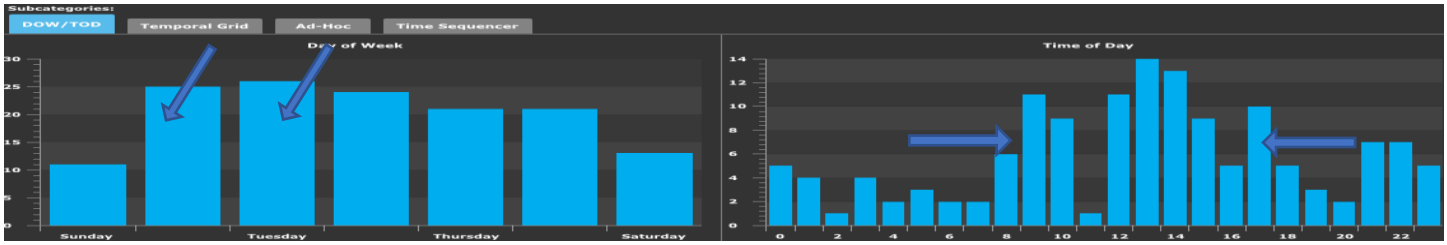
- Snow storm 2/22-2/23 – Department has answered approximately 55 runs so far in the last two days. Extra career staff and volunteers were in the station for the duration to handle the increased call load.

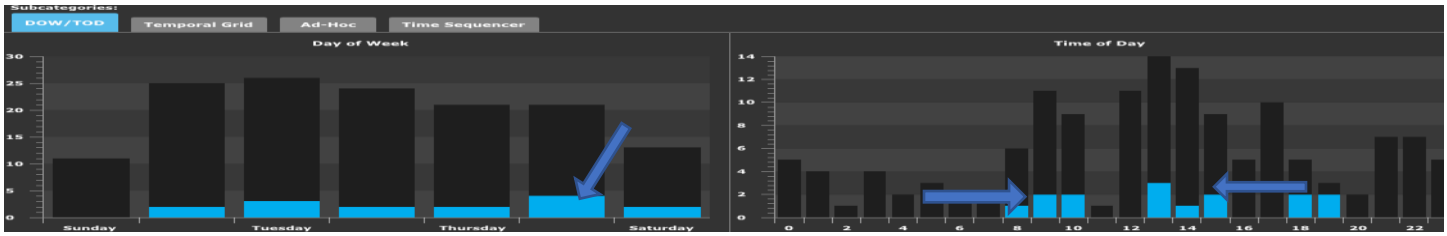
Seaford Police Department

Police Activity during period of Monday, February 09, 2026 – Sunday, February 22, 2026, as reported by Chief Marshal Craft, Jr.:

INCIDENTS	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,592	11,468	12,552	11,112	9,593
All crimes	606	4,708	5,559	5,010	6,164
Homicide	0	2	0	1	0
Robbery	0	8	15	24	8
Sex Crimes	1	35	22	25	18
Burglary	3 (3 Burg/0 TFV)	67 (33 Burg/34 TFV)	57 (24 Burg/33 TFV)	122 (58 Burg/64 TFV)	197
Drug Crimes	55	241	481	285	444
Overdose	2	18	32	43	31
All Traffic (E-Tickets)	765 (574)	6,136 (3,504)	7,527 (3,422)	6,579 (1,898)	8,168 (2,105)
All DUI	11	82	102	72	79
All Crashes	96	651	741	684	656
False Alarms	61	371	373	343	546

- All crimes: **141** (defendants: **14** adults & **1** juvenile)
  - Felony: **10**
  - Misdemeanor: **25**
  - Violations: **11**
  - Civil: **0**
  - Other: **95**
- **89% Clearance Rate** (overall = **9** PA and **6** PI) Mon & Tue from 0800-1700 (**See Crime Chart below)**





Additional Crime Data below: There were **15 complaints, including** Assault, Agg Assault, Burglary, Extortion, Fraud, Larceny, Pornography/extortion, and Weapons: (**8** Felonies and **7** Misdemeanors); excluding shoplifting: (**33% clearance rate**): **7 PA, 3 PI, 4 A/A, 0 J/A, 1 E/C, and 0 U/F.** Most incidents occurred on Friday from 0900 - 1500.

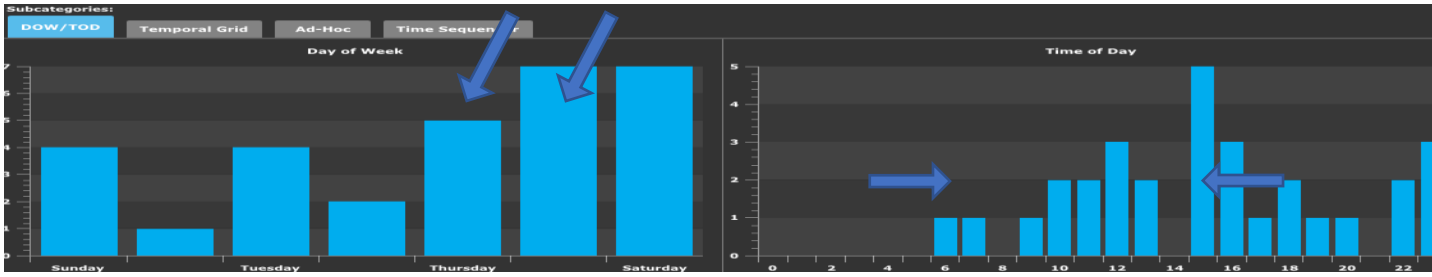
Drug Complaints:

- Drug Crimes: **20**
  - Adult Arrest: **16**
  - Juvenile Arrest: **1**
  - Juvenile/No Custody: **0**
  - Pending Active: **0**
  - Pending Inactive: **0**
  - Prosecution declined: **3**
- Search Warrant(s): **0**
- Seized Firearms: **0**
- Money Seized: **0**
- Overdose: **0**

Traffic:

- Contacts/Citations: **196** traffic contacts resulting in **232** citations and **25**warnings
- DUI: **5** (Alcohol/drug-related) - 3 crash-related
- Crashes: **30**
  - Fatal: **0**
  - Injury: **3** (Bridgeville Hwy & Fallen Ave; Herring Run & Sussex Hwy and Middleford Rd w/o Sussex Hwy)
  - Non-Reportable: **15**

- Reportable: 1**2**
- **Additional Information:**
- Hit & Run: **2** (1) private property parking lot, and (1) North Cannon St. & High St.
- Bicycle: **0**
- Motorcycle/Scooter: **0**
- Pedestrian **0**
- School Bus: **0**
- Alcohol/drug-related crash: **3**
- Incidents: Fri & Sat from 1000-1800 – primary cause: *Following too close* (**See Crash chart below)**



Significant Events: **All suspects/defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty.**

Summary Report

UPDATE on 02/17/26: Shooting Incident - Magnolia Dr. & E. Ivy Dr.
Complaint #71-25-11177
Probation and Parole responded to the residence of Nasier Gibbs, who was wanted by the Seaford Police Department on multiple gun-related charges stemming from a December 2025 shooting within city limits, where two houses were struck (Magnolia Dr. and E. Ivy Dr.). SPD Criminal Investigation Division obtained the warrant earlier that day and notified Probation. An administrative warrant for Violation of Probation was also secured. Gibbs was taken into custody, turned over to SPD, arraigned at JP2, and committed to SCI on a $64,000 cash bond. A no-contact order was issued prohibiting him from entering the City of Seaford, except for medical treatment at the hospital. The order also includes no contact with the two victims involved in this case.

02/09/26 – Possession of Heroin & Cocaine / VOP / Capias – Sunrise Motel
Complaint #71-26-1184
SPD responded to the Sunrise Motel for a wanted subject, Elizabeth Hone, who had an active VOP warrant with $7,000 cash bail. Upon arrival, officers observed Hone exiting Room #26 with Krissy Daisey. Daisey was seen entering a vehicle operated by Jon Jefferson. Officers made contact with all three individuals. Daisey was also found to have an active capias. During the investigation, all three were found in possession of illegal drugs, including heroin, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and related paraphernalia. Hone was arrested, arraigned, and committed to SCI in default of cash bail. Daisey and Jefferson were arrested, arraigned, and released on unsecured bond.

02/12/26 – Aggravated Assault – Walmart Parking Lot
Complaint #71-26-1294
SPD responded to the Walmart parking lot for a reported assault. Investigation revealed a silver vehicle entered the lot, and two suspects — Brian Waters and Braxton Purdy — exited and assaulted the victim. The incident was captured on surveillance footage and witnessed by an independent bystander. Further investigation revealed the victim had evicted Waters from his residence in 2025, which reportedly led to ongoing tension. As a result of the assault, the victim sustained a broken jaw.

Arrest warrants were obtained for Assault 2nd Degree (Felony), Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Disorderly Conduct. Purdy was located, admitted to punching the victim, and was arrested, arraigned, and committed to SCI on secured bail. A warrant remains outstanding for Waters.

02/19/26 – Possession of Cocaine / License & Equipment Violations – Chandler Street
Complaint #71-26-1501
While on patrol, SPD observed a pickup truck traveling on Chandler Street with illegal window tint and conducted a traffic stop in the Dover Electric parking lot. There were three occupants in the vehicle, including one individual seated on the floor. The driver, Steven Merillo (an adult), was within the first six months of his learner's permit and did not have a licensed driver present. He also lacked proof of insurance. None of the occupants possessed a valid driver's license.
An inventory search conducted before towing revealed a box containing a crack pipe and approximately 1.5 grams of crack cocaine. Merillo was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia, window tint violation, learner's permit violations, and failure to properly secure a passenger. He was arraigned and released on unsecured bond.

02/19/26 – PWID Marijuana – Seaford High School
Complaint #71-26-1489
SPD responded to Seaford High School after staff discovered marijuana inside a student's backpack. During the investigation, officers recovered 12 individually packaged bags of marijuana weighing approximately 72 grams. A warrant was obtained for Possession with Intent to deliver (PWID). The student was later turned in by his mother.

02/19/26 – Intoxicated Person with Active Capiases – High St. & Conwell St.
Complaint #71-26-1494
SPD responded to High Street and Conwell Street for a welfare check on Lisa Greene, who was reportedly stumbling into traffic and displaying erratic behavior. Officers determined Green was impaired, in possession of

paraphernalia, and had two active capiases totaling $2,000 cash bail. She was arraigned and committed to BWCI on an intoxication hold.

02/19/26 – Local Fugitive – Norman Eskridge Highway
Complaint #71-26-1468
While on routine patrol on Norman Eskridge Hwy, an SPD officer conducted a traffic stop on a Mercedes with South Carolina registration after determining the registration was suspended. The driver, Damiya Pettyjohn, was found to have three active warrants from Wilmington PD, one warrant from New Castle County PD, and four capiases from various JP Courts and New Castle County Superior Court. SPD coordinated a transfer with NCCPD to Dover, and Pettyjohn was turned over to New Castle County Police.

02/21/26 – Stolen Firearm / CCDW by Person Prohibited – Chandler Street
Complaint #71-26-1543
While on routine patrol on Chandler St., an SPD Officer observed a Nissan with expired registration traveling northbound on Chandler Street and conducted a traffic stop. The driver, Thelemarque Junior, stated he was on his way to a funeral, although his attire did not appear consistent with that statement. Consent to search the vehicle was requested but refused. Due to the driver's prior drug history and the location being a known high-crime area where he does not reside, a K9 scan was conducted. K9 Elk alerted to the passenger side of the vehicle.
A subsequent search revealed a concealed firearm in the center console. It was confirmed that Junior is a convicted felon. He admitted to possessing a marijuana blunt near the center console. Officers also located rubber bands commonly used in heroin packaging. Further investigation determined the firearm had been reported stolen out of Troop 5 in 2023. Junior was arrested and committed to SCI on $92,201 cash bail for the following charges:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited
- Person Prohibited – Prior Violent Felony (2 counts)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Expired Registration

Admin:

- Attended Director, Staff, Liaison, and Council meetings as scheduled - Chief
- 02/10/26: DACP Executive Board Meeting - Chief
- 02/10/26: POSDC meeting with Director Owens - Chief & City Manager
- 02/10/26: SALLE/EIDE 2nd round funding - grant committee meeting - Chief
- 02/11/26: Delaware Tech Security Meeting - Chief, D. Chief, Patrol & Criminal Lt's
- 02/11/26: DelDOT meeting ref. ESMS system - Chief, D. Chief & City Manager
- 02/12/26: SCORI Scope of Work meeting - Chief
- 02/13/26: ESMS meeting with DOJ – Chief & D. Chief
- 02/17/26: SCPCA Chief's Meeting - Chief
- 02/17/26: Help Initiative meeting with Mr. Kistler - Chef & D. Chief
- 02/19/26: Community Conversation pre-meeting – DSP/DOJ/OGOV/ONA - Chief

Community Events:

- Revamping "Food On" Program in partnership with the HELP Initiative - SPD Officers

Training/Other:

- SPEAR Team Training (ongoing) twice / month - Team Members
- Dover Police Academy: Began Sun 01/11/26 (21 weeks) - Three SPD recruits
- Conditional Hire for one applicant: (1) Certified officer - POST reciprocity – TBD March 2026
- 02/10/26: Drone Training - CID Sgt., Det. And Admin S. Sgt.
- 02/10/26 & 02/18/26: TASER Instructor Training - Two CID Detectives
- 02/16/26 to 02/20/26: ALERT instructor Certification - S.Sgt. Laurion & Det. Cpl. Wilson

Total Criminal Arrests:

Arrests YTD	**2026 Total**	**2026** Adult	**2026** Juv	**2025 Total**	2025 Adult	2025 Juv	**2024 Total**	2024 Adult	2024 Juv	**2023 Total**	2023 Adult	2023 Juv	**2022 Total**	2022 Adult	2022 Juv
Total	**50**	47	3	**507**	**472**	**35**	**720**	642	78	**523**	455	68	**630**	571	59

Respectfully Submitted,
Councilman, Fire and Police Liaison, and Vice Mayor

Dan H Henderson

Council Liaison Report

Electric Department

Period ending 2/22/26

Since the last report

Crew

- Worked to restore power during the snow event on 2/22/26. Around 8:55pm, a broken pole in Crossgate village caused a widespread outage on the west side of town. This pole, being so close to the substation, limited switching capabilities and power could not be restored until the pole was replaced. Power was restored around 3:30am. However, the high winds and wet snow caused other minor outages that the crew addressed throughout the night. Majority of power was restored by 9:00am except for a few minor house service calls. As of 1:00pm on 2/23/26, there were no more outages reported.
- Performed monthly substation checks and Ross and Slatcher Substation
- Set new pole and pulled in overhead wire to new construction on Woodland Rd.
- Dug in underground conduit and pulled underground wire to feed model home in Governor's Grant Phase 4
- Continued digging in underground in Governor's Grant

Director

- Attended Staff Meeting
- Attended Construction Meeting
- Worked on budget and annual evaluations
- Had bi-weekly meeting w/ Charles
- Met w/ distributors in Slatcher Sub to discuss animal mitigation to avoid outages
- Worked on solar applications
- Had zoom meeting with solar installer to discuss future applications

- Met with Versalift and reviewed plans for new service truck
- Had zoom interview w/ DEMEC and John Egan of Egan Energy to discuss professional development ,DEMEC's Lineworker Training Program, and DEMEC's supervisory training courses

Upcoming Weeks.

Continue work in Mearfield 1 phase 4.

Continue work on Seaford Innovation Center.

Two Week Work Report
2/9/26 to 2/20/26

Charles Anderson, June Merritt &
Trisha Newcomer

MEETINGS:

- Met with DOT officials regarding electronic speed monitoring camera ordinance.
- Attended the DEMEC board and Executive Committee meeting.
- Attended the DEMEC Finance Committee meeting.
- Met with potential Western Sussex Business Campus tenant to discus land sale and development requirements.

OTHER WORK:

- Prepared the Council agenda.
- Drafted Opioid Settlement Distribution RFP.
- Worked on evaluations.
- Worked on review and comments for the new Parks Office site and architectural plans.
- Met with engineers about Phase II of High Street storm water renovations.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

- CPU repairs.
- New storage server installed and working on upgrade to the system.
- Ordered new SIM cards for Police Patrol vehicles.
- E-waste purging.
- Restored connection issues with security cameras.
- Ordered new storage server for the camera network.
- Finalizing budget numbers for departmental projects.
- Routine calls for technical assistance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR COUNCIL:

- Attend DEMEC board meeting.
- Prepare for FY 2027 Budget.
- Finalize FY 2025 Audit
- All other business is routine – financial management, payroll & benefits, purchasing, billing, customer service, etc.

Input:

Charles Anderson, CM
June Merritt, DF & HR
Trisha Newcomer, DED & CR

Council Liaison Report
Public Works & Wastewater
Departments
Date 02/23/26

Past two weeks:

Public Works:

- Hooked up to prepare for storm on 2/22/26
- Contractor replaced valves and check valve at 534 treatment building
- Worked on clearing multiple sewer laterals throughout the city
- Replaced curb boxes on King St. and Shipley St.
- Shut down water main on Tull Dr. for contractor to tie into
- Worked on replacing signs
- Repaired leaning barrier on Cedar Ave.
- Cleaned up properties for code
- Cleaned insides of all trucks
- Replaced water service valve at 227 Willey
- Root cut lateral on Pine St.
- Started painting pipes in 534 treatment building
- Had a meeting with DNREC about PFAS and sludge disposal
- Held pre-con meeting for PS 16 manhole project
- Held multiple meetings in person and on-line
- Performed all routine tasks; swept, L & L, big piles, read meters, re-reads, disconnects, hung pink tags, collected State water samples, supplied barricades for various events, etc…

WWTF & COMPOST

- Plant: Some stress from cold weather, TSS elevated. Biomass growth rate high as well, increased wasting.
- Dewatering: Higher NH3 in filtrate, performance of BFP has been good.
- Pulled motor starter for blend tank blower to troubleshoot-found faulty aux contact that may have been obstructing mechanical movement.
- Reviewed existing PFAS data for DNREC meeting concerning potential sludge disposal concerns.
- Replaced optical sensor in all D.O. monitoring equipment.
- Assembled new blend tank diffusers.
- Reforming capacitors on new VFDs.
- Resumed chlorination to sand filters after noting some decreased performance, things have improved.
- Lubed all rollers and turnbuckles on sludge dumpsters. Also ordered decals to cover County seal.
- Performed safety walkthrough inspection.

Upcoming two weeks:

Public Works

- Completing evaluations
- DRWA conference week of the 23rd.
- Preparing budget
- Prepare paving bids
- Redo patches on Porter St.
- Run water line to SVLS
- Have check valves replaced at 534

WWTF & COMPOST

- Keep the plant up and running with no violations
- Perform maintenance as needed
- Perform work at lift stations as needed

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Berley Mears, DPW