

MINUTES OF THE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 14, 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
Katie Hickey – Director of Parks and Recreation
Mike Bailey – Building Official
Trisha Newcomer- Director of Economic Development
Chief of Police Marshal Craft
Kristen Gordy - Recording Secretary

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

Invocation

Invocation led by Councilman Alan Quillen.

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

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

Executive Session:

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 March 24, 2026.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2026. Councilman Bradley made a Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 24, 2026. Councilman Holland seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor. The motion so passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Gutkin of Seaford, DE was present for public comment. Ms. Gutkin came forward to bring awareness of the dedication ceremony of the sign at the Boys and Girls club to honor John Hollis

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and the Merrit program. Ms. Gutkin also extended an invitation for Mayor and Council to attend the ceremony on May 2nd at 3 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Alice Adkins, President of the Downtown Seaford Association to request City approval for a community event to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States of America to be held in Downtown Seaford.**

Alice Adkins, President of the downtown Seaford Association presented the information to request approval for a community event to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States of America to be held in Downtown Seaford.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; Vice Mayor Henderson commented that the project was ambitious and inquired how this will all fit on the acre and a half on the grass lot behind City Hall as requested. Mrs. Adkins responded things can be moved around, they are still in the beginning stages of planning and would like feedback from council on how to make this event successful. Mrs. Adkins also suggests getting downtown Seaford involved so foot traffic could head into the High Street area and promote businesses in the downtown and spread people out, vendors might need to be limited once this is mapped out. Councilman Quillen then inquired, how would we be able to use the riverfront to help spread people out, he also offered the suggestion of using Oyster Park. Mrs. Adkins responded that she is trying to get a group of committees and organizations together and use multiple resources, but it starts with getting the approval from the city to host the event. Councilman Quillen that asked as we look at the float in what are the cost as far as the police and volunteers or employees, this would be a need for increased police presence in the area. Mrs. Adkins responded, The Downtown Seaford Association will be underwriting the cost for the float in. Downtown Seaford Association is asking for support with the concert and the lot as the City of Seaford's contribution, they would also like to gain volunteers to help with the event to reduce the cost of the event. Councilman Quillen asked if the organization has sponsors lined up for the event. Mrs. Adkins responds that they are aware of the cost that will be necessary for the event and they will be looking for sponsors, volunteers and fundraisers to help offset that cost. Dr. Grasset then commented that this event is being proposed in three months, is that going to be a feasible time frame to organize the event. Mrs. Adkins responded that they are good with the deadline and that she moves fast and will be able to organize it in time, the City of Seaford's approval is the main verification they need to get the dedication of other organizations. Dr. Grasset then asked if the Downtown Seaford Association will be doing anything historical or memorable to commemorate the 250th anniversary. Mrs.

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Adkins responded they would like to have a band, and a time frame in between the float in and concert where there would be a government representative present to give a speech in honor of the anniversary, and possibly doing a play with kids to get them involved. Councilman Quillen then asked as we are working on the FY27 budget, would there be funds allocated for this festival. City Manager Anderson responded that there is room in that budget for festivals that could be used to help with this event, however it would take away from the FY27 festival unless council chooses to increase the festival budget for the FY27 budget. Vice Mayor Henderson commented that he is generally in favor of having a summer festival and that Riverfest would cost more than the \$4500 that the Downtown Seaford Association is asking for, but if approved the Downtown Seaford Association should report back in a month to update the council on the progress of the event with more detailed plans. Councilman Quillen stated that time is of the essence and if all they are asking for is \$4500 and the grass lot, if the council can approve this tonight, they can get this event organized in time. Dr. Grassett offered the suggestion of limiting the number of vendors trying to sell products and making it more of a celebration of America. Councilman Quillen then inquired if the idea of a boat parade has been thought about. Mrs. Adkins then responded that it was thought about through partnership with the yacht club, but they haven't done that since the development of the RiverPlace apartments, they are willing to partner with other organizations, but they need the approval to start conferring with other organizations. Mayor MacCoy then directed the question of does the money coming from the FY27 budget needs to be included in the potential motion towards City Manager Anderson. City Manager Anderson then responds that council should give some authority for finances, but in order to pay deposits the Downtown Seaford Association may need funds from the FY26 budget; with the one month follow up, the Downtown Seaford Association could let council know when deposits would be due and council can determine the budget it would need to come from at that time.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any further questions from Council; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Vice Mayor Henderson made a motion to approve the request of Alice Adkins, President of the Downtown Seaford Association to approve a community event to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States of America to be held in Downtown Seaford as presented, and the amount of \$4,500 which may or may not be split among the two fiscal years, and Mrs. Adkins will present a more detailed plan at next month's council meeting. Councilman Quillen seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

2. Chief of Police Marshal Craft to present for approval a high level five-year strategic plan for the Seaford Police Department.

Chief of Police, Marshal Craft, presented the information for approval of a high level five-year strategic plan for the Seaford Police Department. Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from

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Council; Councilman Quillen commented that the presentation was impressive and inquired if any other police departments throughout the state are doing a program like this. Chief Craft responded that there are very few that do a five-year strategic plan, and that the police department does the same program the University of Delaware does. Councilman Quillen asked if this report must be annually or it can be quarterly. Chief Craft responded that there will be a review done quarterly, and that it will be sent to the City Manager and the Vice Mayor. However, the report will be given annually, unless council would like to request a presentation, at which Chief Craft will provide another one. Vice Mayor Henderson then inquired if they make the motion tonight does that bound future councils to the numbers presented in the presentation. Chief Craft responded that there will be numbers in the packet provided, however most of the large numbers in the presentation have already been approved for things like land acquisition, technology advancements, and that this is a living document and the numbers can change at any time.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any further questions from Council; there were none

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Vice Mayor Henderson made a motion to approve the five-year strategic plan for the Seaford Police Department with an annual review as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

3. Chief of Police Marshal Craft to request approval for a Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) FY2025 grant funding submission.

Chief Craft presents the information for approval for a Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) FY2025 grant funding submission.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Vice Mayor Henderson made a motion to approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) FY2025 grant funding submission as presented. Councilwoman Grasseti seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

4. Present for approval a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 126

June Merritt Director of Finance and Human Resources presented the information for approval of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 126.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

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Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 126 as presented. Councilman Holland seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

5. Mayor MacCoy to appoint an Annexation Committee to investigate the possibility of annexing property located on the east side of Atlanta Road approximately 125 feet north of William Ross Lane SCTM#531-10.00-234.01.

City Manager Charles Anderson presented the information for Mayor MacCoy to appoint an Annexation Committee to investigate the possibility of annexing property located on the east side of Atlanta Road approximately 125 feet north of William Ross Lane SCTM#531-10.00-234.01.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy appointed three members of council with one serving as Committee Chair, those appointed were Councilwomen Dr. Grasset, Councilman Quillen, and Vice Mayor Henderson, with Dr. Grasset being selected as the Committee Chair.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the recommendation from Mayor MacCoy to appoint the three members of Council to the Annexation Committee with one serving as Committee Chair as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

6. Bids – Clean-up Week.

Charles Anderson, City Manager, presented the bids for Clean-up Week.

City Manager Anderson solicited any questions from Council; There was an inquiry from Mayor MacCoy that he was unfamiliar with Casella, he was informed that is the city's current trash provider and has undergone a name change.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilman Holland made a motion to award the bids for Clean-up Week to the low bidder Casella Waste in the amount of \$27,100.00 as presented. Councilman Quillen seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

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7. Bids – Demolition of Structures.

Building Official, Mike Bailey, presented the information for approval of the bid for Demolition of structures.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilwoman Dr. Grasset made a motion to award the bids for Demolition of Structures to the low bidder Clarks General Contractors in the amount of \$27,281.00 as presented. Councilman Holland seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

8. Mayor MacCoy to present for review and approval the names of individuals willing to serve as Riverfest Committee members

Mayor MacCoy presented the information for review and approval of the names of individuals willing to serve as Riverfest Committee members.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilman Holland made a Motion to approve the list of names to be appointed to serve as Riverfest Committee members-Dave Crimmins, LaAngela Todd, Debbie Hall, Jim Bowden, Maria Brooke, David Baugh, Gigi Hastings, Alice Adkins and Jack Chambers as presented.

Councilman Quillen seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Present for a second reading revisions to Chapter 9, Article 1, of the Municipal Code that would update the City Plumbing Code to the 2021 edition of the International Plumbing Code with amendments.

Building Official, Mike Bailey, came forward and presented for a second reading revisions to Chapter 9, Article 1, of the Municipal Code that would update the City Plumbing Code to the 2021 edition of the International Plumbing Code with amendments.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

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Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilwoman Grasset made a motion to approve the revisions to Chapter 9, Article 1, of the Municipal Code that would update the City Plumbing Code to the 2021 edition of the International Plumbing Code with amendments as presented. Councilman Holland seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed

2. **Present for a second reading revisions to Chapter 4, Article 1, of the Municipal Code that would adopt the current edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), as adopted by the State of Delaware.**

Building Official, Mike Bailey, came forward and presented a second reading revisions to Chapter 4, Article 1, of the Municipal Code that would adopt the current edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), as adopted by the State of Delaware.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy called for a motion; Councilman Bradley made a motion to approve the revisions to Chapter 4, Article 1, of the Municipal Code that would adopt the current edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), as adopted by the State of Delaware as presented. Councilwoman Grasset seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed

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.

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

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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 solicits a motion to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

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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 negotiations. Councilwoman Grasset seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy called for a vote; all present voted in favor, the motion so passed. The regular Council Meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.

Executive Session:

1. Negotiations.

Mayor MacCoy solicits a motion to adjourn the Executive Session

Mayor MacCoy reopens the Regular Council Meeting.

The Regular Council Meeting was reopened at 9:56 p.m.

City Council to act on items discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion Councilman Henderson made a motion that the Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract, and proceed to closing on a matter identified as 2026B as discussed in Executive Session. Councilman Bradley 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. Vice Mayor Henderson seconded the motion; the motion so passed with all voting in favor.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Charles D. Anderson, City Manager
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Approved by Council: 04/28/2026

4/13/2026

Code Department Report

- Issuing permits (72 in 2026)
- Rental Licenses (1,865 Units)
- 2026 Rental inspections are being scheduled and completed.
- Late fees were sent out for 50 Rental licenses on Feb 20.
- Doing routine inspections for on-going projects
- Doing violation inspections throughout City
- Performing plan reviews for new permits

Helpful Code Facts!

Unregulated vegetation growth enforcement season is in effect April 1 to October 31. All vegetation on properties needs to be maintained to a height of 10 in or less.

The annual clean up week is May 11 through May 15. Please do not place items out on the curb until 1 week prior to clean up week or you may receive a violation notice.

Large project status's

- **Mearfield 1 Phase 4** –17 Lots remain in phase 4. GMB reinspected phase 3 prior to dedication, and few items remaining for repair. Ryan homes has a permit for a new model home.
- **BelleAyre Single Family** –Danfield Dr –Waiting for dedication inspection request from developers.
- **Western Sussex Business Campus** – Shell building final inspection completed and CO sent.
- **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 storm water along Atlanta Rd this week.
- **Modwash** – Signs have been installed; outdoor vacuums are being installed. Looking at opening in April.
- **Governors Grant Phase 4** – DR Horton has 2 homes under construction. Submitted applications for 4 more lots.
- **Aldi** – Permit issued. Site work has started.
- **Cookout** – Building plans are being finalized for permit submission.
- **Seaford Inn** –Property went to settlement on 1/26/2026. Roof is completed, started working on siding. Landscaping cleaned up. Preliminary plans for renovation have been submitted.

Parks & Recreation
Council Liaison Report
for 4/13/26 Council Meeting

Accomplished week of 3/23

Parks – Removed damaged fence at Hooper’s Landing tennis court
Parks – Turned on and serviced the fountain at Kiwanis Park & Gateway Park
Parks – Removed section of pickets from the Jays Nest and distributed into alphabetical barrels for reporting
Rec. – Assisted City Clerk with registered voters for upcoming election
Rec. – Contacted photographer to coordinate soccer pictures
Rec. – Completed making soccer schedules for all leagues and sent out to coaches
Parks&Rec. – Spoke with Trish & Charles regarding logistics for potential 250 th celebration by DSA
Parks&Rec. – Prepared Porta John contract renewal and sent out to bid
Parks&Rec. – Prepped for and hosted annual Easter Egg Hunt on 3/28 – cold but decent turn out

Accomplished week of 3/30

Parks – Worked on rototilling softball fields in preparation for new dirt to be added in
Parks – Continued removing pickets from Jays Nest playground
Parks – Decorated Gateway Park for Autism Awareness month with banner & blue ribbons
Rec. – Coordinated referees and umpires for upcoming Spring sports
Rec. – Worked on Men’s Slow Pitch Softball Schedule
Parks&Rec. – Worked on obtaining quotes for SHS tennis courts – one for paving and one for painting/restriping
Parks&Rec. – Confirmed 3 dates for “Movie Night in the Park” – June 26, July 24, & Aug 28
Parks&Rec. – Prepped for and hosted annual Light It Up Blue event – though moved indoors, was still a successful event

Accomplished week of 4/6

Parks – Continued working on softball fields – added 24 tons of infield mix between two fields to prep for men’s league
Parks – Continued working on clearing overgrowth/brush between Oyster House Park & new Conwell St property
Parks – Began routine grass cutting
Rec. – Prepped and hosted first week of youth soccer – all went well!
Rec. – Completed men’s slow pitch schedule – games to begin 4/14
Parks&Rec. – Advertised seasonal Parks Tech position – Carson Hastings to return for 3 rd season
Parks&Rec. – Completed slideshow draft for FY27 capital items & CIP
Parks&Rec. – Met with Fred Wothers & DelDOT to review site plan for Riverwalk East sidewalk & railing installation (ORPT grant)

PARKS & RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS 3/23 – 4/10

PARKS:

- Turned on and serviced fountain at Gateway Park & Kiwanis Park
- Removed pickets from Jays Nest playground – began organizing in alphabetical order for distribution
- Worked with Nanticoke Little League to assist in rototilling softball fields to help with drainage; added 24 tons of new infield mix between two softball fields to prep for upcoming men's slow pitch season
- Decorated Gateway Park for Autism Awareness Month (month of April)
- Worked on clearing more overgrowth/brush between Oyster House Park and new property on S Conwell St

RECREATION:

- Completed soccer schedules – first set of games began the week of April 6th – all went well so far!
- Coordinated picture day with photographer for soccer
- Completed Men's Slow pitch schedule
- Assisted City Clerk with registered voters for upcoming election

SUPERINTENDENT:

- Prepared porta john bid to be advertised for city locations; to be renewed July 1, 2026
- Hosted the Easter Egg Hunt on 3/28 – cold but still good turn out!
- Hosted annual Light It Up Blue event on 4/2 – success even indoors
- Confirmed and advertised for 2026 Outdoor Movie Nights, June 26, July 24, & Aug 28
- Continued working on East Riverwalk project – new sidewalk and railing installation, an ORPT grant project



Meeting of Mayor and City Council
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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
YTD 2026	407	3.95
March 2026	104	3.35

*Calls per day as of 12:00 on 04/13/2026

EMS Statistics

Month / Year	Calls to date	Call per day
YTD 2026	1,366	13.26
March 2026	404	13.03

*Calls per day as of 21:00 03/22/2026

Total Department Responses

Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2026	1,773	17.21

Significant Incidents

- 04/10/26 – Confined Space Rescue – 12969 Redden Rd – Assist St 72

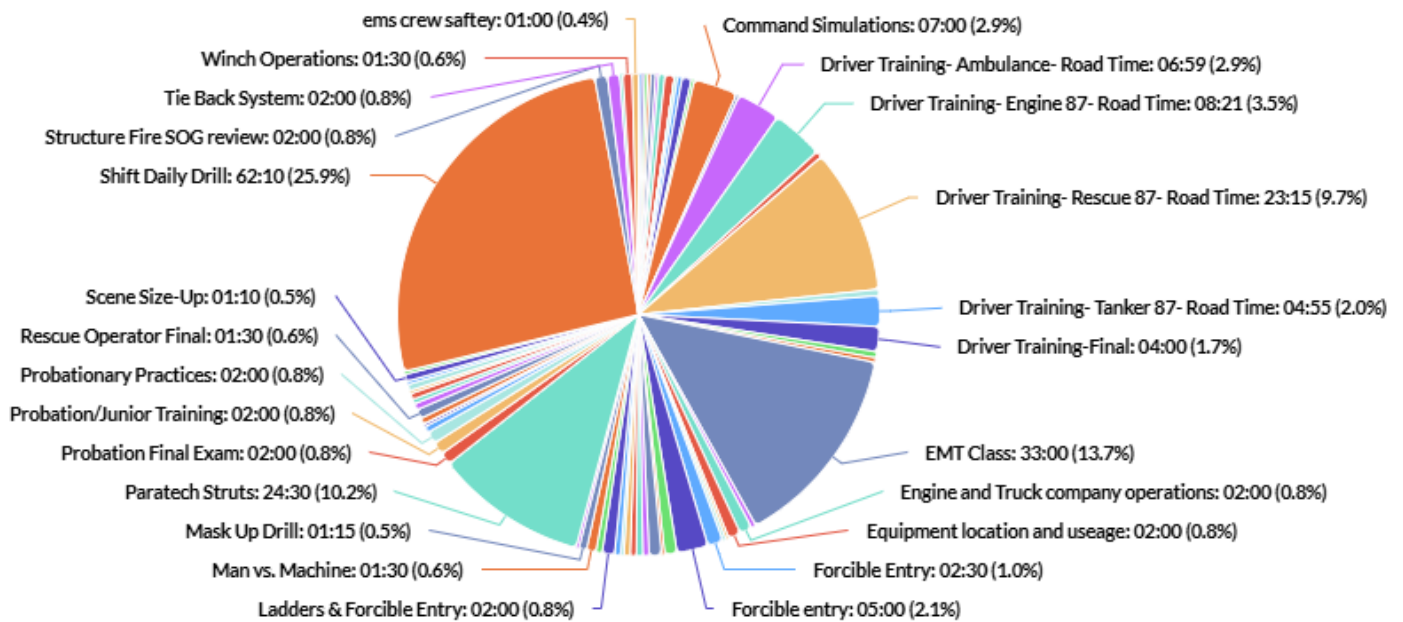


- 04/05/26 – House Fire – 13046 Smack Dr.



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Class Time



Career Services

- Coryn Deitz was hired full-time with the Department, bringing us back to full staff with 17 career employees. She has started orientation and will be going on shift shortly.

News and Events

- Confined Space Rescue on Redden Road where two subjects were trapped in a grain silo. Seaford operated on scene with Ladder 87 and several technical rescue members for 10 hours.
- House fire on smack road was a total loss.
- Committee for the new fire engine traveled to Florida for final inspection of new engine 873 March 24-26. Some corrections are being made to the vehicle. We're hoping to have it in station by the beginning of May.
- Seaford Fire finished the first quarter of 2026 with 10 building fires and 1 motor vehicle accident with entrapment. The Department continues to be the busiest fire department in Sussex County.

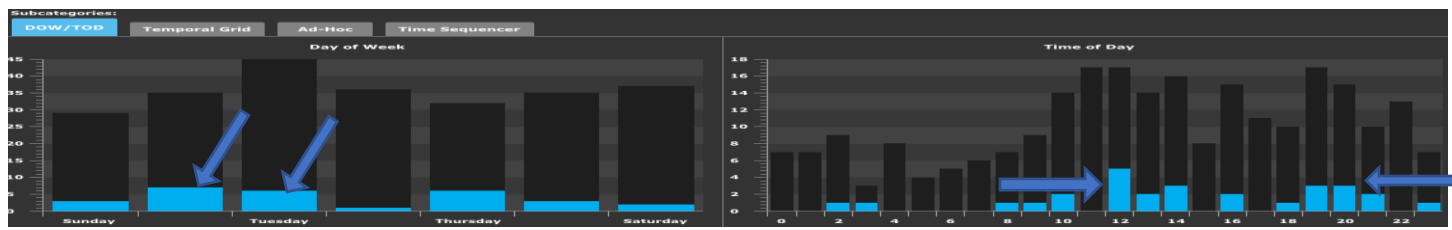
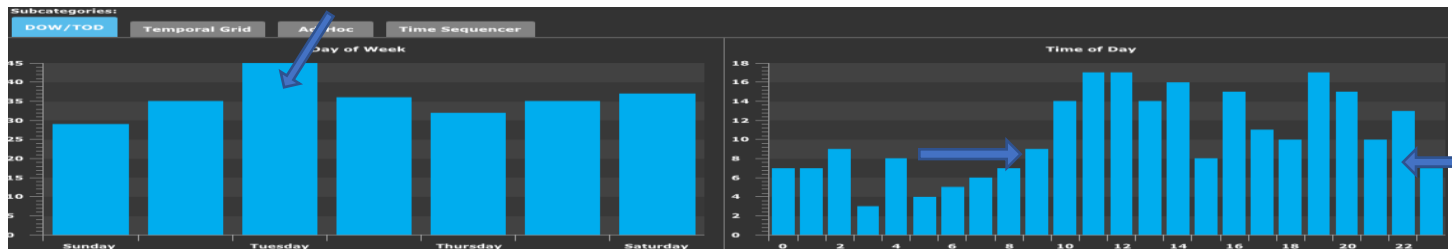


Seaford Police Department

Police Activity during period of Monday, , as reported by Chief Marshal Craft, Jr.:

INCIDENTS	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	3,063	11,468	12,552	11,112	9,593
All crimes	1,245	4,708	5,559	5,010	6,164
Homicide	0	2	0	1	0
Robbery	0	8	15	24	8
Sex Crimes	3	35	22	25	18
Burglary	16 (11 Burg/5 TFV)	67 (33 Burg/34 TFV)	57 (24 Burg/33 TFV)	122 (58 Burg/64 TFV)	197
Drug Crimes	115	241	481	285	444
Overdose	5	18	32	43	31
All Traffic (E-Tickets)	1,599 (1,099)	6,136 (3,504)	7,527 (3,422)	6,579 (1,898)	8,168 (2,105)
All DUI	23	82	102	72	79
All Crashes	192	651	741	684	656
False Alarms	119	371	373	343	546

- All crimes: **249** (defendants: **28** adults & **1** juvenile)
 - Felony: **16**
 - Misdemeanor: **54**
 - Violations: **17**
 - Civil: **0**
 - Other: **162**
- 87% Clearance Rate** (overall = **24** PA and **9** PI) Tue from 0900-2200 (See Crime Chart below)



Additional Crime Data below: There were **28** complaints, including Aggravated Assault, Assault, Fraud, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Rape, and Weapons: (**9** Felonies and **19** Misdemeanors); excluding shoplifting: (**50% clearance rate**): **10** PA, **4** PI, **7** A/A, **1** J/A, **5** E/C, and **1** U/F. Most incidents occurred on Friday from 1200 - 2100.

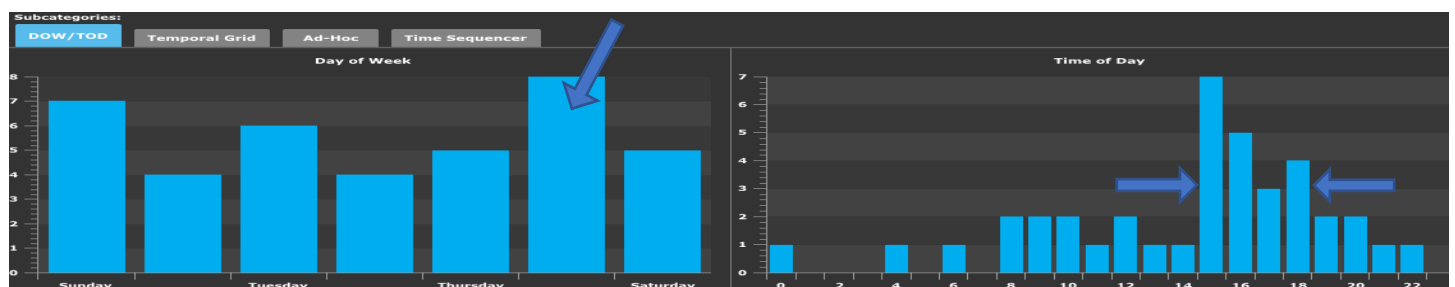
Drug Complaints:

- Drug Crimes: **37**

- Adult Arrest: **33**
- Juvenile Arrest: **0**
- Unfounded: **1**
- Pending Active: **3**
- Pending Inactive: **0**
- Prosecution declined: **0**
- Search Warrant(s): **2**
- Seized Firearms: **2**
- Money Seized: **0**
- Overdose: **1**

Traffic:

- Contacts/Citations: **359** traffic contacts resulting in **238** citations and **32** warnings
- DUI: **3** (Alcohol/drug-related) - 1 crash-related
- Crashes: **39**
 - Fatal: **0**
 - Injury: **0**
 - Non-Reportable: **12**
 - Reportable: **27**
 - **Additional Information:**
 - Hit & Run: **7** (2) private Property Parking lots; (1) Oak St. s/o Martin St; (1) S. Pine St. n/o Spruce; (1) Sussex Hwy s/o Middleford Rd; (1) Bridgeville Hwy n/o Front St. Ext. and (1) Sussex Ave. & Stein Hwy.
 - Bicycle: **0**
 - Motorcycle/Scooter: **0**
 - Pedestrian **1 (Lowes Parking Lot)**
 - School Bus: **0**
 - Alcohol/drug-related crash: **1**
 - Incidents: Friday from 1500-1800 – primary cause: *Following too close* (See Crash chart below)



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

Summary Report

**03/25/26 | Vehicle Theft | Planet Fitness
Complaint #71-26-2483**

Brief Summary:

Officers responded to a reported stolen vehicle, which was later involved in a rollover crash on Herring Run Rd. after failing to negotiate a curve. The suspect fled on foot but was later identified and located

with assistance from the Delaware State Police following a citizen's tip. The juvenile suspect was medically evaluated and subsequently charged with multiple offenses related to vehicle theft and crash before being released pending Family Court arraignment.

**03/28/26 | DUI / Unlawful Vehicle Operation | Sussex Hwy & Norman Eskridge Hwy
Complaint #71-26-2591**

Brief Summary:

An officer observed a male, identified as Bruce Chandler, operating a zero-turn lawn mower through a roadway intersection and conducted a stop. The operator admitted he was using the mower as transportation due to not having a vehicle. Upon detecting the odor of alcohol, a DUI investigation was conducted, resulting in the subject's arrest for 5th offense DUI and unlawful operation of an off-highway vehicle. He was later committed to SCI on an intoxication hold.

**03/28/26 | Drug Possession / Resisting Arrest | King St
Complaint #71-26-2595**

Brief Summary:

An officer conducted a traffic stop on a motorized scooter after observing a traffic violation. During the stop, the suspect, identified as Joseph Montgomery, discarded a piece of paper containing a white powdery substance, which was later confirmed to be cocaine. The subject subsequently lost consciousness, requiring EMS response, and later became combative while being detained. He was taken into custody, medically evaluated, and transported under police custody. The suspect was charged with tampering with evidence, possession of cocaine, and resisting arrest, arraigned by JP Court #11, and released on unsecured bail following processing.

**03/31/26 | Drug Arrest / Shoplifting | Dollar Tree
Complaint #71-26-2643**

Brief Summary:

Officers responded to a disorderly subject complaint and located the individual, identified as Derek Hughes, nearby, who was found in possession of stolen merchandise from Dollar Tree. During the investigation, suspected heroin and drug paraphernalia were recovered after the subject attempted to conceal evidence. Further investigation led to the discovery of additional suspected crack cocaine. The subject was charged with multiple drug, theft, and related offenses and later released on unsecured bail with no-contact orders.

**03/31/26 | Attempted Burglary / Resisting Arrest | Wisteria Drive Residence
Complaint #71-26-2651**

Brief Summary:

Officers responded to a reported burglary in progress and located the suspect, Abel Ross, outside the residence, where he was taken into custody. The suspect admitted attempting to gain entry to his ex-girlfriend's home and was found in possession of multiple tools used to damage the door, including a drill, diagonal cutters, and a flat-head screwdriver. While detained, he became combative, attempted to exit the patrol vehicle, and was subdued with pepper spray. Evidence confirmed forced entry attempts, and the suspect was charged with multiple offenses (Attempted Burglary, Burglar Tools, Criminal Mischief, Harassment, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest) and committed on secured bond with a no-contact order.

**04/03/26 | Warrant Arrest / Drug & Weapon Offenses | 3rd St & Front St
Complaint #71-26-2781**

Brief Summary:

An officer conducted a traffic stop on a bicyclist traveling the wrong way on a one-way street and identified the subject, Jerry Faison, as having active capias warrants. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. A search incident to arrest and subsequent processing revealed drug paraphernalia, a crack pipe, and a large fixed-blade knife (7 3/4" long). The suspect was confirmed to be a convicted felon. He was formally charged with new offenses and capias and committed to SCI on secured bond before transport.

**04/07/26 | Burglary Attempt / Criminal Mischief | 540 Yorktowne Ln
Complaint #71-26-2881**

Brief Summary:

Officers responded to a reported burglary in progress and observed damage to a rear window screen consistent with forced entry. A male matching the suspect description was initially encountered nearby and later identified as the victim's ex-boyfriend, James Deshields. After further investigation, including GPS monitoring data provided by Probation and Parole, the suspect was located and detained. He later admitted to being in the area and damaging the window screen. The suspect was charged accordingly and released on ROR with a no-contact order issued for the victim.

**04/12/26 | Reckless Driving / Eluding Police | Texas Roadhouse Parking Lot & Sussex Hwy
Complaint #71-26-_____**

Brief Summary:

Officers responded to reports of a vehicle performing donuts in the Texas Roadhouse parking lot. Upon arrival, the suspect vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, nearly striking a patrol unit during its exit. The vehicle was identified as a black BMW with a "test drive" tag and matched a prior pursuit vehicle from a neighboring jurisdiction. The vehicle was observed committing multiple traffic violations and later reached extremely high speeds while units attempted to follow before the pursuit was terminated. The vehicle was last seen traveling southbound on Sussex Highway toward Laurel, with further investigative leads pending, including surveillance review from a local business.

**04/12/26 | Drug Investigation / DUI | Pizza King
Complaint #71-26-3044**

Brief Summary:

Officers responded to a report of suspected drug activity in the parking lot and located a male, identified as Seth Benson, slumped in a parked vehicle matching the description provided. Plain-view drug paraphernalia was observed inside the vehicle, leading to detention and search. A subsequent search revealed a significant quantity of suspected heroin, cocaine, a controlled prescription pill (193 bags of heroin, 1.1 grams of cocaine, Xanax pill, and various paraphernalia). The suspect was arrested and charged with multiple drug offenses and DUI. He was video arraigned and released on unsecured bond, and the vehicle was seized pending further investigation.

Admin:

- Attended Director, Staff, Liaison, and Council meetings as scheduled - Chief
- 03/23/26: POSDC meeting -funding approval for Nutter Park Prevention Hub (\$271,907.70) - Chief
- 03/24/26: Guns of Lower Delaware (GOLD) Meeting at SPD - Chief and staff
- 03/26/26: Sergeant and above monthly meeting - SPD Staff members
- 03/26/26: Warm Handoff bill meeting (Senator Hansen) related to Re-entry Housing- Chief
- 03/30/26: Statewide Chief's Legislative Committee meeting - Chief

- 04/01/26: Coffee with Representative Short - D. Chief
- 04/07/26: CALEA Interview, for Millsboro PD, by their onsite assessor - Chief
- 04/08/26: EOP Workshop - Chief, City Manager & Director of Economic Development

Community Events:

- Upcoming Community event: 04/18/26 Boys & Girls Club community health & wellness festival 9 AM - 1 PM
- "Food On" Program in partnership with the HELP Initiative - SPD Officers
- 03/28/26: Attended Delmarva Gemstone Prom - Chief

Training/Other:

- SPEAR Team Training (ongoing) twice / month - Team Members
- Dover Police Academy: Began Sun 01/11/26 (June 2026 graduation date) - Three SPD recruits
- 04/07/26 & 04/08/26: Beyond the Badge Menta Health Summit - Three officers
- 04/07/26 & 04/08/26: Departmental LLIMS, Taser, Duty to Intervene, & De-Escalation Training - Personnel

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	112	105	7	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

Two Week Work Report

3/30/26 to 4/10/26

Charles Anderson, June Merritt &
Trisha Newcomer

MEETINGS:

- Met with the City engineers regarding a conflict at the WWTP expansion project.
- Met with a developer about zoning code regulations.
- Met with the Solicitor regarding negotiations.
- Met with Integra about health insurance renewal.
- Attended the DEMEC Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting in Smyrna.

OTHER WORK:

- Prepared the Council agenda.
- Worked on evaluations, budget and negotiations.
- Attended the bid openings for cleanup week and demo of structures bids.
- Attended a Historical Society board meeting and gave a presentation regarding City project updates.
- Worked on the Nylon well project plan review and update.
- Met at the Riverwalk east with a DelDOT rep.
- Attended a Emergency Operations Planning meeting at the EOC in Georgetown.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

- Fiber work at Middleford Rd and Slatcher Sub
- Work with VMWare to resolve VCenter Issue
- SCADA Migration work is nearly complete.
- Prepping documentation and completing small projects.
- Setup/configured new copiers at Seaford PD and Utility Building.
- Routine calls for technical assistance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR COUNCIL:

- Prepare for FY 2027 Budget.
- Attend departmental liaison meetings to review budget submittals.
- Prepare and attend police contract negotiations with Teamsters Local 326.
- Attend follow up meeting for annual health insurance renewal.
- Processed utility disconnects for non-payment.
- Processed & mailed the utility bills for March consumption.
- 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

Electric Department

Period ending

Since the last report

Crew

Chris Andrews completed Lab 4 of lineman apprenticeship program with TVPPA at DEMEC.

Tyler Waski had skills assessment with TVPPA and was recommended to skip pre-apprentice training and attend Lab 1 in July.

Monitored the installation of underground conduits along Atlanta Rd. at Seaford Innovation Center.

Changed damaged pole on W. Ivy Drive with Lambert Cable Services.

Pulled new overhead fiber to Middleford splice case at the manor house.

Repaired switchgear and replaced roughly 1000' of underground wire in at Seaford Village Shopping Center that was damaged by an unknown vehicle.

Moved Parklet to the Community Garden for an event.

Removed an osprey nest from a pole on Middleford Rd. and worked with Team Osprey and DNREC to install a new nest for the ospreys to safely lay their eggs.

Installed inline switches at new locations on circuit 280 to re-route circuits 280 and 290 for the WWTF upgrade project and performed switching procedure to de-energize lines in front of WWTF.

Installed new secondaries for new Boys and Girls Club Sign.

Dug in underground conduit in Governor's Grant Phase 4

Repaired damaged underground lighting pull box in front of Seaford Middle School

Director

Discovered damaged switchgear in Seaford Village Shopping Center. Followed up with nearby businesses for surveillance footage to try and find out who did the damage. Helped troubleshoot the issue and prepared cost assessment. Helped with troubleshoot and phasing operations.

I reviewed plans for Kinder Care and visited site with Jake to get clear understanding of our underground infrastructure and worked on estimates for developer. (Currently working on plan for future loop feed for the Mears Campus.)

Met on site at Seaford Innovation Center to discuss plans for both buildings E.1 and E.2

Followed up with residents in Westview regarding tree trimming and outage caused by trees.

Made plans with City of Milford Electric Department for shipping tools and equipment together for Light Up Navajo Project.

Met with Yoder Doors to replace 3 overhead bay doors in the shop and doors were installed on 4/7/26.

Met on site at Middleford Trailer park to resolve billing issue.

Upcoming Weeks.

Continue work in Governor's Grant Phase 4

Continue work in Mearfield 1 phase 4.

Continue work on Seaford Innovation Center.

Council Liaison Report
Public Works & Wastewater
Departments
Date 04/13/26

Past two weeks:

Public Works:

- DRWA Apprenticeship class toured 534 water facility on 4/1
- Worked on replacing more signs
- Cleaned up multiple properties for Code
- Root cut multiple sewer laterals
- Couple days' worth of picking up big piles
- Contractor here and pulled Arbutus well pump. Working on redeveloping the well and will install asap
- Started painting pipe in Arbutus pump station
- Replaced water service line on Huston St.
- Replaced gear box on 534 soda ash mix tank mixer
- Ran the pump test on the new deep well at 534
- Had new flow meter hooked up
- 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: Plant is running well. Experiencing the seasonal turnover
- Dewatering: Dewatering is performing well
- Completed and submitted annual pretreatment report
- Brian and Ryne attended annual EPA pretreatment conference 4/8-4/10
- Troubleshooting oxic blower #4
- Completed March DMR
- DRWA Apprenticeship class toured facility on 3/25
- Secondary waste pump #1: hydrostatic drive is failing, working on replacement with standard drive and VFD combination; also planning main bearing replacement
- Headworks project is on-going

Upcoming two weeks:

Public Works

- CCTV project to start April 20th
- Get Arbutus well back on-line
- Prepare FY27 paving bids
- Hook up Arbutus flow meter
- Run water line to SVLS

WWTF & COMPOST

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