

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 28, 2025
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 Grasset

Staff Members Present:

Charles Anderson, City Manager
Trisha Newcomer, Director of Economic Dev. & Comm.
Relations
Mike Bailey, Building Official
Greg Brooke, Director of Electric
Chief of Police, Marshall Craft
Beth Stewart, Recording Secretary

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

Invocation

Invocation led by Councilman Holland.

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

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

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 October 14, 2025.

Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 14, 2025. Councilman Quillen seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy asked for a vote; all present voted in favor.

Kimberly Schlichting, President & CEO and Rob Cote, Chief Operating Officer of the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation presented Mayor MacCoy, Councilman Mike Bradley and Director of Electric, Greg Brooke the Safety, Reliability and Smart Energy Provider awards that were received at the DEMEC annual dinner held September 17, 2025.

Chief of Police Marshall Craft introduced newly promoted Officers: Lieutenant Valerie Horn; Sergeants, Toby Laurion, Joe Palm, Kyle Jones and Ashlyn Hare.

Trisha Newcomer, Director of Economic Development & Community Relations introduced Kylie King, the new Marketing Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor MacCoy inquired if there was anyone there for Public Comment;

1. Alekza Elliot of Seaford, Delaware, signed up to speak at public comment, however she was not present to speak at the meeting.

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2. Sonny Patel of 24058 Sussex Highway, Seaford, Delaware spoke about ideas for the Seaford Inn Hotel.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Cypress Haven LLC., property owner of a vacant lot on Hall Street, Tax map and parcel #531-13.06-46.00, is seeking a Final Site Plan review for the construction of two proposed 6-unit townhouses and associated utilities, stormwater and parking.**

Building Official, Mike Bailey came forward and presented the information for approval of the request of Cypress Haven, LLC., property owner of a vacant lot on Hall Street, Tax map and parcel #531-13.06-46.00, for Final Site Plan approval for the construction of two proposed 6-unit townhouses and associated utilities, stormwater and parking.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from council; Vice Mayor Henderson inquired about any adjustments that were applied for and granted? Mr. Bailey responded that he did receive a variance for the exterior materials of the building, which was a mixture of stone in a cementitious board plank type material, very modern, which the Board of Adjustment had approved of that request. City Manager Charles Anderson asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this plan. Mr. Bailey responded yes, they approved of the plan with no concerns. Mayor MacCoy solicited any further questions from council and the public; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Henderson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Holland seconded the motion, Mayor MacCoy then called for a vote, all present voted in favor, the motion so passed.

Mayor MacCoy closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular meeting at 7:17 P.M.

Building Official, Mike Bailey then presented the Finding of Facts for the Public Hearing Item #1:

Findings of Facts:

- Project: Cypress Haven Townhouses Final Site Plan
- Owners: Cypress Haven, LLC
- Property Locations- N. Hall Street
- Tax Map & Parcel: 531-13.06-46.00
- Zoning: R3 High Density Residential
- Proposing to construct (2) 6-unit townhouse buildings
- 28 parking spaces provided
- Onsite storm water
- Dumpster enclosure
- Received approvals from: City Engineer for Stormwater, State Fire Marshall, Sussex Conservation

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Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion. Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the request of Cypress Haven, LLC., property owner of a vacant lot on Hall Street, Tax map and parcel #531-13.06-46.00, for Final Site Plan approval for the construction of two proposed 6-unit townhouses and associated utilities, stormwater and parking as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions on the Motion; there were none.

Mayor MacCoy then asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Holland voted yes based on the findings of facts;

Councilman Bradley voted yes based on the findings of facts;

Councilman Quillen voted yes based on the findings of facts;

Councilman Henderson voted yes based on the findings of facts and the benefit to the community;

Councilwoman Grasset voted yes based on the findings of facts;

The motion so passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Members of the Seaford Community Swim Center to provide the City Council an update regarding 2025 pool season.

Sheila Kintz, Treasurer for the Seaford Community Swim Center, came forward and presented updates that took place in the 2025 pool season and anticipated updates for the upcoming 2026 season.

Mayor MacCoy inquired about why she felt there was an increase in memberships this past year. Ms. Kintz responded that the Swim Center did more advertising on the Kiwanis Park Message Board, passed out flyers, and she felt the word is getting out by word of mouth, she reported that some people that she spoke to were unaware that there was a community pool in Seaford.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; Councilman Holland asked if the membership fee can be paid through the season. Ms. Kintz responded no, the full amount of the membership fee has to be paid when you sign up, but the early bird rate runs until May 15, 2026, then the rate goes to the regular rate. Councilman Henderson inquired if the swim center has ever done any polling to see how the rates stack up with other community pools in the region. Ms. Kintz responded that she has looked into this and reported that their rates are lower than most. She reported that they are very competitive with Seaford Swimming Association, and that their rates may be slightly more because of the way they set it up but their rates are much better than compared to some of the pools located over on the eastern side of the state. Councilman Quillen inquired if the facility rents out for pool parties and/or events and if so, is there a fee. Ms. Kintz responded that yes, they do, and the fee depends on whether you are a member and the number of attendees that will be swimming. Mayor MacCoy inquired if the pool still holds swim meets. Ms. Kintz responded that they still do hold swim meets at their pool. Councilman Quillen inquired if they partner with SSA for the swim team. Ms. Kintz responded, yes they have been a partner with SSA for about 4 years, and it has been going great. She reported that they support one another. She reported the Swim Center uses their pool for the meets because it is a meter pool, it has better swim blocks, and it is in better shape, however they share the practices between the two pools. Councilman Quillen inquired if they have any type of partnership with the Senior Center. Ms. Kintz responded that they do have seniors from

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the Senior Center that come over and swim and up until this year they had a partnership where they would trade days, where they would use their facility for their swim team banquet, and the Senior Center would use the pool's facility to have a senior swim night. Mayor MacCoy thanked them for all they do for the community.

2. Bids-Service Truck with Snowplow.

City Manager, Charles Anderson, presented Director of Public Works, Berley Mears's recommendation to award the bid for a 2026 Service Truck with Snowplow to IG Burton-Berlin Chevrolet in the amount of \$87,650.00 with no trade-in. He reported that Mr. Mears felt that he could sell the trade-in locally and receive more than the amount offered. Mr. Anderson reported that \$100,000 was budgeted for this purchase, so this came in under budget.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any questions from Council; there were no questions.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion. Councilwoman Quillen made a motion to award the bid for a Service Truck with Snowplow to IG Burton-Berlin Chevrolet in the amount of \$87,650.00 as presented. Councilman Holland seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy asked for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

3. Present for approval of a funding plan to demolish the building located at 24058 Sussex Highway SCTM#331-5.00-68.00 owned by Galaxy Hospitality as an unbudgeted expenditure.

Building Official, Mike Bailey came forward and presented the information to approve the funding plan to demolish the building located at 24058 Sussex Highway SCTM#331-5.00-68.00 owned by Galaxy Hospitality as an unbudgeted expenditure.

City Manager, Charles Anderson presented information on the funding plan and the estimated cost of demolition would be \$450,000.00. He reported that he discussed the funding needs for this project with Director of Finance, June Merritt and he reported that the city does have funds available to cover this funding in the Hotel/Motel Tax Reserve Account. Mr. Anderson reported that the recommendation from staff, should council want to proceed with demolition, would be to utilize that fund earmarked for that cost.

Councilman Bradley reported that this building has been an eyesore for some time, and he feels the city has been more than accommodating to the owner and it is time to move forward. Councilman Quillen echoed what Councilman Bradley stated, and he reported that Mayor and Council have been working very hard to clean up the city and have made a lot of progress. He reported he appreciates the ideas presented for the building; however, ideas have been previously presented and nothing has transpired. He reported that he felt that they should proceed with the demolition of this building. Vice Mayor Henderson reported that there have been demolition orders in the past that have not taken place and he wanted to know if there was any other resort that the owner can do to rehabilitate this building in a timely fashion. City Manager, Anderson reported on the steps of the demolition process and reasons why sometimes the order does not succeed. Councilman Bradley reported if he were the one representing the building, that he would have presented a plan, something tangible showing their commitment for following through with their ideas. Councilwoman Grassett reported that she wanted to make it clear that the city does not

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own this property, the city has no ability to turn it into anything. The owner is the party responsible in determining the future of the building. She reported the city only has the ability to have the building demolished and the fee for the demolition would then be a lien on the property.

Mayor MacCoy asked Building Official, Mike Bailey if the building was safe and if the demolition contract would include both the demolition of the building and the filling of the pool. Mr. Bailey reported the contract would include both the demolition of the building and the filling of the pool. Councilman Holland inquired if the building was purchased by another person, would it still need to be demolished because of its condition. Mr. Bailey reported an evaluation would have to be done on the structure to ensure whether it is structurally sound. Councilman Quillen inquired if Council can bring the owner in and have him present his ideas of what he wants to do with the building prior to the building being demolished. Mr. Anderson reported that yes Council has that right, but if the city bids, the presentation would need to be presented prior to the city entering into any contract as they will then become liable for that service.

Mayor MacCoy solicited any further questions from Council; there were no questions.

Mayor MacCoy then called for a motion. Councilwoman Grassett made a motion to approve the funding plan to demolish the building located at 24058 Sussex Highway SCTM#331-5.00-68.00 owned by Galaxy Hospitality as an unbudgeted expenditure as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Mayor MacCoy asked for a vote; all present voted in favor; the motion so passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING NEW MEETINGS:

None.

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

Code, Parks and Recreation – Councilwoman Stephanie Grassett

Police & Fire – Councilman Dan Henderson

Administration – Councilman Orlando Holland

Electric – Councilman Mike Bradley

Public Works & WWTF – Councilman Alan Quillen

Mayor MacCoy wished our Seaford Blue Jay's good luck on Friday Night playing at Delaware State University and wished everyone to have a Happy and Safe Halloween.

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Mayor MacCoy called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

Councilman Quillen made a motion to close the Regular Council Meeting. Councilwoman Grassett seconded the motion; the motion so passed with all voting in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Charles D. Anderson, City Manager
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Approved by Council: November 11, 2025

10/27/2025

Code Department Report

- Issuing permits (333 Issued in 2025)
- Rental Licenses (1,844 Units)
- Rental inspections are scheduled and being completed.
- 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 – Ryan homes finishing the lots they have permitted and are not continuing in Mearfield. 17 Lots remain in phase 4.
- BelleAyre Single Family –Danfield Dr – Lennar has 2 final homes nearly completed.
- 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 ready to go 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.
- Modwash – Old carwash has been demolished, site has been graded, footer for new building poured. Electric transformer relocated. Building Plumbing work started.
- Governors Grant Phase 4 – Utility installation underway. Lots are being graded.
- Aldi – SCD and Deldot approvals expected shortly. Permit ready to issue as soon as we get copies of the approvals.
- Cookout – Received revised copies of final plans for review. Still working on architectural plans for submission.
- Seaford Inn – Discussed potential demolition at planning session. Rough estimate of \$450,000 for demolition. Owner may be in attendance at Council Meeting and wishes to speak at public comment regarding their plans for the building.

Parks & Recreation
Council Liaison Report
for 10/27/25 Council Meeting

Accomplished week of 10/13

Parks – Dropped off picnic tables to the Ross Mansion for Fall Festival
Parks – Prepped fields for sports leagues and rentals
Parks – Began working on resolving issues with irrigation in multiple locations
Rec. – Held 7 th week of Youth Flag & Youth Soccer – began playoffs for 6-9 Flag League and 9U & 13U Soccer
Rec. – Held 10 th week of Men’s Slow Pitch (playoffs to begin 10/21)
Rec. – Have 70 kids registered for youth basketball
Parks&Rec. – Have 16 people registered for NYC Bus Trip
Parks&Rec. – Attended the Seaford Tomorrow monthly meeting on 10/13
Parks&Rec. – Attended Ross Mansion Fall Festival on 10/19, participating in their trunk-r-treat – around 700 kids in attendance

Accomplished week of 10/20

Parks – Began edging sports complex sidewalk
Parks – Prepped fields for sports leagues and rentals
Parks – Worked on repairs to irrigation at Kiwanis Park & Police Station (replaced 2 valves and re-piped area, had to remove 1 bush)
Rec. – Held 8 th week of Youth Flag & Youth Soccer – Congratulations to the Bears, our 6-9 Champs!
Rec. – Held 11 th week of Men’s Slow Pitch – congratulations to “A” Division Champs, the Bucks!
Rec. – Have 80+ kids registered for youth basketball – registration will close, Friday, October 31st
Parks&Rec. – Have 28 people registered for NYC Bus Trip
Parks&Rec. – Attended the City’s annual Planning Session
Parks&Rec. – Participated in the Boys & Girls Club Trunk-r-Treat and won 3 rd place for the set-up, around 1,000 kids attended

Two Week Work Report

10/13/25 to 10/24/25

Charles Anderson, June Merritt &
Trisha Newcomer

MEETINGS:

- Attended the City Planning Session.
- Participated in the Sussex County weather bridge call.
- Attended the Downtown Development District workshop in Dover.
- Attended a meeting regarding new emergency generators to be installed at Tidal Health Nanticoke.
- Met with Bill Witicar with DP&L regarding transfer of electric services for the Sunrise Motel.
- Attended the quarterly golf course meeting with Adkins Management.

OTHER WORK:

- Prepared the Council agenda.
- Attended the PW truck & snowplow bid opening.
- Made inspections of the locker room expansion at the PD.
- Participated in police candidate interviews.
- Spoke with Randall Larrimore regarding the next phases of the Oyster House Park project.
- Attended the robotic summit at Tidal Health.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

- Work on in-car wireless connections in police vehicles.
- Work with the State of DE on server connectivity.
- Troubleshooting work with security camera system.
- Met w/ TidalHealth regarding fiber connections.
- Met w/ City Leadership regarding security camera locations.
- Began swapping phones to new service carrier phones
- Prep work for Nylon Capital fiber and camera network.
- Routine calls for technical assistance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR COUNCIL:

- Prepare for FY 2025 audit.
- Attend annual planning session.
- Prepare for new RAVE system for messaging.
- Prepare quarterly grant reports.
- 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



Meeting of Mayor and City Council
Tuesday, 28 October 2025
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 John Wilson

Fire Statistics

Month / Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2025	1051 calls	3.4
October 2025	95 Calls*	3.3

*Calls per day so far in the month

EMS Statistics

Month / Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2025	3829 calls	12.7
October 2025	336 Calls*	12.0

*Calls per day so far in the month

Total Department Responses

Year	Calls to date	Call per day
Total 2025	4880 calls	16.2

Significant Incidents

- 10/07/2025 – (Assist 72) – Motor Vehicle Crash with Entrapment- Sussex Highway
- 10/08/2025 - (out of City) - Motor Vehicle Crash with Entrapment – W. Stein Highway
- 10/08/2025- (Assist 71) - Motor Vehicle Crash with Entrapment – Laurel Road
- 10/24/2025 – (Assist 74) – Working Building Fire – Bi-State Blvd
- 10/26/2025 – (Assist 71) Building Fire – Kings Court

Apparatus Status

- Rescue 87 is still out of service for bodywork
- Tanker 87 Out of Service at Chamber for Code reading and maintenance

Training

- **Next Training** Wednesday, November 5, 2024, at 1900 hours – Vehicle Rescue Evolution at Station 71 pad

Count of Classes and People by Class Category with Class Hours and Man Hours for Date Range
Passed/Failed: Both Passed and Failed | Start Date: 01/01/2025 | End Date: 12/31/2025

	CLASS COUNT	TOTAL CLASS HOURS	COUNT OF PEOPLE	TOTAL MAN HOURS
Career Daily Training	302	317:45	1377	1534:25
Community Service Training	1	1:30	10	15:00
DSFS Core Classes	16	261:00	32	460:00
DSFS - Delaware Learning - ONLINE	1	3:00	1	3:00
DSFS - Other Class	1	5:00	6	30:00
DVFA Conference	5	13:45	27	65:45
EMS	3	4:00	34	46:00
Fire Officer Training	15	88:45	78	138:45
Firefighter Training	15	23:00	59	101:00
National Fire Academy Class	1	48:00	1	48:00
Probationary/Junior Training	18	33:30	131	249:30
Rescue Training	1	1:00	6	6:00
Special Operations Training	1	1:00	5	5:00
SVFD Driver Training	65	73:00	157	173:00
Wednesday Training Nights	15	32:15	228	515:00
GRAND TOTALS:	460	906:30	2152	3390:25

Emergency Medical Services

- All EMS units are in service
- FF/EMT Hunter Hardesty completed his second year of service with SVFD
Ambulance License for 2026 with the State Fire Commission office has been sent in

News and Events

2025 Community Events, Meetings, and Fire Prevention Total

# Events	Total Personnel	Total hours
150	1366	2634.75

- SVFD members will judge the Fire Prevention Poster and Essay on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, so we can get the 1st place winners to Sussex County for judging.
- SVFD has provided Fire Prevention and safety information to over 2660 Children and 209 Adults in the last month.
- Fire Policeman Frank Bradley, Jr. has his last meeting serving as President of the Sussex County Fire Police Association tonight, 10/28/2025, at Bethany Beach Fire Co.
- Junior Firefighters Carson Hasting and Brayden Truitt have been voted into active membership, and both completed the required training to receive their Black Helmet Shield to give them Interior Firefighter qualifications.

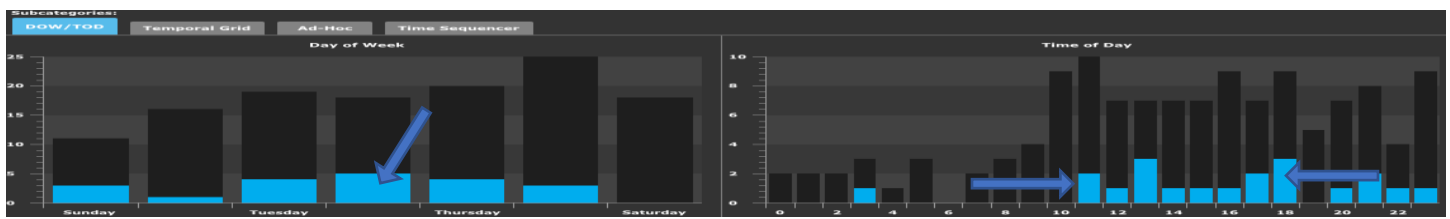
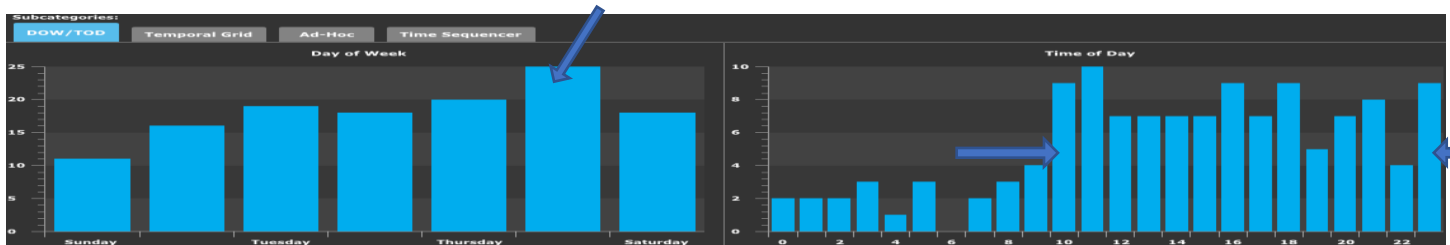


Seaford Police Department

Police Activity during period of **Monday, October 13, 2025 – Sunday, October 26, 2025** as reported by Chief Marshal Craft, Jr.:

INCIDENTS	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	9,518	12,552	11,112	9,593	10,686
All crimes	3,801	5,559	5,010	6,164	6,107
Homicide	2	0	1	0	0
Robbery	6	15	24	8	14
Sex Crimes	33	22	25	18	30
Burglary	52 (22 Burg/30 TFV)	57 (24 Burg/33 TFV)	122 (58 Burg/64 TFV)	197	133
Drug Crimes	189	481	285	444	416
Overdose	15	32	43	31	26
All Traffic (E-Tickets)	4,870 (2,835)	7,527 (3,422)	6,579 (1,898)	8,168 (2,105)	8,098 / (2,021)
All DUI	69	102	72	79	71
All Crashes	521	741	684	656	620
False Alarms	305	373	343	546	521

- All crimes: **127** (defendants: **15** adults & **0** juveniles)
 - Felony: **7**
 - Misdemeanor: **40**
 - Violations: **7**
 - Civil: **0**
 - Other: **73**
- 81% Clearance Rate** (overall = **14** PA and **10** PI) Friday from 1000-2300 (See Crime Chart below)



Additional Crime Data below: There were **20** complaints, including Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor vehicle theft, Robbery, and Weapon: (**6** Felonies and **14** Misdemeanors); excluding shoplifting: (**45%**

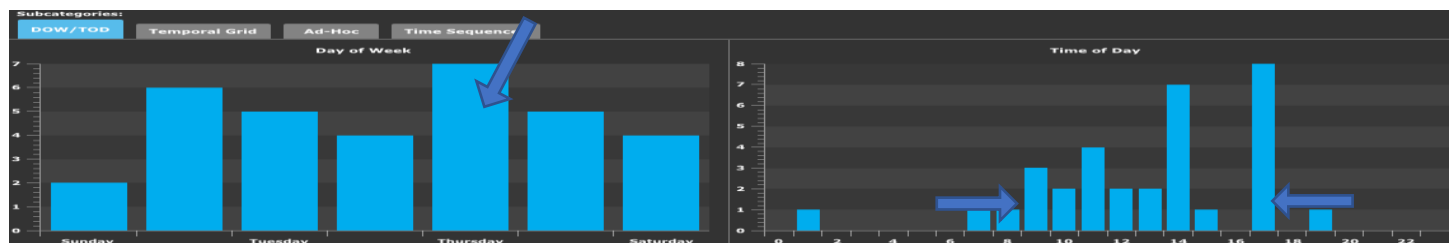
clearance rate): 7 PA, 4 PI, 3 A/A, 0 J/A, 6 E/C, and 0 U/F. Most incidents occurred on Wednesday from 1100-1800.

Drug Complaints:

- Drug Crimes: 8
 - Adult Arrest: 6
 - Juvenile Arrest: 0
 - Juvenile/No Custody: 0
 - Pending Active: 1
 - Pending Inactive: 0
 - Prosecution declined: 1
- Search Warrant(s): 2
- Seized Firearms: 0
- Money Seized: 0
- Overdose: 1

Traffic:

- Contacts/Citations: **173** traffic contacts resulting in **68** citations and **16** warnings
- DUI: **2** (2- Alcohol / 0- drug-related) - 2 crash-related
- Crashes: **33**
 - Fatal: 0
 - Injury: 1 (Front St. & Norman Eskridge)
 - Non-Reportable: 12
 - Reportable: 20
 - **Additional Information:**
 - Hit & Run: 9 (6-priv. prop parking lots; Sussex Hwy & Tharp Rd., Norman Eskridge & Chandler St., and Norman Eskridge & North St.)
 - Bicycle: 0
 - Motorcycle/Scooter: 0
 - Pedestrian: 0
 - School Bus: 0
 - Alcohol/drug-related crash: 2
 - Incidents: Thursday, from 0900-1700 (**See Crash chart below**)



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

Summary Report:

- **UPDATE – 09/09/25 Bank Robbery – M&T Bank Stein Highway**
Complaint #71-25-8068. (Related complaint #s: #9429, #9165, #9368)
On September 9, 2025, SPD investigated a bank robbery at the M&T Bank located on Stein Highway. The suspect, Donald Gross, was identified, and an active arrest warrant was obtained.

Following the Seaford incident, Gross committed another bank robbery in Maryland, prompting notification to the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Task Force. Gross went on to commit two additional bank robberies between Delaware and Maryland.

On October 24, 2025, SPD officers received information from alert community members regarding Gross's location. With assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Task Force, Donald Gross and co-conspirator Marlyn Gramajo-Gutierrez were apprehended without incident.

Seaford PD CID detectives interviewed both defendants. During the interview, Gross confessed to five separate robberies: Two Bank Robberies in Maryland (Hurlock and Cambridge), two bank robberies in Seaford, and an armed robbery at the Bora Beauty Supply in Seaford.

Charges: Robbery 1st, Conspiracy 2nd., Terroristic Threatening, Menacing

Disposition: Committed to SCI

10/14/25 – Bank Robbery – M&T Bank on Sussex Highway (See UPDATE above)

Complaint #71-25-9165

SPD units were dispatched to M&T Bank on Sussex Highway in reference to a robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers learned the suspect was described as an older Black male who presented a note to the teller demanding \$5,000 in specific denominations.

An SPD detective observed the note and immediately recognized the handwriting as being consistent with a prior robbery suspect. SPD units and Trooper 2 conducted an area search but were unable to locate the suspect.

Officers later reviewed surveillance footage at Food Lion, which showed the suspect arriving at approximately 1350 hours before entering the M&T Bank. He was seen leaving at 1405 hours, running behind the Hallmark store, and entering a silver Nissan Maxima with a handicap placard hanging from the rearview mirror. The suspect vehicle exited the parking lot near AutoZone around 1407 hours and was observed traveling southbound on Sussex Highway, which was confirmed through in-car camera footage from responding units.

Charges: Robbery 1st, Conspiracy 2nd., Terroristic Threatening, Menacing

Disposition: Committed to SCI – 10/24/25

10/17/25 – Stolen Vehicle at Yorktowne Lane in Virginia Crest - Complaint #71-25-9251

SPD responded to a report of a stolen vehicle described as a 2013 white Hyundai Sonata bearing Delaware registration 317734. A witness reported seeing a 2019 Hyundai Elantra (MD registration 3EV7646) pull up next to the Sonata. A subject exited the Elantra, entered the Sonata, and drove away at a high rate of speed, followed closely by the Elantra.

A FLOCK Safety camera inquiry showed both vehicles entering Woodland Mills, where the suspects switched vehicles before fleeing the area. The Elantra was later located abandoned in the Woodland Mills parking lot and was found to have been stolen from Caroline County, Maryland, though it had not yet been entered into NCIC. The steering column was damaged, and a USB cord was found near the ignition.

The suspects are described as two Black males appearing to be in their 20s. The Sonata was entered into NCIC as stolen. On 10/18/25, the vehicle was located and stopped in Maryland with three juveniles inside. It was towed to Dorchester County for processing.

Charges: Pending

Disposition: Pending Active

10/25/25 – Death Investigation – Little League Fields, Field #5 - Complaint #71-25-9462

SPD responded to the Nanticoke Little League fields for a welfare check on an individual lying on the ground. Upon arrival, officers determined the individual was deceased. CID and the Medical Examiner's Office responded and took custody of the body.

No signs of foul play were observed. It was noted that the decedent had been at Nanticoke on 10/24/25 for COPD-related issues. Next of kin was notified.

Charges: N/A

Disposition: Pending Active

10/25/25 – Traffic stop on Chandler St. leads to seizure of Powder Cocaine - Complaint #71-25-9468

An SPD officer conducted a traffic stop on Chandler Street for a vehicle displaying suspended registration due to canceled insurance. The operator confirmed the insurance had been canceled.

During an inventory search, approximately 4.2 grams of powder cocaine were discovered. The driver, identified as George Williams, was arrested and charged accordingly. He was video-arraigned at JP Court #3 and released on unsecured bond.

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, No Insurance, Canceled Reg. & Failure to Surrender Reg.
Disposition: Arrest Adult

10/25/25 – Trespass at Nylon Capitol Shopping Center - Complaint #71-25-9471

SPD has responded to the Nylon Capitol Shopping Center for several complaints of trespassing related to Suspect Donald Ferreira panhandling in the parking lot. This activity led to the owner/developer banning this type of activity and Mr. Ferreira being banned from the property back on 10/02/25. He allegedly returned to the property on 10/25/25, operating the same white Hyundai SUV, DE Tag #PC548235, and pulled up beside a lady and her grandchildren, causing her concern. Mr. Ferreira was goa, but identified, and warrants are on file at SPD.

Charges: Trespass 3rd (Warrant)

Disposition: Pending Active

10/26/25 – Terroristic Threatening, Offensive Touching, Menacing at the Party Corner - Complaint #71-25-9509

SPD responded to Party Corner for a report of a terroristic threatening incident. The victim stated that a male subject identifying as transgender entered the store and said, "You don't like transgenders, and I'm going to hit you." The suspect then grabbed a liquor bottle, threatened to "cut" the victim, and attempted to throw it. The victim managed to grab the bottle before the suspect pushed her to the ground.

Charges: Pending

Disposition: Pending active

Admin:

- Attended Director, Staff, Liaison, and Council meetings as scheduled - Chief
- 10/14/25: Statewide Chiefs meeting (DACP): Chief
- 10/20/25: SPD Applicant Interviews (5 applicants) - Chief & D. Chief
- 10/21/25: Sussex County Chiefs Meeting (SCPCA) - Chief
- 10/21/25: Seaford Empowerment Coalition (SEC) Zoom Meeting - Chief
- 10/22/25: Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Meeting - Chief & D. Chief
- 10/23/25: Pine Street camera meeting - Chief, IT, City Manager, & Code
- 10/24/25: Planning Session meeting - Chief & D. Chief

Community Events:

- Ongoing "Food On" Program in partnership with the HELP Initiative - SPD Officers
- 10/16/25: West. Seaford Trunk or Treat - SRO Wingate & Senior CST Tharp
- 10/19/25: Ross Mansion Trunk or Treat - Cpl. J. Matthews & Ptlm. Rivera-Cruz
- 10/23/25: Cones w/Cops at Slingers - numerous officers (dozen)
- 10/24/25: Boys & Girls Club Trunk or Treat - Lt. Horn, Cpl. Wilson & Senior CST Tharp
- 10/25/25: Sea witch (Rehoboth) - Lt. Horn & Cpl. J. Matthews

Training/Other:

- SPEAR Team Training (ongoing) twice / month - Team Members
- 10/13/17 - 10/17/25: Homicide Conference - Cpl. Nanola
- 10/20/25 - 10/22/25: Hometown Security Conf. - Lt. Little, Lt. Horn, Lt. Mills, Sgt Chambers, & Ptlm. Brumbley
- 10/22/25: M6-IC Armorer Program - M/Cp. Linville & Ptlm. Blake

Total Criminal Arrests:

Arrests YTD	2025 Total	2025 Adult	2025 Juv	2024 Total	2024 Adult	2024 Juv	2023 Total	2023 Adult	2023 Juv	2022 Total	2022 Adult	2022 Juv	2021 Total	2021 Adult	2021 Juv	
Total	411	385	26	720	642	78	523	455	68	630	571	59	586	511	75	

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



Dan H Henderson

Council Liaison Report

Electric Department

Period ending 10/26/25

Since the last report

Crew

Mike Yelverton and Chris Andrews completed Lab 2 of lineman training with TVPPA hosted at DEMEC.

Trimmed trees.

Replaced pole at 508 E. King Street that was broken off by vehicle.

Pulled in underground secondaries and set streetlights in Mearfield Phase 4

Worked with Compliance Environmental to begin 3-year infrared scan of our distribution system.

Director

Met with Charles, Jay Waller, and engineer from Diamond State Engineering to discuss addition of two new stand-by generators at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

Met with Charles and Delmarva Power regarding service to Sunrise Motel.

Had Microsoft teams discussion with Scott Lynch from DEMEC regarding hosting capacity study.

Met with Parks and Rec regarding trees in right of way in Seaford Industrial Park.

Attended supervisory training at DEMEC.

Attended Annual planning session at Nanticoke Senior Center.

Upcoming Weeks.

Continue work in Mearfield 1 phase 4.

Continue work on Seaford Innovation Center.

Continue replacing streetlights

Council Liaison Report
Public Works & Wastewater
Departments
Date 10/27/25

Past two weeks:

Public Works:

- Finished flushing fire hydrants
- Replaced hydrant on Rt 13 that was hit by car
- Rotated tires on all service trucks
- Replaced water service to 217 King St.
- Filled potholes in town
- Cleaned key sewers
- Installed water tap and service line for new house on Rust St.
- Received new 2500 gallon brine tank
- Repaired break away on hydrant at Lowes
- Repaired service leak on Phillips St.
- Cleaned up a couple properties for Code
- Locating services for GIS database
- Attended planning session
- Couple Operators had classes
- 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...
- Multiply employees on vacation

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- Plant: Performance is good.
- Dewatering: Improved performance due to cooler weather. Ran another trial polymer on press 10/20. Planning to evaluate press capability at design flows next few weeks.
- PAA trial concluded on 10/13, back on chlorination/dichlorination system for disinfection.
- Reviewing information on water conditioning system discharges.
- Process for implementing NSCIU classification is complete.
- Submitted DMRQA45 Permittee Data Report to DNREC.
- Received and installed rebuilt EQ pump in FE3.
- Scheduled service for replacement of failed backup camera on loader-warranty covered.
- West secondary clarifier placed back online 10/22.
- Sampled Orient and Rapa IUs.
- Installed the second of the new/upgraded BNR pumps.
- Powerscreen was picked up

Upcoming two weeks:

Public Works

- Install new water services to lots on King St.
- Replace water service on Pond St.
- Start with leaf machine
- Run water line to SVLS
- Order materials to replace flow meter at Arbutus station
- Flush fire hydrants

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