

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
February 10, 2025
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 10, 2025. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor David Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Marquise Broom, Diana Dolan-Beulah, and Bill Brittingham.

Staff: Chief Guild, Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

Public: Richard Tull representing Lank, Johnson and Tull. Sean Moriarty and John Feehan from the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC).

Presentation of FY24 Audit:

Richard Tull presented the FY24 Audit to Council (see attached Audit). Richard stated it was a decent year for the town there were no red flags.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the January 2025 police report.

- New vehicle will be delivered in March.
- 3 out of 4 officers completed ALERT training. Simms scheduled later this month.
- Influx of felony cases recently.
- Sean Moriarty and John Feehan presenting the police department with a Certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation for earning State Accreditation for the next three years.
- 205 calls of service for the month of January.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve the January 2025 Police Report. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

- Total Alarms for the month –28

Budget Report:

Amy presented the January 2025 Budget Report.

- Crack sealer that was purchased with ARPA funding, will be delivered later this month.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to accept the January 2025 Budget Report. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the January 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the January 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of Railroad Avenue- Repaved due to installation of Gas Lines:

- Mayor Kelley opened up the discussion by stating the black top job on Railroad Ave was not done to town standards.
- They placed a black strip of sealant down the middle due to laying the paving down when it was too cold.
- Mayor Kelley thinks the town should request the whole road be repaved in the spring.
- Mayor Kelley will have Josh contact George and Lynch to discuss all the issues with the road and insist to have it repaved.

Discussion of Medical Marijuana Establishments in the Town:

- Amy stated Delaware is starting to give out applications for marijuana establishments.
- Discussion on pros and cons of having such establishment in the town limits.
- Amy will contact Barrett about drafting up an ordinance.

Discussion of New Tax Rate due to County Reassessments:

- Amy stated she has been working on new tax rate with Kent County's new assessments.
- New rate will go down in price since assessments have risen. Some citizens taxes will go up and some will go down.
- At the moment Amy is proposing a \$.30 rate in order to keep the same revenue.

Utility Building- Update:

- Waiting for contract from Diamond State.
- Waiting for DelDOT entrance approval off of Walnut St.
- We need DelDOT approval before drawing up set plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date