

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
March 9, 2026
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 9, 2026. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor David Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Marquise Broom and Patrick Forey.

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

Public: Nisha Lodhavia, candidate running for the Delaware State Senate to represent Senate District 15.

Swearing in of Council Members:

Mayor David Kelley swore in Joanne Clendaniel and Patrick Forey.
Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel swore in David Kelley.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Broom seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm to go into Executive Session.

Town Council Meeting was reconvened at 6:38pm.

Mayor David Kelley advised everyone that they will be staying in the same order with him returning as mayor and Joanne as Vice- Mayor.

Public Comments:

- Nisha Lodhavia running for the 15th District Senate Seat introduced herself. She has leadership and board experience. She wants to focus on affordable healthcare, strengthen public schools, and help with small businesses and farmers to find the workers that they need.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the February 2026 police report.

- In-car cameras have been installed in every police vehicle except the F150 truck. That will be scheduled once the truck is finished with the emergency equipment installation.
- SLEAF grant was approved for the new duty weapons. Just received the funding today.
- Accreditation moving forward with checking files.
- 2-3 weeks for the F150 truck to be finished with installation.

- Discussion on status of hiring a fourth police officer. Lt. Darling working on that process.
- Discussion on outfitting the electric police truck.
- 178 calls of service for the month of February.
- 375 calls of service for the calendar year.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve the February 2026 Police Report. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

There was no report.

Budget Report:

Amy presented the February 2026 Budget Report.

- Carry over number has been added due to the audit being completed.
- DRWA is working on doing a water rate study for the town.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the February 2026 Budget Report. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the February 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and March 4, 2026 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Councilmember Forey made a motion to accept the February 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and March 4, 2026 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Generator Service Contract:

- Currently the town has two generators. One being used at Town Hall, and the other being used at the water treatment facility.
- Schagrín Gas performs maintenance on the generator at town hall twice a year for an annual fee of \$365
- Schagrín Gas does not do the repairs, so if something is needed to be repaired on the generators Josh would have to call Roy's electrical service to come in and do the repair.
- Roy's electrical service just did a repair on the generator at the water treatment facility. They gave us a proposal to perform maintenance on both generators; they would perform maintenance twice a year for an annual fee of \$1,001.
- Roy's can do both the maintenance and the repairs.
- Schagrín's contract ends in June.
- Discussion on finishing out Schagrín's contract and starting Roy's Electrical on July 1st.

Motion: Councilmember Forey made a motion to approve Roy's Electrical maintenance plan to service both generators starting July 1st assuming quote is still good from December 25th. Councilmember Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Shore United Bank:

- Felton PD is currently investigating a fraudulent check that was washed and cashed from the town.
- Shore United Bank is proposing the town to pay for a service called Positive Pay which has a monthly fee of \$75. With this service the town will upload a spreadsheet of all checks that were cut. They will then review and if there is any slight change to the check they will stop payment.
- Discussion on utilizing the service at no charge since the town has numerous accounts with Shore United Bank.
- Mayor Kelley and Amy will speak with Shore United Bank about the fee.

First reading of Article IV, Title 33- An Ordinance Controlling the Height of Grass, Weeds and other Vegetation within the Town of Felton and Establishing Penalties for Violations

Thereof:

- Enforce grass/weeds on curbs, and sidewalks.
- Enforce grass blown on the streets which end up clogging the drainage system.
- Added a civil penalty per day.
- Will need to put this in the newspaper before each grass season to remind residents.
- The 2nd Reading scheduled for April 13th. Public Hearing will start at 6pm.

Discussion of FY27 Budget:

- Discussion on salaries and recruitment.
- Amy suggested a flat increase to salaries this year instead of a percentage.
- Discussion on different revenues for the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm to go into Executive Session

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:21pm

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to adjourn executive session to go into regular meeting. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion: Vice- Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to remove fourth officer position from the FY27 budget and add pay increases for police officers per the chief's recommendation. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date