

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
June 8, 2026
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 8, 2026. Present at the meeting were:

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

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

Public: Casey Bailey, president of the LFCEF, Resident Joselito Arroyo, Dottie Carroll, and Joe Shanahan, representing RWE Clean Energy.

Public Comments:

- Dottie expressed in the past she put her trash bins on Walnut/Buttersworth Street which is on the side of her property. But the new trash company will only pick the trash bin up on Main Street which is what her address states. Her concern is that the trash truck blocks traffic on Main Street when collecting her bins. Tracey stated that Dottie was having an issue with Casella always missing her trash because she was putting the bins on Buttersworth Street. Dottie expressed she is older and moving the bins to Main Street is a lot for her. Mayor Kelley said we will reach out to the trash company and see if they are able to pick her bins up at Buttersworth Street. The decision will be up to the trash company if they cannot do this Dottie will have to bring her bins to Main Street for trash pick-up.
- Joselito discussed IQ Fiber wanting to come through the town. They are currently working with Harrington, and Viola.

Gobble Wobble:

- Kacey introduced herself as the new president of Lake Forest Community Education Foundation. Mary Voshell has stepped down after many years.
- Last year's Gobble Wobble had 20 sponsors, 569 runners, 24 teams, and raised a total of \$16,151 in grants for the 25/26 school year.
- This year will mark the 10-year anniversary of the Gobble Wobble, which will take place November 22nd.
- Kacey asked council's approval to have the Gobble Wobble 5K Race in the town again, and for the Town of Felton to sponsor the race like they have in the past.
- LFCE are working on bringing new things to the Gobble Wobble. This year they will be honoring the late Linda Chick, who is one of the original founders of LFCE.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to allow LFCE to have the Gobble Wobble event in the town limits, and to do the silver sponsorship. Vice-Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Walnut Street Solar Farm Project- Request for Extension- RWE Energy:

- Joe stated four years ago RWE Energy came for a conditional use for property on Walnut St to use land as a solar farm and they were approved two years ago.
- RWE Energy is requesting to reissue and extend the conditional use and final site plan approval.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to reissue and extend conditional use on parcel 08-07-128.20-01-12.00/000. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the May 2026 police report.

- SLEAF Grant approved for purchase of new duty weapons. They have been ordered but were just told they are on back order until August.
- Submitted for another SLEAF grant for one-time vehicle enhancement for electric police truck. Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Working with Public Works to order compression brake signs.
- Discussion on State of Delaware House Bills and how they affect the Police Department.
- 217 calls of service for the month of May.
- 1047 calls of service for the calendar year.

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

Felton Fire Company Report:

- No report present at the meeting.

Budget Report:

Amy presented the May 2026 Budget Report.

- 8% remaining of the fiscal year.
- Collected more revenues than budgeted.
- Paid for the one-time vehicle enhancement for new police truck with half coming from the remaining police equipment line and the other half by the town.

Motion: Councilmember Forey made a motion to accept the May 2026 Budget Report. Vice-Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the May 11, 2026 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, the May 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and the June 3, 2026 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the May 11, 2026 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, the May 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and the June 3, 2026 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes. Vice-Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution 26-R-01 FY27 Tax Rate:

- No changes to the tax rate.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve Resolution 26-R-01 FY27 Tax Rate. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Approval of FY27 Budget:

- No changes, same as draft budget.

Motion: Councilmember Forey made a motion to accept the FY27 Budget. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Chesapeake Utilities Franchise Agreement:

- Initial agreement has just expired.
- Discussion on franchise fees for allowing utility to operate within the town right away.
- Amy is working with the town attorney on new agreement.
- 20-year agreement.
- Discussion on insurance coverage.
- Discussion on franchise fees, semiannually or quarterly basis.
- Vice-Mayor Clendaniel would like to table this discussion until next meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date