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Police Accountability Council
Meeting Minutes
04/30/2026 at 5 p.m.
Milford Police Department's Community Room

Attendance: Members: Pastor Neyda Albarran, Mark Dissinger, Lillian Frey, Marissa King and Pastor Andy Stevens. Staff/Guests: Chief Cecilia Ashe and Sgt. Timothy Maloney

Absent: Pastor Janet Perez, Benjamin Tilghman, and David Middletown.

- Welcome
 - Chief Cecilia Ashe welcomed the Police Accountability Council (PAC) Members.
 - Chief Ashe talked about a public comment that was made at a previous City Council meeting regarding our PAC information.
- Public Comment
 - Kim Wills: Thanked the police department for what we do.
- Review & Approval of prior Meeting Minutes
 - Meeting Minutes from 04/14/2025, 05/27/2025 and 02/12/2026 were presented and a copy provided to each member. After members reviewed the minutes, Member Marissa King motioned to move approve all three sets of meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Mark Dissinger. All members present approved the motion. The three sets of minutes have been entered into archives and will be posted on the police department's webpage.
- Discussion of Bylaw Creation
 - Sgt. Maloney advised based on discussion we will develop bylaws and provide copy for their review at the July 8 PAC meeting. This item will be moved to Old Business.
- Open Discussion
 - Chief Ashe talked about grant funding received to the Opioid Settlement. Chief Ashe talked about how this money would be used to expand the department's behavioral health unit (BHU).
 - Chief Ashe talked about overdose trends and how the expansion with the BHU using federal grant funding has contributed to a reduction in overdoses citywide.
 - Chief Ashe reviewed the current COMPSTAT report 04/26/2026) with the members.
 - There was a discussion about the city's reduction in homicides and shootings. Chief attributed this to utilizing the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) model and having more resources brought downstate to Kent and Sussex Counties. She

also talked about the U.S. Attorney's new initiative to curb gun crime called Gun Offenders of Lower Delaware (GOLD).

- Chief Ashe provided an overview of the GVI model and advised the council members that we would be having a GVI call-in on July 8 in Milford at the Milford Church of God.
 - Council Members asked if a GVI model could be mimicked to address the homelessness issue in Milford. There was a discussion amongst the members and the Chief about this topic.
 - Members also discussed the idea of hosting a celebration to mark the one year of no shootings/homicides in the city, if we reached that mark in July.
 - Chief Ashe informed the members about a partnership with the Delaware State Police and the Delaware's Office of New Americans. Chief Ashe advised that the goal in the partnership is to hold community meetings with the city's Hispanic and Haitian populations. Similar meetings have occurred in other jurisdictions and they have been very successful in bridging the gap between law enforcement and these minority populations.
 - The council and Chief talked about speeding in the downtown area, the new red light camera program, Flock (Automated License Plate Readers) and the feasibility of crosswalks on SW Front St in the area of My Sister's Fault.
- PAC Training Requirement
 - Chief Ashe reminded PAC members of the 20-hour training requirement. Members who had not completed authorization forms to conduct ride-a-longs at the Milford Police Department completed the forms at this meeting.
 - Meeting Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.