

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 7, 2025

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 7:00pm., Commissioners Baile, Elksnis, Arnold, and Fanelli, and Heiland. Also present were Police Chief Merwede, Fire Chief Clousher, Deputy Chief Wysoski, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer LeFevre, EMA Coordinator Waltman, Township Manager Sweeney, and Assistant Township Manager Klinefelter. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Heiland announced there was an executive session held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, following the Health & Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters. There will also be an executive session this evening following the Public Works Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the June 2, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: *Craig and Jennifer Prieber, 151 Windsor Ct:* Mr. and Mrs. Prieber discussed an issue with a neighbor who does not cut their grass. There are vermin and bugs due to the tall grass. Also in attendance for the issue were Elizabeth Fox, 141 Windsor Ct and Jason Crowell, 121 Windsor Ct. The property in question is 131 Windsor Ct. There is a substation there that is covered in trees. Zoning Officer Lefevre said the code enforcement officer has cited the property owner in the past for the tall grass. She is going to investigate the situation and see what the status is. Manager Sweeney said a citation was filed on June 3rd 2025. Commissioner Heiland told the residents to follow up with the Zoning Officer.

Sharon Narushoff, 11 Willow Ct: Ms. Narushoff reported her house is 123 yards from Baltimore St. She discussed vehicles making loud noises around her house and areas in the Township. She is getting frustrated with Vehicles/Motorcycles making loud noises. She said she submitted the Borough of Hanover's noise ordinance to Penn Township to review. Commissioner Heiland and Chief Merwede said it is difficult to enforce noise created by vehicles due to needing to be at the scene when it happens.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION: Dalton Haymaker with Enterprise presented information on the Fleet Management Program with Enterprise. He reviewed the age of the current fleet within the Township. This program is a lease program for police/public works vehicles. The Township can still use local mechanics and shops for the vehicles. Enterprise can manage any type of vehicle that is non CDL. The system can review the analytics of the vehicle and then can say the best time to trade a vehicle in to help get

the most out of the trade to use towards the next vehicle. Other local municipalities use this fleet management program like the City of York and Springettsbury. This program creates open-ended leases that can be opted-out at any point.

DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIREARMS AND RELATED GEAR: Chief Merwede discussed the proposal of purchasing new firearms and related gear for the police department.

DISCUSS THE 2022 FORD F-150: Chief Merwede discussed the current F-150 that is stripped down and ready to be shifted to another department like Zoning. Township Manager Sweeney suggests moving the F-150 to the Zoning department and taking the current Zoning Department 2013 F-150 to be sold on Municibid.

DISCUSS LEFT TURN SIGNAL ON WILSON AVE AT YORK ST: Engineer Bortner said the counts were completed on June 10 and were submitted to PennDOT to see if they will approve a designated left turn.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Chief Clousher reviewed the prior Fire Commission meeting. Penn Township Firefighters were recognized at the meeting for their years of service. Many of them were recognized for serving for 25 years.

DISCUSS SANTA ROUTE: Chief Clousher said they are reviewing the prior route and any difficult roads/intersections to create the route for this year. Township Manager Sweeney asked if the 13th and 14th of December will work for this and Chief Clousher said yes.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed the EMA report. He discussed the barricades that are needed for Penn Township/Hanover Borough to stop or disable a vehicle to ensure they do not drive into a parade or festival. There is a Committee that was created two years ago for this and consists of Managers and Public Safety Officials. Commissioner Heiland asked if instead of purchasing barricades can a large piece of public works equipment be parked there and EMA Coordinator Waltman said that is an option.

DISCUSS BREEZEWOOD DRIVE RE-NAMING: Township Manager Sweeney said a public hearing will be held on July 21st regarding the potential renaming of a portion of Breezewood Drive. The Township will be taking care of updating the information with the tax office and school district.

OTHER MATTERS: Chief Clousher is requesting the Commissioners to direct the Civil Service to re-certify the joint civil service list with the Borough. Chief Merwede said that the

current co-responder will no longer be working with the Police Department but will be replaced with someone in the future. This individual will no longer have an office at the Penn Township Police Department. Deputy Chief Wysoski said that Nate Hudson's onboarding is going well, and he is set to start at the Fire Department July 21st. Commissioner Heiland said that Snack Town Street Fair is this Saturday, July 12th. Commissioner Elksnis said that he and Chief Merwede attended Officer Myers' graduation from the Police Academy.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Sharon Narushoff, 11 Willow Ct: Ms. Narushoff discussed the plate requirements in the mufflers for motorcycles and believes police officers can enforce this. Ms. Narushoff asked if she could have a meeting with the Township Solicitor and she was informed he will be at the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 21st.

Linda Urick, 5 Woods Lane: Ms. Urick discussed at the corner by her property there is a light on a pole, and it is shining into her house. The Township is going to check into this to see if Met-Ed can investigate this. Also, at the entrance at Thornbury Hunt, the water during the storm comes down the hill, across the street and right onto the resident's property. Engineer Bortner is going to look at this and will also reach out to the PennDOT inspector due to it being on a state road.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Klinefelter
Township Secretary