

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 2, 2025

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 6:00pm. Chairman Heiland and Commissioners Baile, Elksnis, Arnold, and Fanelli, were present. Also, present were Police Chief Merwede, Deputy Fire Chief Wysocki, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Lank, Township Manager Sweeney, and Assistant Township Manager Klinefelter. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Heiland announced there was an executive session held on Monday August 18, 2025, following the Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss personnel matters. There will also be an executive session this evening following the Health & Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 4, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Sharon Narushoff, 11 Willow Ct: Ms. Narushoff asked how many police officers are in the department. Chief Merwede said 24 full-time officers. Ms. Narushoff said Fairview Township passed a new noise ordinance and said a few items that will be regulated. Ms. Narushoff said the WAWA is a center for loud noise.

HANOVER JAYCEES HALLOWEEN PARADE: Chief Merwede received notification from the Hanover Area Jaycees requesting the Halloween parade to be on October 30, 2025 starting at 7:00pm. The Liability insurance is in place. Chief Merwede said future needs are to think of shutting down parade entrances to avoid a catastrophic event.

WILSON AVENUE LEFT TURN SIGNAL: PennDOT reviewed and approved the left turn phase. The next step is for PennDOT permit approvals.

2026 KLUGH ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT: Township manager said Township received contract. There were a few increases for 2026. Commissioner Heiland asked if the Township receives stats to show how often the service is used. Township Manager Sweeney said that information is received monthly with the invoice.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Deputy Chief Wysocki update EMS billing rates. Tom Allision will be on the board for the Fire Commission next year.

HAFR TO BILL FOR SERVICES AND CONSUMABLES: Deputy Chief Wysocki discussed a proposed ordinance to allow the Fire Department to bill insurance companies for services. For example, this would be billed to the Homeowners insurance if the Fire Department come to the house for a structure fire. There is a set billable rate that the fire commission would be using.

EMA UPDATE: Report was submitted by EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman.

OTHER MATTERS:

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: Sharon Narushoff, 11 Willow Ct: Ms. Narushoff stated she spoke with a Hanover Borough Councilmen regarding the noise in the Township. He believes a noise ordinance to stop the loud noise is smart.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Klinefelter
Township Secretary