



Minutes  
Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission  
Meeting Held Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.  
Clover Lane Fire Station

**Present at the meeting:**

- Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission Chairman Michael Newman
- Hanover Borough Councilmen William Reichart and Tim Kress
- Penn Township Commissioners Mark Elksnis and Justin Heiland
- Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue Representatives Jeffrey Spielman and Ray Kinsey
- Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Chief Anthony Clouser and Secretary April Wetzel
- Solicitor Gold, EMS Supervisor Michael McCoy, EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman, Penn Township Manager Donna Sweeney, Volunteer George Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Newman at 5:30 p.m. Secretary Wetzel completed roll call; seven (7) voting members were present, there is a quorum.

**Announcement of Executive Session:** There was an Executive Session held before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Consent Agenda Approval:**

- Commissioner Elksnis moved for the approval of all three items on the Consent Agenda for January 2025. Seconded by Mr. Kinsey. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:**

- See report provided by Brown Plus attached with minutes.
- Chief Clouser reported revenue was sitting at 10.8% over budget and expenditures was 2.8% over budget due to the Pierce Engine lease payment made in January.

**Committee Reports:**

- Finance/Personnel:
  - Motion made by Commissioner Elksnis to nominate Joseph Wysocki as Deputy Fire Chief of Hanover Fire and Rescue Commission with a start date of March 20, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Kress. Motion carried unanimously.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
  - See report attached with minutes.
  - Mr. Spielman thanked Lowe's Hometown for their donation of labor and materials for the EMS bunk room renovation.
  - Discussions are being held on buying a new or used vehicle for the Deputy Fire Chief.
  - The committee is looking at buying a used bucket truck to replace the utility truck.
  - The committee is exploring plans to install a women's restroom on the second floor of Wirt Park.

**FIRE/EMS Chief's Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- A Swearing-In ceremony was held for Penn Township's new firefighter William McKee.

**EMS Report:**

- 561 calls were handled in the month of January.
- Started the process of receiving quotes for a new ambulance.
- AREMS moved out of Wirt Park at the end of the month.
- The EMS bunkroom renovations are almost completed.
- Two part-time Paramedics were hired this month.

**EMA Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- Arranged assistance with Red Cross for five individuals that were displaced during a recent apartment fire.

**Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue Treasurer Maynard Becker presented Chairman Newman and the Commission with a check for \$36,517.50 for the annual 2024 interest of the Bowman and Bair Trust Funds.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

At 6:01 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kinsey, second by Councilman Kress. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Clover Lane Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

*April Wetzel*

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Recording Secretary



## **Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue**

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**Commission Meeting Presentation**  
20 February 2025    Clover Lane Station

**George L. Zimmerman**  
HAVFR Spokesman

### **The Act of Giving is Alive and Well**

With your permission, I would like to share with you a little bit of Hanover Area History. Many years ago, Hanover and Penn township provided Emergency Services for their communities. These services were primarily provided by Volunteers located in Fire Stations built in neighborhoods in the Borough and the Township.

Fortunately, two families from Penn Township recognized the importance and need of their community for quality Emergency Services. Knowing that these Services were provided by Volunteers, they generously established separate Trust Funds to support Fire and EMS Services of the Penn Township. Due to the vision of the Bowman and Bair families, the act of giving continues.

Today, Penn Township and Hanover Borough Emergency Services are consolidated and serve the greater Hanover Area through the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission. When the Commission was formed, the Volunteer owned Trust Funds were included in the Service Agreement. The Agreement states that interest earned from the Bowman and Bair Trust Funds will be distributed to the Commission on an annual basis.

Tonight, in keeping with the agreement between the Volunteers and the Commission, we will present a check to Commission Chairman C. Michael Newman for the interest earned in 2024 from the Bowman and Bair Trust Funds.

At this time, I would like to ask our Treasurer Mr. Maynard Becker and Commission Chairman Newman to come forward for the check presentation. The check for the Funds' interest for the year 2024 is \$36,517.50.

We salute the Bowman and Bair Families for their foresight and generosity to perpetuate funds in recognition of the volunteer spirit and service embedded in the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Company 79.



## **Facilities and Equipment Report**

**February 2025**

**Clover Lane Station:** No report.

**Clearview Station:** No report.

### **Wirt Park Station:**

1. The fan motor was replaced on the HVAC system in the engine room.
2. Lowes completed their work on the EMS bunk room with free materials and labor. Staff are completing the rest of the work including painting, carpet, etc.

**Equipment:** No report.

The next scheduled committee meeting will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jeffrey A. Spielman, Chairman

Facilities and Equipment