



Minutes
Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission
Meeting Held Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
Clover Lane Fire Station

Present at the meeting:

- Hanover Borough Councilmen Bill Reichart and Carol Greenholt
- Penn Township Commissioners Justin Heiland and Ronald Fanelli
- Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue Representatives Jeffrey Spielman and Ray Kinsey
- Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission Chief Anthony Clouser and Secretary April Wetzel
- Also present Deputy Chief Joseph Wysocki, Deputy EMS Chief Michael McCoy, Solicitor Gold (via phone), EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman, Penn Township Manager Donna Sweeney, Volunteer George Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Heiland at 5:30 p.m. Secretary Wetzel completed roll call; six (6) voting members were present, there is a quorum.

Announcement of Executive Session: None.

Public Comment:

- Kathy Richards from Penn-Mar Radio Club extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the upcoming field day event on June 28th & 29th held at Codorus State Park.

Consent Agenda Approval:

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

Treasurers Report:

- See report provided by Brown Plus attached with minutes.

Committee Reports:

- Finance/Personnel:
 - The committee reviewed the ambulance re-chassis finance project and moved it to facilities and apparatus to approve and work on making sure all vendors submitting bids are part of the COSTARS program.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
 - Plans for the women's restroom on the second floor of Wirt Park were reviewed and updated by the architect.
 - In the process of working with the Public Works department and Hanover Borough on cementing part of the alley behind Clearview Station.
 - Receiving prices to replace the phone systems at Clover Lane Station.
 - Utility trucks will be moved to different stations starting June 1st for upcoming summer events.
 - Deputy Chief Wysocki appointed a committee to start specs for a new ladder truck.

FIRE Chief's Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

EMS Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

EMA Report:

- See report attached with minutes.
- Mr. Waltman thanked the first responders for their valor efforts and the collaboration with all agencies and personnel in handling the recent gas leak within the Hanover Borough Square.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

Unfinished Business: None.

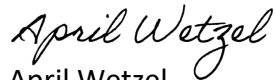
New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

At 5:46 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kinsey, second by Mr. Spielman. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Clover Lane Station.

Respectfully Submitted



April Wetzel
Recording Secretary



EMS Report April 2025

- 487 dispatched calls for the month. 469 handled with 18 missed.
- Staffing:
 - 3 transport units and ALS chase: 3 days
 - 3 transport units: 1 day
 - 2 transport units and ALS chase: 15 days
 - 2 transport units: 13 days
- Remount or new ambulance. All quotes are in and ready to be presented.
- Hiring
 - 1 part time paramedic
 - 1 full time AEMT
 - 2 part time EMTs
- One full- time Paramedic out on workers comp due to injury during call.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McCoy, Jr.
Deputy EMS Chief



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Commission Meeting Presentation

15 May 2025 Clover Lane Station

George L. Zimmerman

HAVFR Spokesman

1. DISASTER AVERTED

Thanks to the quick and appropriate response from Company 79 and a long list of other 1st Responders, a local disaster was certainly averted. The efforts, skills, and talents of the responders mitigated the looming downtown disaster in a timely fashion. The Volunteer organization was proud to support the emergency incident by turning out 11 members, totaling 60.5 hours of manpower. Thanks to all involved for protecting the community and obtaining a great outcome against a threatening situation.

2. HONORING OUR HEROES

We will be supporting the Community Hero Celebration this Sunday @5:00pm @St. Marks Church on Charles Street in Hanover. The event will honor Fire, EMS, Police, Military, and Veterans.

Lots to do: Bands, Barbershop Quartets, Emergency Equipment, Ice Cream and FUN! Concert @ 7:00pm. No charge for this event.

3. HALF-CENTURY CREW MEMBER LUNCHEON

On Saturday, April 26th, 31 of our members were honored as “Half Century Crew Members” at a luncheon held at Bay City Restaurant. Each honoree was invited to bring a guest, and was presented a Certificate of Golden Achievement and a Golden Half Century Crew Member Lapel Pin. This event was the first ever distinction for members with 50 years of service or more.

Special guests who participated included Retired Fire Commissioner James Roth, HAVFR Commission Chairman C. Michael Newman, Deputy Chief Joe Wysocki, and HAVFR President Jeffrey Spielman. Commissioner Roth and President Spielman were also recipients of the Half Century Crew Member distinction.

Mr. Lester Bankert was also presented with a Proclamation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives recognizing Mr. Bankert’s 64 years of ACTIVE volunteer service! Stephanie Jarbeck presented the Proclamation on behalf of PA Representative Kate Klunk.

4. Chicken BBQ

Just a reminder...

The long-awaited Chicken BBQ dinner will be available on May 31st right here. Chef 79 is waiting to see your smiling face in the pick-up line. Please consider supporting your volunteers. Tickets are available tonight and the day of the BBQ.