



Minutes
Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission
Meeting Held Thursday, June 19, 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 Councilman 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 Commission Chief Anthony Clouser and Secretary April Wetzel
- Also present Deputy Chief Joseph Wysocki, Deputy EMS Chief Michael McCoy, Solicitor Gold, Hanover Borough Manager Margaret Lewis, 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; six (6) voting members were present, there is a quorum.

Announcement of Executive Session: There will be an Executive Session held after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda Approval:

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

Years of Service Recognition: The following career staff were recognized for their years of service with Hanover Area Fire and Rescue:

Captain Charles E. Amspacher – 30 years	Firefighter Charles M. Schriver – 20 years
Captain Matthew P. Boyce – 25 years	Firefighter Anthony L. Phillips – 15 years
Firefighter Erik M. Brown – 25 years	Firefighter Timothy A. Tyler – 10 years
Firefighter Michael S. Bankert – 20 years	Firefighter Jay M. Lalley – 10 years
Firefighter Joseph D. Milliken II – 20 years	Firefighter Sean S. Kirwin – 10 years
Firefighter Kenneth E. Kuhn II – 20 years	Paramedic Alan L. Shaw – 10 years

Treasurers Report:

- See report provided by Brown Plus attached with minutes.

Committee Reports:

- Finance/Personnel:
 - Motion made by Councilman Kress to transfer \$180,532 from capital reserves to the general fund for the refurbishment of an existing 2017 Ford ambulance by Emergency Transportation Associates. Seconded by Commissioner Heiland. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion made by Commissioner Heiland to authorize the Chair to execute a Joint Request for Certification recognizing the International Association of Fire Fighters-Local 2045 as our EMS employee's representative. Seconded by Councilman Kress. Motion carried unanimously.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
 - See report attached with minutes.

FIRE/EMS Chief's Report:

- See report attached with minutes.
- The 4th of July fireworks display will be held at Tractor Supply again this year.
- The Snack Town Street Fair will be held on July 12th. This will be the last year that food vendors will not be required to have hood systems. Letters will be sent out to all vendors in 2026 with the new fire code requirements.

EMS Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

EMA Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

At 5:41 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kinsey, second by Commissioner Heiland. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Clover Lane Station.

Respectfully Submitted,


April Wetzel
Recording Secretary



Facilities and Equipment Report

June 2025

We had a Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Clover Lane Station:

1. Still waiting on pricing to replace the phone system.

Clearview Station:

1. The rear alley has been cemented and is open for traffic. All issues with the basement stairway have been resolved.

Wirt Park Station:

1. Continue waiting for complete drawings for the second-floor women's restroom.
2. The gym in the basement is being moved.

Equipment: A committee has been appointed for the design of a new ladder truck. The final draft of the new engine will be coming late this fall and delivered next summer. The committee went over specifications and pricing for the refurbishment of an Ambulance. We also had a discussion on purchasing a new ambulance next year, now we have an increase in call volume and now have staffing.

Jeffrey A. Spielman, Chairman

Facilities and Equipment

HAFR EMS Report for May 2025

- 452 dispatched calls for the month. 436 patient contacts.
- Staffing:
 - 4 transport units: 4 days
 - 3 transport units and ALS chase: 6 days
 - 3 transport units: 6 days
 - 2 transport units and ALS chase: 6 days
 - 2 transport units: 9 days
- Remount moving forward. Cleared finance and the apparatus committees
- Hiring
 - 1 part time AEMT
 - 1 full time EMT
- One full- time Paramedic out on workers comp due to injury during call.



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Commission Meeting Presentation

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George L. Zimmerman

HAVFR Spokesman

1. BBQ Report

The Community turned out to support the Volunteer fundraiser by purchasing over 300 chicken dinners resulting in a “sold out” event. Membership supported both prep night and the day of the barbeque by turning out over 48 workers. If you purchased a dinner, many thanks for your support. Please join us again in September to enjoy a “Firehouse Chicken” dinner.

2. York County Volunteer Firefighter Tax Refund Program

Once again, 27 members participated in the York County Property Tax Refund Program. Members earned either a 50% or 100% refund of their York County Property Taxes for 2024. This is the second year our members have exceeded the minimum requirements as set forth by the county.

Congratulations to our volunteer participants for their support to the Company and the Commission. Many thanks to the York County Commissioners for offering this program designed for retention and appreciation of the volunteer first responders.

3. June Training Session

Recently our volunteers participated in a Turnout Gear Inspection and Review. This important exercise and safety check ensures that our first responders have all the safety and protective gear in good working order as required by industry standards. This inspection is important to assess all components of an individual's Turnout gear.

4. Solicitation 2025

Phase One of this year's major fundraising event has been mailed out throughout our service area. Please consider making a donation to support the organization. If you have already made a donation, we are appreciative of your generosity. Thank you!