



## Minutes

Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission  
Meeting Held Thursday, July 17, 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 Tim Kress and Carol Greenholt
- 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 Clousher and Secretary April Wetzel
- Also present Deputy Chief Joseph Wysocki, Deputy EMS Chief Michael McCoy, EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman, Solicitor Gold (via phone), Hanover 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:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

### Consent Agenda Approval:

- Councilman Kress moved for the approval of all three items on the Consent Agenda for June 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Elksnis. Motion carried unanimously.

### Treasurers Report:

- See report provided by Brown Plus attached with minutes.
- Chief Clousher reported revenue is 1.3% below budget and expenses are 5% over budget due to staff training and workers' compensation.

### Committee Reports:

- Finance/Personnel:
  - Councilman Kress reported that the finance committee met and reviewed the June profit and loss statement with nothing significant to report at this time.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
  - Pierce demonstrated a new truck for the career staff at Clover Lane Station last week.

### FIRE/EMS Chief's Report:

- See report attached with minutes.
- Chief Clousher and Chief Crouse attended the Snack Town Street Fair along with Firefighter Otis and Firefighter Borys to do fire safety inspections and gas leak checks.
- Chili Cookoff will be held on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Meetings have started for the Halloween Parade tentative scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**EMS Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- Commendations for helping a pregnant patient deliver a healthy baby boy on June 19<sup>th</sup> were given to Paramedic Ben Heefner, AEMT Ashley Nichols, EMT Connor Jordan, EMT Eric Miller and EMT Karen Sanders.

**EMA Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- In the event of a storm if any personnel observe any damage or down trees, make note so Emergency Management can report any damage to the county for damage assessment.
- Pennsylvania has started a Local Government Emergency Housing Support Program that provides a grant up to \$500,000 to local municipalities when there is a local disaster declared.

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

- See report attached with minutes.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- Chairman Newman informed the Commission he will not be considering another term after his term ends at the end of this year. He thanked the board for the experience and enjoyed working with everyone.

**Public Comment:** None.

At 5:42 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elksnis, second by Mr. Kinsey. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 21, 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

17 July 2025 Clover Lane Station

**George L. Zimmerman**

HAVFR Spokesman

#### **1. Connections External & Internal**

Our organization takes pride in connecting and maintaining a relationship with the community. We believe it is important to have the opportunity to meet people, offer fire prevention materials, sponsor free raffles for home safety equipment, and provide information about membership. We have made a commitment to provide the resources to create a positive image and serve our community. So far, this year, we have attended and supported –

- The Honoring Heroes Event
- SnackTown Street Fair

It is important to note that we also “connect” to other Fire Departments. Three days ago, we ‘connected’ to Pleasant Hill Company 52 to participate in a joint training session involving hose line work with stairwell applications among other firefighter techniques. This is an excellent example of an “internal connection” - firefighters to firefighters.

#### **2. BBQ #2**

We have not put the charcoal away yet! Chef 79 has found another flock of chickens and, he has dug up a few bushels of potatoes to prepare for the last BBQ of 2025. Chef and Farmer 79 will host his final grilling event on September 13. Be sure that you pick up some tickets so you can experience Hanover’s finest meal served in Styrofoam!

#### **3. Solicitation 2025**

Shortly, the second mailing will be sent out to remind our Borough and Township residents that it is not too late to donate to the Volunteer organization. We are thankful for all donations and your support. This is an opportunity to make a local donation that will stay in our community.

## HAFR EMS Report for June 2025

- 468 dispatched calls for the month. 470 patient contacts.
- Staffing:
  - 4 transport units and ALS chase: 1 days
  - 4 transport units: 2 days
  - 3 transport units and ALS chase: 11 days
  - 3 transport units: 11 days
  - 2 transport units and ALS chase: 2 days
  - 2 transport units: 3 days
- Remount moving forward.
- Hiring
  - 1 part time EMT
  - 3 full time EMTs
- One full- time Paramedic out on workers comp due to injury during call.