



## Minutes

Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission  
Meeting Held Thursday, September 18, 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 Bill Reichart and Tim Kress
- Penn Township Commissioners Mark Elksnis and Justin Heiland
- Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue Representatives Jeffrey Spielman and George Zimmerman
- 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, Penn Township Manager Donna Sweeney

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.

**Moment of Silence:** Chairman Newman led a moment of silence prior to the meeting to honor the fallen Northern York County Regional police officers that were killed in the line of duty.

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

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Consent Agenda Approval:**

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

### **Treasurers Report:**

- See report provided by Brown Plus attached with minutes.
- Chief Clousher reported that he received the draft audit for 2024 with some deficiencies with EMS billing and journal entries that we will be reviewing with Brown Plus.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Finance/Personnel:
  - Councilman Kress reported that the Finance Committee met to review the 2026 budget but continues to be a work in progress.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
  - Plans to add a restroom on the second floor of Wirt Park are still being discussed.
  - Due to the fire prevention activities scheduled for October, the Facilities Committee meeting has been pushed back to November.

**FIRE Chief's Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- Captain Adams and A-Shift completed the hose pressure testing on all department fire hoses.
- Synder's Lance gave the Commission a \$1,000 donation for fire extinguisher training.

**EMS Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- Deputy Chief McCoy reported on the incident that occurred yesterday with four crews being called to the scene. He praised the crews for their efforts and without a doubt believes it made a difference.
- Chief Clousher also mentioned he received multiple emails from other departments commending the work the crews provided.

**EMA Report:**

- See report attached with minutes.
- Mr. Waltman commended Deputy Chief McCoy for his command in keeping calm and in control of the scene during the emergency response.
- Working on creating plans for both the Snack Town Fall Fest and Lehigh's Fall Fest occurring this weekend.
- PEMA purchased damage assessment software that will be provided to local municipalities that will be used through a mobile app.

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

- See report attached with minutes.

**Unfinished Business:** None.**New Business:**

- Councilman Kress reported during Finance and Personnel there was a discussion on tying the school districts with the fire department. Stickers will now be added to all apparatuses from both Hanover and South Western School Districts.

**Public Comment:** None.

At 5:46 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Councilman Reichart, second by Councilman Kress. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Clover Lane Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

*April Wetzel*  
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Recording Secretary

## HAFR EMS Report for August 2025

- 453 dispatched calls for the month. 455 patient contacts.
- Staffing:
  - 4 transport units and ALS chase: 3 days
  - 4 transport units: 7 days
  - 3 transport units and ALS chase: 13 days
  - 3 transport units: 7 days
  - 2 transport units and ALS chase: 1 day
  - 2 transport units: 0 days
- Remount moving forward.
- One full- time Paramedic out on workers comp/ light duty due to injury during call. Anticipated return in late September.
- One part- time Paramedic resigned (September).
- One part time EMT obtained Paramedic certification (September).



## Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue

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### Commission Meeting Presentation

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**George L. Zimmerman**

HAVFR Spokesman

#### **1. BBQ Drive Thru**

Our recent (2<sup>nd</sup>) Chicken Bar-b-que of 2025 proved to be a success. A strong team effort resulted in a “sold out” fundraiser. Our Fire Station Drive – thru experience made fast work of over 300 BBQ chicken dinners moving through the bay door. If you purchased a chicken dinner, we thank you for supporting the Volunteer Organization.

#### **2. Volunteer Service Program**

Our Company has recently approved and initiated a program for active volunteer members to earn Company branded merchandise. The program is modeled after the YOCO Volunteer Tax Refund Program. All active members are encouraged to set their own goals and select various uniform items from the approved collection. This program is designed to help encourage retention and obtain required uniform items. There is no fee to participate!

#### **3. Membership Memorial Program**

Upon the death of a member, the family, should they wish, receives a Memorial Keepsake from the Company. This Keepsake includes:

- Memorial Proclamation in Company 79 padded cover
- A bronze grave marker
- A U.S. Flag to place in the bronze marker
- A long stem rose
- Should the family wish, presentation of these items can be presented at the graveside by a Company member or given to them at a later date

This month we presented these items to the families of Lester Bankert and Richard Huff.