

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5, 2026

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:12pm. Chairman Heiland and Commissioners Baile, Elksnis, Rice, and Arnold, were present. Also, present were Police Chief Merwede, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer LeFevre, EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman, Township Manager Sweeney, and Assistant Township Manager Klinefelter. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Heiland announced there was an executive session held on Monday, December 15, 2025, following the Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss personnel matters. There will also be an executive session this evening following the Public Works Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 1, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Chief Clousher said the Fire Commission adopted the 2026 budget on December 18 with a 17% increase. An agreement has been signed with the new worker's compensation broker. Chief Clousher thanked all the volunteers that helped with Santa. Santa only went around Penn Township for one day due to weather on the second day. The firefighters did confined space training at the Sewer Department. The new chairman for the Fire Commission is Tom Allison.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman discussed the wind and ice storms that happened in December. There were no major incidents and power outages were cleared up quickly. The emergency management annual elected official's seminar is on February 21st from 9am to 11am. The agreement was finalized with the Community Aid Foundation. This will allow care cards to be given to fire victims in the Township.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were none

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Klinefelter, Township Secretary