



Minutes
Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission
Meeting Held Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
Clover Lane Fire Station

Present at the meeting:

- Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission Chairman Tom Allison
- Hanover Borough Councilmen Tim Kress and Isaac Riston
- 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, EMA Coordinator Jeff Waltman, Solicitor Gold (via phone), Penn Township Manager Donna Sweeney

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Allison 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:

- Hanover Borough resident Robert Holt inquired about the Commission's progress and its future direction, noting that the community has not received any updates since the events at the Hanover Borough Council meeting in November.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- Councilman Kress moved for the approval of all three items on the Consent Agenda for January 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Heiland. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

- The Commission's revenue is approximately 11.9% above budget, while expenses are about 6.1% over budget, due to the final capital lease payment, employee benefits, and the AED service contract, all of which were paid in January.
- EMS revenue is approximately 4.3% above budget, while expenses are 2.9% over budget, primarily due to employee benefits and the AED service contract. The EMS report excludes municipal contributions from revenue, reflecting only billing, subscriptions, and donations.

Committee Reports:

- Finance/Personnel:
 - Councilman Kress reported that, during the finance meeting, the committee reviewed the profit and loss statement and balance sheet, conducted a brief review of overtime, discussed lawn care for Clover Lane Station, and received an update on the property adjacent to Clearview Station.
 - Motion made by Councilman Kress to add Mark Elksnis as the third signatory for the Commission accounts. Seconded by Commissioner Heiland. Motion carried unanimously.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
 - The new engine is scheduled to enter production in March, with delivery expected in June or July.
 - Chief Clouser discussed the contract with Hartman Lawn Care for mowing Clover Lane Station. With the business closing, several options are being considered: advertising bids for service, purchasing a

commercial mower for staff to perform the work, or having one the municipalities handle the mowing. Councilman Kress stated that the possibility of using the Borough's robotic mower was also discussed. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

FIRE/EMS Chief's Report:

- The food truck ordinance for Penn Township has been ratified and now in effect. The Borough also has the ordinance on an upcoming agenda for consideration.
- The meeting regarding the Chief 360 website is scheduled for Monday to review layout options, make selections, and move the project forward.
- Firefighter Tyler has been working diligently with the Relief Association on the purchase of rope rescue equipment and hoses. The total cost of \$41,900 was covered by the Relief Association, and their support is gratefully acknowledged.
- We are still awaiting new photos of the refurbished ambulance to monitor its ongoing progress.

EMA Report:

- Ongoing updates are being made to the 2026 revision of the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan.
- Met with St. Joseph officials to discuss using the school as a short-term emergency evacuation center and a potential overnight emergency shelter.
- The annual seminar for local government officials is scheduled for February 21st.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report:

- See report attached with minutes.
- Chicken Barbecue will be held on May 30th.

Unfinished Business:

- Chief Clouser stated that the Commission is working with both municipalities on an ordinance to permit billing for consumables. Hanover Borough approved the ordinance last night, and Penn Township is scheduled to vote in March. Once both municipalities have ratified the ordinance, the Commission will present a resolution for the board to adopt the corresponding fee schedule. It is also important to note that billing will apply only to consumables and will be directed exclusively to insurance companies, not residents. We have identified two vendors capable of billing for these services: PA Fire Recovery Services, which retains 15% of collected revenue and Cornerstone Adminisystems, which retains 25% of net collections. We are still in the process of identifying a third vendor.

New Business:

- Motion made by Mr. Spielman to move Finance/Personnel and Building/Apparatus committee meetings to the second Monday of each month starting at 7 p.m. and to advertise them as public meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Elksnis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Beginning March 9th the Building/Apparatus Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Finance/Personnel Committee.

Public Comment:

- Hanover Borough resident Robert Holt thanked the Commission for today's actions, expressing hope that it will help the public better understand the Commission's role, the work of the fire service, and the commitment, effort, and sacrifices required to provide protection for the community.

At 5:56 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Heiland, second by Commissioner Elksnis. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Clover Lane Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary



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George L. Zimmerman
HAVFR Spokesman

Chicken BBQ

- Save the date for May 30th. Chef 79 Alwine will kick off his community favorite chicken barbecue, here at Station 2. This is an opportunity to support your volunteer organization and enjoy a “secret recipe” barbecue chicken dinner. Remember, this is a sellout event!

Volunteer Service

- We have completed our participation in the York County Volunteer Emergency Services 2025 Property Tax Refund Program. Here is a snapshot of our Volunteer Company 79’s participation.
 - We have a mix of 18 active participants – those who respond to emergencies - and 10 support participants
 - Active members are required to earn a minimum of 100 points and support members are required to earn a minimum of 50 points
 - In total, we have 28 participants in the program
Our top 5 active participants are:

Rich Angel	406
Jerry Misner	345
Ray Kinsey	292
Andy Crouse	281
Gary Eline	255
- All 28 participants have exceeded the minimal requirements established by York County
Congratulations Volunteers!