



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

Present at the meeting:

- Hanover Borough Councilmen Tim Kress and Matthew Funk
- Penn Township Commissioners Justin Heiland and Matthew Baile
- 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, Penn Township Manager Donna Sweeney, Hanover Borough Manager Margaret Lewis

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Kress 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 was an Executive Session held after last meeting to discuss personnel.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- Commissioner Baile moved for the approval of all three items on the Consent Agenda for February 2026. Seconded by Mr. Kinsey. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

- The Commission's revenue is approximately 7.4% above budget, while expenses are about 5.4% 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 4.7% above budget, while expenses are 2.3% over budget.
- Councilman Funk requested clarification regarding the over-budget items paid during the first two months and why they are not expected to impact the budget at year-end. Councilman Kress explained that some expenses are paid annually in a single month as a one-time 12-month fee, which temporarily skews the numbers. He noted that the budget figures are expected to even out by the end of the first quarter.

Committee Reports:

- Finance/Personnel:
 - Chief Clouser reported that Civil Service written exam results were received. Ten candidates were tested, and nine achieved passing scores. Those nine candidates will advance to the Physical Agility Test scheduled for April.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
 - Motion made by Mr. Spielman to approve replacement of ceiling tiles at Wirt Park Station on the 2nd floor EMS bunkroom, hallway, and EMS office at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Chief Clouser noted that the cost includes improvements to ventilation above the ceiling space. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kinsey. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion made by Mr. Spielman to approve replacing three mattresses and bed frames for Clearview Station at a cost not to exceed \$2,800. Seconded by Commissioner Baile. Councilman Kress requested

that the Chief maintain a schedule for the future replacement of these mattresses. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE/EMS Chief's Report:

- Chief Clouser stated that on Saturday, Fire Police will conduct their Hazmat Awareness updates. Penn Township will host their annual easter egg hunt at the Penn Township Community Park, and a funeral detail will be conducted for a life member.
- Deputy Chief Wysocki reported that the website committee received the three options for the website, reviewed them and selected one. The committee is now awaiting the finalized project, which will be published once completed.

EMA Report:

- Due to the uncertainty of the weather forecast last week, a Regional Emergency Operation Center was established at Clover Lane Station, and contact was made with York County. No significant damage or injuries were reported.
- Mr. Waltman expressed appreciation to the board members who attended the York County Elected Officials Seminar last month.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Deputy Chief Wysocki stated that a new 1 ½ inch hose line is being implemented. He thanked the career staff for completing all the flow and line testing. The new line will increase capacity from 95 gallons per minute to 165 gallons per minute, reaching up to 200 PSI.

Public Comment:

- Local 2045 President Tim Waltemyer questioned the ceiling tile replacement at Wirt Park Station and concerns about mold. He also addressed staff-related issues involving volunteers versus career staff in the stations. Mr. Spielman, as President of the volunteers, stated that any issues concerning volunteers should be brought to his attention and we will make sure to address them directly.

At 5:46 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kinsey, second by Mr. Spielman. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 16, 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

Rumor Control

- The Chicken BBQ scheduled for May 30th has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. A key member of our team will be attending to a “wing” situation. By the way, the chickens were pleased when they heard the news. Stand by, Hanover’s favorite will be back.

Training

- Recently our Company teamed up with Company 52(Pleasant Hill) for a combined training session. Both organizations met in West Manheim at Station 52 to learn about ‘large area search techniques’. Shared knowledge benefits both organizations and most importantly, our combined service area. Job well done!

Company Outreach

- This Saturday, we will welcome Spring and support the Fire Department at the Penn Township annual Easter egg Hunt. The event will be held at the Penn Township Community Park @10 AM