

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2026

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Chairman Heiland and Commissioners Arnold, Baile, Elksnis, and Rice were present. Also present were Township Manager Sweeney, Police Lieutenant Shearer, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer LeFevre, EMA Coordinator Waltman, Asst. to the Engineer, Garrett, and Township Secretary Miller. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Heiland announced that there was an executive session held on Monday, June 15, 2026, 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 June 1, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING:

Fire Chief Clouser reported that at their last meeting on Thursday June 18, 2026, they reviewed the P&L report. Currently, the Commission overall revenue is 10.3% above budget, while expenses are 7.6% over budget. Specifically for EMS, revenue is 11.8% above budget and expenses are 8.1% over budget. There was nothing to report from the Personnel/Finance Committee. The Facilities/Apparatus Committee reported repairs were being made to the HVAC system at the Clearview Station. The website is up and running, and all meeting minutes and agendas have been uploaded to the site. There are still some developmental items and pictures to work through. Chief Clouser thanked Firefighters Brett Reiser and Josh Hale for their efforts in uploading the documents and working on the website. Firefighter Jason Kopp was recognized for 20 years of service. Medals of Merit were awarded to Captain Anthony Phillips, Firefighters Bryan Sponseller, Tyler Wentz, and Jay Lalley. Clinical Save Awards were presented to Paramedics Dakota Goldbeck and James Walker, EMTs, Cecil Davis and Ursula Yost, Captain Douglas Kemmerly, Firefighters Steve Kaiser, Brett Riser, and Joshua Otis.

OPERATIONAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Clouser reported there is a list of five candidates for firefighter that needs to be certified by the Civic Service Commission and that meeting is scheduled to occur. Fire Commissioner Roth, who retired from the Borough after 43 years of service, suddenly passed away yesterday

at the hospital. There will be a funeral service for him next Tuesday. It will be held at the Clover Lane Fire Station. More information will be emailed later this week.

EMA UPDATE:

Mr. Waltman reported on the storms over the weekend. There is a marginal risk to having continued rain throughout the week. The storms over the weekend were very selective and the storms this week will tend to do the same thing. While Penn Township and Hanover experienced minimal issues from these storms West Manheim had structural damages, power outages, and numerous downed trees. Flooding, structural damage, and power outages were also reported throughout other parts of the county. The York County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) filed a County Disaster Declaration due to the extent of the countywide impact and damages. York County OEM has a contract for a new provider for citizens to voluntarily report online storm damage. Then information provided greatly assists local, county, and state OEMs. This updated system also allows residents to send photos of damage to their property. Chairman Heiland thanked all those involved in the fireworks display.

OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Heiland received a concern regarding speeding on Hall Road at Regal Drive and parts of Deer Creek Drive. Police Lieutenant Shearer said that the stop sign in that area has been an issue. An electronic speed sign will be put in place tonight so that data can be collected. The data will show speed, time and day.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Miller
Township Secretary