



Minutes
Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission
Meeting Held Thursday, June 18, 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 Matthew Funk 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, Hanover Borough Manager Margaret Lewis

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: None.

Consent Agenda Approval:

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

Treasurers Report:

- Chief Clouser reported that the Commission's revenue is approximately 10.3% above budget, while expenses are about 7.6% over budget. EMS revenue is approximately 11.8% above budget, and expenses are 8.1% over budget.

Committee Reports:

- Finance/Personnel:
 - Commissioner Heiland stated that he had no additional items to report beyond those already discussed at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting.
- Facilities & Apparatus:
 - Mr. Spielman stated no additional items to discuss outside of what was presented at the Building and Apparatus Committee meeting. He did inquire about the status of the HVAC system at Clearview. Deputy Chief Wysocki responded that some repairs remain outstanding, including the installation repair.

FIRE/EMS Chief's Report:

- Chief Clouser reported that the website has been published and is now live for public access. All meeting minutes and agendas have been uploaded to the website. Deputy Chief Wysocki added that there are still some developmental items that will continue to be added as the website is further improved. He thanked firefighters Brett Riser and Josh Hale for their efforts in uploading and organizing all the documents.

Years of Service Recognition: The following career and volunteer staff were recognized for their years of service with Hanover Area Fire and Rescue:

Fire Chief Anthony Clouser – 30 years
Firefighter Jason Kopp – 20 years
Firefighter Timothy Walteymer – 15 years
Firefighter Shane Baker – 15 years
Firefighter Stephen Buhl – 15 years
EMT Jurrell Bange – 10 years
Firefighter Adriel Garibay – 10 years

Volunteer Firefighter Benjamin Newman – 10 years
Paramedic Dakota Goldbeck – 5 years
EMT Tessa Richardson – 5 years
Firefighter Brett Riser – 5 years
Volunteer Firefighter Harrison Jones – 5 years
Volunteer Firefighter Paul Zartman – 5 years

Commendation Presentations: In recognition of their extraordinary actions, Chief Clouser and Deputy Chief Wysocki presented commendations to the following individuals for their bravery and professional dedication.

The Medal of Merit:

Captain Anthony Phillips
Firefighter Bryan Sponseller
Firefighter Timothy Tyler
Firefighter Tyler Wentz
Firefighter Jay Lalley

Clinical Save Award:

Paramedic Dakota Goldbeck
Paramedic James Walker
EMT Cecil Davis
EMT Ursula Yost
Captain Douglas Kemmerly
Firefighter Steve Kaiser
Firefighter Brett Riser
Firefighter Joshua Otis

EMA Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report:

- See report attached with minutes.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

At 5:44 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elksnis, second by Commissioner Heiland. Motion carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Clover Lane Station.

Respectfully Submitted,


April Wetzel
Recording Secretary



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Hanover Area Regional Emergency Management Report Information Addendum to April – May 2026 Report

- Emergency and safety plans for the America 25th and Snack Town Street Fair
- 2026 hurricane season began June 1st and runs through November 30th.
- During April and May of this year, thirty-four (34) residents in the Borough of Hanover and Penn Township were displaced or affected by fire incidents
- During those two months the Red Cross was requested to assist twenty-five (25) residents
- EMA issued fourteen (14) Trinity Church of the Nazarene toiletry Care kits
- EMA issued fourteen (14) Community Aid care cards

A reminder, the HAFR Commission is a Community Aid Mission partner, as is the Borough of Hanover.

Tell family and friends that when they mention either the HAFR Commission or the Borough of Hanover when dropping off donations at the Community Aid store (and I say the Borough of Hanover since they also distribute care cards) either of those mission partners will receive a quarterly financial credit based on weight in pounds of donated clothing or hard goods.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commission Meeting Presentation Zimmerman

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George L.

HAVFR Spokesman

Solicitation 2026

We have 'kicked off' our annual fundraising campaign for 2026. The initial phase is underway, and it appears to be on track compared to our recent past experience.

Please consider supporting this important fundraiser so that our organization may continue to support the Commission and our mutual Mission Statements with a focus on present and future emergency responsibilities to our communities.

So, if you have not donated yet, be on the lookout for the 2nd mailing reminder. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the Emergency Services that serve you and our community.

Training Highlight

Recently, our air truck (Air 79) was invited by Carroll County Fire to support an acquired structure, burn training, by supplying air cylinder filling. This event provided an opportunity for our volunteers, not only to take part in the training event, but also to develop and foster a relationship with our counterparts 'south of the border'.

Remember... our assets travel beyond our immediate service areas to respond and supply needed resources at the request of other emergency 1st responders.

Membership

Did you know that the monthly Volunteer meetings are attended by about 35 members?

Our relief association meetings are also supported by the attendance of 30-35 members, too.

Did you know that the Volunteer Organization has increased its membership by 6 new members since January of this year?

Rumor

Yes, it's true! Chef 79 is on the mend. His 'wing' is improving, and he has now earned the privilege to drive, and he has left the coop! Could this mean that there may be a BBQ in the works???