

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 3, 2026

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Chairman Heiland and Commissioners Arnold, Baile, Elksnis, and Rice were present. Also present were Township Manager Sweeney, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Lank, Zoning Officer LeFevre, Asst. to the Engineer Garrett, and Township Secretary Miller. Police Lieutenant Shearer, Fire Chief Clousher, and Deputy Chief Wysocki arrived at 6:59pm. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Heiland announced that there was an executive session held on Monday, July 20, 2026, following the Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss personnel matters. There will also be an executive session this evening following the Health and Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters.

National Night Out will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday August 4, 2026, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Emory H. Markle Middle School. Residents are encouraged to attend and enjoy this community event.

Reminder: The September committee meetings will be held Tuesday September 1, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as written.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

HANOVER AREA JAYCEES HALLOWEEN PARADE AND TRICK OR TREAT:

The Committee reviewed a request dated July 20, 2026, from the Hanover Area Jaycees requesting to conduct the annual Halloween Parade on October 29, 2026, starting at 7 pm. This is an annual request. There have been no issues in the past. The date for Trick or Treat is October 27, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Both items received a favorable recommendation from the Committee and will be added to the Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE:

The Committee reviewed a request dated July 1, 2026, from the Hanover Public School District Athletic Department regarding the Homecoming Parade. The request is to block off McAllister Street from Hanover Street Elementary to the Borough/Penn Township line at Mt. Royal Ave for the purpose of allowing the parade as part of the Homecoming activities. The parade will begin

organizing at 5:00 pm at Hanover Street Elementary and will start at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 9, 2026. Lt Shearer stated that it is an annual request with no issues in the past. The Committee gave a favorable recommendation and will be added to the Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

CAMERA AT TOWNSHIP PARKS:

A monitoring system is long overdue at Kids Kingdom and Young's Woods. Chief Merwede has been researching types of cameras but was not present to discuss tonight. The Commissioners discussed flock, trail, and offline SD card systems as possible options. This item will remain on the Public Safety agenda for next month to allow more research and discussion at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting in September.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING:

Commissioner Heiland reported he was in attendance at the Fire Commission meeting held Thursday, July 16, 2026. The Brown Plus report was reviewed, finances, revenues, and expenses were all consistent as the previous few months. The Committee approved EMT Connor Jordan's paramedic program reimbursement which will be in next year's budget. They also accepted Paramedic Lynch's resignation from full time to part time. The Fire Commission meetings will start at 7:00 pm instead of 5:30 pm starting this month.

EMA UPDATE:

Mr. Waltman submitted his report. Commissioner Heiland reported that Mr. Waltman monitored the America 250 event on July 4, 2026, and attended the Snacktown Street Fair on July 11, 2026. Mr. Waltman investigated MS4 illicit discharge on Spring Avenue and Timberland II Streets as well as a hazardous materials spill on Clover Lane. Mr. Waltman completed YCDES/PEMA Quarterly training and Disaster Logistics and Supply Chain Management continued education courses.

The Committee postponed the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Police Lieutenant Shearer, Fire Chief Clouser and Deputy Chief Wysocki arrived and the meeting was reconvened at 6:59 pm.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING:

Chief Clouser reported the Commission's revenue was 6.2% over budget or above what we expected at this point and expenses are 9.1% and that EMS is 13.1% above what we expected in revenue and 10% over budget. As of this morning, the Commission revenue overall is 16.4% ahead of where it is expected and over budget by 8.9%. Revenue jumped up by all but 10% and EMS is 15.6% above expectation and 10.3% over. EMS is 13.1% over.

OPERATIONAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Clouser reported that the new ambulance had arrived and was sent on its first call within the first ten minutes. They received new iPads for apparatus and chief vehicles. New cell phones

were received and programmed with important Township cell phone numbers. Pictures were sent of the new Engine 3.

17TH FIREFIGHTER:

Chief Clouser reported that that Board of Commissioners had previously authorized a 16th firefighter. He is now confident that they have a candidate who has already been through the academy. Once he passes the psych, poly, and medical physical an offer can be made. Chief Clouser would like to see if there is justification for a 17th firefighter. As of now, overtime costs are \$48,000, trending towards \$85,000-\$90,000 for the year. Hanover Borough has 15 firefighters, and Penn Township has approved 16. Chief Clouser is pretty sure he has justification for Hanover Borough for a 16th firefighter. The discussion of a 17th firefighter will come during budget season.

OTHER MATTERS:

Lt Shearer reported ABATE reached out to the Police Department to ask if they could pay for and install the new bushes that were damaged at Kid's Kingdom.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Miller
Township Secretary