

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:31 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Scordo, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley, Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for August 25, 2025, as presented was made by Councilor Scordo; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

- a. Review with possible motion on any change orders
No change orders.

Councilor Eichler wanted to thank Mr. Torres of H. B. Frazer, electrical contractor, for repurposing products used at the new facility.

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, inquired about the broken mirror on the telephone pole at 339 Marietta Avenue (on the cemetery side). It has been broken for at least six to eight months and wanted to know who/if it is going to be replaced. Chief Goshen explained that it will not be replaced by the Borough as it was not authorized by PennDOT. Apparently, a resident affixed it to the pole, which is illegal to do. Mayor Bradley expressed that it needs to be taken down by the resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from July 28, 2025, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Scordo. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes of July 28, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for July which was included in the packet. The big issue was the flash flooding that occurred on July 14, 2025. They responded to seventy-nine calls for the month of July 2025. Of the calls, sixty-six were first due alarms; thirty-two in Mount

Joy Borough, twenty-four in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and eight in East Donegal Township and thirteen mutual aid calls. Time in service was seventy-three hours and thirty-three minutes. They averaged 10.49 members per call for the month. The average response time in July was three minutes and thirty-seven seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of six minutes and two seconds. Total training for the month was thirty-seven members trained for a total of eighty-seven hours for July. There were two notable first due calls which were two vehicle fires, one in Mount Joy Borough and one in Rapho Township. They assisted with barricades for the car show and fire police assisted with traffic control for that event. They had standard meetings. Both the new traffic unit and the utility pick-up truck (previously called squad unit) went into service.

In addition to the July numbers reported earlier, approximately sixty-three calls were handled during the flash flooding on July 14, 2025, starting at 2:45pm to midnight. There were forty-seven in Mount Joy Borough, five in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and five in East Donegal Township.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for July which was included in the packet. The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by PEMA and FEMA, but the FEMA approval is pending adoption, which means the county must adopt it and as many municipalities in the county need to adopt it. The next step is for Mount Joy Borough to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan through a Resolution. Phil sent an email to the Councilors with a link to the plan. Once this has been adopted, the Borough can apply for grants if hazardous monies are opened. If grant money opens, he suggests hiring a consultant to complete the very involved grant, as they are competitive. The plan needs to be updated every five years. The Emergency Operations Plan needs to be updated, and he is planning to work on that in the fall. After hours contact information will be included as an annex to the plan so it will not be available to the public. Damage assessment data from the flood on July 14 was collected and there was not enough damage to qualify for the SBA Declaration. He met with the Lancaster County Radio Technicians to provide instruction on the County's rain and stream gauges. There may be a chance that the Mount Joy gauge at Little Chiques Creek will be repaired. Phil will be meeting with Manager Pugliese and Brett Hamm for flood mitigation things, such as installation of some weather stations, rain gauges in different parts of the Borough, etc. Manager Pugliese will be sending a map of service calls with list of addresses that FDMJ ran on July 14 that may give an idea of where the calls were located, Phil provided a copy to the Committee. It was also sent to Dennis Nissley, Public Works. He is working on the Halloween Spooktacular Support Plan.

Manager Pugliese distributed the Resolution to the Committee for the Lancaster County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the Lancaster County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution No. 2025-13 for approval; seconded by Councilor Scordo. Motion carried unanimously.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Scott Buchle, Penn State Health Life Lion, was in attendance and reviewed the report for July, which was a slower month. There were a total of fifty-seven EMS calls in the Borough; Mount Joy unit responded to an additional ninety-eight calls outside the Borough; fifteen calls were

handled in the Borough by other Life Lion units from neighboring municipalities with an average response time of 7:23. In May, Mayor Bradley inquired about response time in the Borough and after researching it, Scott explained that when they do their response times, it is total class of emergency and non-emergency responses, and it could be from the hospital to neighboring communities. So, he looked at calls in the Borough where the unit was in quarters for emergency calls only, they have a 5:52 response time. There were ten mutual aid calls in the Borough in July, of which five of those mutual aid ALS were on the call and our BLS was on the call as well. Mount Joy unit handled two mutual aid calls in MESA territory. Staffing numbers increased dramatically so they are almost on par.

Mayor Bradley was interested in an update on the potential merger (Life Lion Hershey that covers Dauphin, Lebanon and Berks Counties and Life Lion LLC that covers Lancaster and the West Shore). Scott explained that in the next two weeks they will announce a Physician and Senior Director. There is no timeline.

Councilor Eichler inquired about the MESA situation. Manager Pugliese said they are waiting for an agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

a. FDMJ Long Term Funding & Sustainability

Borough Manager Pugliese will try to meet during the first or second week in September. They will be discussing funding and sustainability, in addition to fire service/protection, that goes beyond FDMJ.

NEW BUSINESS

a. E-Bike Ordinance

Chief Goshen reviewed a proposed E-Bike ordinance and discussed it in detail. Currently within the Mount Joy Borough code we already had Article IV built into Pedalcycles and Toy Vehicles, so he plugged in definitions. After researching many other municipalities, he adopted the Commercial Business District and dated it. There are many classes of E-Bikes and since they are getting faster and more improved, he added Class 4 which would not be utilizing bike lanes and are more like motorcycles. After discussion, Chief Goshen will better define electric scooters with examples. Also, under the definition of Pedalcycle, he will strike '...or a pedalcycle with electric assist'.

b. Parking Ordinance

On Street Parking Study and updated street list were reviewed. Councilor Scordo made a motion to move the On Street Parking Study and updated street list to full Council; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, questioned the parking ordinance which Mayor Bradley explained the reasoning for it. Josh also wanted to mention that the train station lights are all in good working order. Relative to bicycles, he attended a Marietta Borough meeting last week and relayed that signage/enforcement will be coming to the Rail/Trail.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

All councilors received an email from a concerned resident which was addressed by Chief Goshen.

Councilor Eichler is the Council Liaison for the Mount Joy Fire Foundation and has attended several meetings and is now the Assistant Chair. The biggest thing that happened at last month's meeting was the transfer of funds from the Fire Company to the Foundation and will be able to invest the funds in the market to help with funding projects.

Councilor Eichler inquired about any updates on county radios. Chief Goshen explained that that would not be happening until 2027 as they were unaware of the financial impact on all the departments. Currently Chief Goshen is switching half of the department now and in January will have budgeted to move the other half over. Also, County is reviewing new dispatch equipment.

Mayor Bradley mentioned that some of the officers will be recognized for their efforts during the flood at the next full council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The Committee went to an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 19:54 Hrs. and ended at 20:02 Hrs. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:02 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Scordo. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis