

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:30 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 September 22, 2025, as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Scordo. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from August 25, 2025, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Scordo. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from August 25, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for August which was included in the packet. They responded to forty-six calls for the month of August 2025. Of the calls, thirty were first due alarms; fifteen in Mount Joy Borough, ten in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and four in East Donegal Township and sixteen mutual aid calls. Time in service was twenty-three hours and thirty-three minutes. They averaged 7.48 members per call for the month of August. The average response time in August was five minutes and twenty seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of six minutes and fifty-one seconds. Total training for the month was eighty-nine members trained for a total of three hundred forty-one hours for August. Community service included attendance at Mount Joy Borough National Night Out.

Fire police assisted with traffic control at the Elizabethtown Fair and Donegal High School football games.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for August which was included in the packet. The signed resolution has been submitted to the County adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The damage assessment data from the July 14 flood was provided to the County. He attended a meeting with the Borough and Authority staff to discuss future flood mitigation plans. He created a map of the flooded basements and provided the same to the Borough staff. President Hall asked to see if he could locate the addresses from the 2018 and 2011 floods; still researching. Working on the 2025 Spooktacular and Janus 5K Event Support Plans.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Scott Buchle as moved on and the new leadership for Penn State Health Life Lion, Keith McMinn, Sr. Director of Penn State Health Life Lion and Dr. Michael Reihart, new Medical Director of Penn State Health Life Lion were in attendance and reviewed the report for August. There were a total of seventy-four EMS calls in the Borough; Mount Joy unit responded to an additional ninety-eight calls outside the Borough; eleven calls were handled by another agency. The average response time was 6:59.

Background on Keith McMinn – He has worked at Penn State Hershey Medical Center for the past four and half years and was responsible for EMS in Dauphin, Lebanon and Berks Counties along with the Life Lion helicopter. Through a consolidation of leadership, he was selected to lead the entire Life Lion program both in Lancaster and on the West Shore. They now have municipal EMS contracts across the six-county area in Central Pennsylvania and service over sixty municipalities. He is retired from Pennsylvania State Police; lives in East Hempfield.

Mayor Bradley reviewed the concerns Mount Joy Borough had with Susquehanna Valley. Mr. McMinn is aware about availability, non-emergency transports, etc. As far as non-emergency transports, back in January, Penn State Health contracted with a private ambulance company, Integrated Medical Transport, and that is going very well. It has significantly driven down missed and mutual aid calls. They do system status management where they listen to the scanner and if everything is depleted in one area, they may relocate a truck to another area to be in the center of things to capture the next call. Mayor Bradley relayed that there continues to be a discrepancy between the MESA and Life Lion units as to the reported number of times they have had to cover; Mr. McMinn was familiar with the situation. He has been behind the scenes helping for over a year to help support the program. Also, along with Dr. Reihart, they have a new Operations Manager in Lancaster, John Shook. He will attend a future meeting. He is the day-to-day guy and has a long history of making solid decisions. Also, over the next two years, Penn State Health will not be asking for any municipal contributions from the Borough. EMS operates at a loss and unfortunately, government funding Medicare/Medicaid has not kept up with the cost of providing the service.

Background on Dr. Michael Reihart – He has been in the community for thirty years; worked at Lancaster General Hospital for twenty-five years; grew up in York County; currently a West Hempfield resident. He is very passionate about access to Automatic External Defibrillators in

the community. With his longevity in EMS, he has been able to negotiate a deal for Heartsine 350P AED with four-year battery and pads. Mentorship is very important to Penn State so if there is any way they can support the youth to become the next EMT, they would certainly entertain the opportunity.

Keith McMinin explained that EMS will be changing quite significantly over the next couple of years. EMS will be incentivized to keep people from going to the hospital. They are going to bring tools into the homes instead of transporting them, offering virtual care with a health care provider through an iPad. That is the future of emergency medical services.

OLD BUSINESS

a. FDMJ Long Term Funding & Sustainability

Borough Manager Pugliese could not meet as anticipated due to Mount Joy Township Manager turnover but is hoping to meet next week.

From a fire department perspective, Phil Colvin mentioned that Mason Brandt was the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee and he stepped down and Todd Kirkpatrick is now leading the committee and is very interested in it and is already reaching out to see who wants to remain on the committee so when it comes time for fire department involvement, he will be involved as well. Todd comes from a background of being the Director of the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center and before that, he was a chief officer at BWI airport and was in the military as fire police. So, he has a good background, knowledge and ideas on how to make things like this work.

b. E-Bike Ordinance

Chief Goshen reviewed the updated proposed E-Bike Ordinance. Classes were flushed out and visual aids of electric scooters and unicycles were provided. Councilor Eichler questioned Title 75; Flow of Traffic; Chief Goshen referred him to 255.107. Mayor Bradley questioned the EU Cycle speed and definition. Chief Goshen will work on alternative fuels and terminology that would cover other types of devices. Councilor Eichler reviewed 255.208 and proposed removing 'coast' from the definition.

NEW BUSINESS

a. None

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, appreciated the discussion and work on the E-Bike Ordinance. He mentioned that at the intersection of Old Market and Manheim 772 around 2:30/2:45pm when LCCTC is letting out, there have been burnout sessions and was wondering if an officer could be posted at Rotary Park. This problem increased since they closed the other exit that went out to Fairview. He also inquired about an update on municipal/borough radar and Chief Goshen said it is still in committee. Mayor Bradley relayed to call the police department for traffic complaints and questioned the closing of the other exit and the impact on the intersection.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler spoke of the traffic pattern request at Orchard and Main, Chief Goshen has stopped there three times, and he wasn't there. However, when Chief Goshen looked, the conversation is not going to be with the Borough, but with PennDOT. He wants to make sure what he wants to do and if that's the case, he will give him PennDOT's contact information about changing the traffic pattern. It is their road, and they control how you enter/exit the road and there is a traffic light there as well.

Mayor Bradley relayed that budgetary information will be available to all committee members to mull over the next month and if anyone has any questions, dialogue with Chief Goshen directly. The plan is to have discussion at the next committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The Committee went to an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 19:50 Hrs. and ended at 20:07 Hrs. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:07 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Scordo. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis