

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Eichler at 18:32 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Eichler, Councilor Scordo, Mayor Bradley (via Zoom), Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese (via Zoom). Councilor Fahndrich was absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for October 27, 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
There were no change orders that were approved or need to be approved at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from September 22, 2025, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Scordo; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from September 22, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for September which was included in the packet. They responded to thirty calls for the month of September 2025. Of the calls, twenty-one were first due alarms; eight in Mount Joy Borough, nine in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and two in East Donegal Township and nine mutual aid calls. Time in service was twenty-four hours and forty minutes. They averaged 7.83 members per call for the month of September. The average response time in September was six minutes and eleven seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of seven minutes and twenty-nine seconds. Total training for the month was sixty-eight members trained for a total of two hundred seventy-five hours for September. There was one notable first due call in the Borough for a vehicle fire with a loss of

\$3700. Community service included procession for three York County Police Office LODD, attended the Mount Joy Rotary/Kids Joyland anniversary event and provided standby for Reist Popcorn anniversary festival. Fire police provided traffic control for two Donegal High School football games and Reist Popcorn anniversary festival.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for September which was included in the packet. Still no response from the County on the final adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Completed and distributed Janus 5K Event Support Plan; attended planning meeting for 2025 Spooktacular and 2025 Winterfest events. Provided Manager Pugliese with information on weather stations to be used by the Borough. He heard from Councilor Haigh that Public Works had approved them. Phil will assist with the install if the Borough decides to proceed.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

No one attended the meeting on behalf of PennState Life Lion; however, the report was included in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

a. FDMJ Long Term Funding & Sustainability

Borough Manager Pugliese met with the other municipalities (Rapho, Mount Joy Township, East Donegal). Mount Joy Township has a fire tax; the other three have line items in their general fund. They looked at three pillars of sustainability that included membership, finances and real estate. There is currently legislation between House and Senate for funding opportunities for EMS and fire that revolves around loans through the State. The legislation is ten million for fire and five million for EMS. One suggestion was adding a fee to all of the permits that would go to the fire departments. They also talked about the local Share's grant that comes around every six months. The fire companies can apply on their own and will give Brett and Phil a chance to talk to Rachel. Act 172 which provides stipends to the fire fighters in good standing with the fire company and live within the Borough. Each year we set aside an amount for that, and we are working to see if we can hand that out. We are the only municipality that does that of the four we deal with.

Phil Colvin, President of FDMJ, shared that they have started back up the Strategic Planning Committee meetings. They have started a road map and the different steps in hiring one part-time person, one full-time person, to 100% fully paid and what it looks like; what the triggers are that says we need to look at it now. They are going to look into statistics and have some good movement on the topic. They are also working on job descriptions, i.e., pre-plans, knox box updates, rate checks, maintenance apparatus, scheduling service work, etc.

Mayor Bradley suggested spreading an administrative person across all the fire departments. Councilor Eichler questioned the number of hours that Brett spends on reports, etc., which averages ten hours per week. If he had more time, he could easily

double it, as that doesn't factor in Rapho Township. Mount Joy Township and East Donegal represent a smaller percentage of call volume.

b. E-Bike Ordinance Revised

Chief Goshen incorporated the revisions discussed at a previous meeting which are highlighted in yellow - definition of highway, motor vehicle and vehicle. One addition he did not add which was raised by Councilor Eichler was 'coast' under the sledding section. He will strike the word 'coast'. Mayor Bradley would like to see a disclaimer on toy vehicles. Chief Goshen would defer to the Solicitor about a disclaimer as to whether or not it is needed. Mayor Bradley would like to see a mention for clarification purposes about toy vehicles in the ordinance. Councilor Scordo made a motion to move to full Council on November 3, 2025, the E-Bike Ordinance with the proposed revisions regarding toy vehicles that were discussed; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Lancaster County Municipalities EMS Agreement

Manager Pugliese explained that this agreement came in after the new Manager came to address us. This agreement is for ten years and renews every five years. Item 11 needs to be discussed. He is not sure what other municipalities pay; however, we do own the property that they reside in. Manager Pugliese will need to do some research.

b. 2026 Proposed Budget

FDMJ budget was included in the packet. Both Manager Pugliese and Mayor Bradley were satisfied with it.

Police department budget was included in the packet. The two larger ticket items are the change with the Records Management System and total conversion of the radios, which has now been moved to January 2027 per County. The next vehicle purchase will be a diesel truck to replace the 2021 Dodge Charger which is continuing to have issues. Manager Pugliese explained that the truck must be able to tow the crash trailer and will be utilized to haul barricades, etc. for the downtown events after the move. We plan to keep the truck for ten years. Next year, we will probably replace the 2018 Dodge Charger with another Durango.

c. Engine Brake Ordinance

Per Chief Goshen, this is a rewrite as well. The ordinance was rewritten to bring the ordinance up to the standard for 2025, specifically the language was changed to address emergency vehicles that have that type of system. Also, he annotated that each violation is a separate offense and added a penalty section and who enforces this ordinance. He included the locations and conditions of the current brake retarder signs using PennDOT's model. He sent a letter to PennDOT requesting Engine Brake Retarder traffic study and the response is included in the packet. They will take up to ninety days for completion.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

a. PCCD Compliance Report

A full site compliance visit was conducted by the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission which revealed that our office was in full compliance. Prior to 2021, there were some errors/problems. This form is to be included in the November 3, 2025 Council packet for informational purposes.

b. Child Passenger Safety Enforcement Report

The attached report was for the period of September 14 to September 27, 2025. Forty-six contacts were made with nine citations issued and one criminal arrest. There was no cost to the Borough, as this was a PennDOT initiative. It is a good educational tool.

c. Pedestrian Enforcement Wave #2 Report

The attached report was for the period of April 28 to May 11, 2025, specifically the crosswalks at Memorial Park. Fourteen contacts were made, and fourteen citations were issued for failure to comply. The total cost to the Borough for this initiative was \$160.91 due to one of the arrests running over so that came out of the overtime budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:39 Hrs. Councilor Scordo made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis