

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Eichler at 18:30 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Eichler, Councilor Kark, Councilor Hollcraft, Mayor Bradley, Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese (via Zoom).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for February 23, 2026, as presented was made by Councilor Kark; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

- a. Review with possible motion on any change orders
None per Manager Pugliese.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from January 26, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Kark; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from January 26, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for January which was included in the packet. They responded to sixty-six calls for the month of January 2026. Of the calls, forty-one were first due alarms; twenty-seven in Mount Joy Borough, eleven in Rapho Township, three in Mount Joy Township and zero in East Donegal Township and twenty-four mutual aid calls. They averaged 9.15 members per call for the month of January. The average response time in January was three minutes and fifty-nine seven seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of six minutes and thirty-six seconds. There were no notable first due calls in the Borough. They are starting early work to replace the squad vehicle. The annual banquet will be held on March 21, 2026, at 5:00pm at John Wright Restaurant.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary reports for the period of 01/26/26 to 02/20/26 which was included in the packet. He feels we should consider advance warning when we are closing Main Street for snow removal. The fire police need more notice to allow time for better coordination. Also, we should consider a rolling closure of Main Street. There was a disaster declaration declared for the previous storm that was done with e-signatures that worked well. He has some ideas to review with Manager Pugliese to streamline the process even more, perhaps utilizing emails and texts. Weather stations are to be installed in the Spring. The first planned event is Fresh Brews on April 25 so he will start coordinating with the Police Chief and the event organizer to develop the Event Support Plan. He spoke with Councilor Eichler to start work on the Event Support Plan for the 175th activities. It should not be very complicated since there will not be many street closures.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

No one from Penn State Health Life Lion attended the meeting; however, the report was included in the packet. Manager Pugliese received a call from Kevin McMinn. The agreement will need to be signed in April. They are not asking for any financial assistance at this time but around 2030 they would like to start some type of contribution from the Borough to Penn State Health.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chapter 188 Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance Revisions
Chief Goshen reviewed the ordinance revisions that were included in the packet. This is in response to repeated violations by the individuals trying to engage in soliciting as well as the numerous complaints that the staff handles. We are strengthening the penalties for repeat violators. There are other enhancements as far as background checks, so that is being put on the individual wanting to engage in soliciting. The other purpose is the ability to put them on our social media platform so anyone can access if there is a question as to if they are permitted to solicit. Discussion on some verbiage changes (Boy Scouts of America to Scouting America and Girl Scouts of America to Girl Scouts of the USA), criminal checks, days/hours, etc. Councilor Hollcraft made a motion to move to full Council Chapter 188 Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance Revisions; seconded by Councilor Kark. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Chapter 189 Mobile Food Facilities Proposed Ordinance
Chief Goshen reviewed the proposed ordinance that was included in the packet. Previously, Chapter 188 encapsulated ice cream trucks, so it was pulled out and put in this new ordinance. Most of the language is the same except ice cream trucks would be issued a seasonal pass so they can pick a three-month period. Typically, they start

around the end of school and continue to just before school is back in session. A fee still needs to be established for the permit as well as a hazard fee if selling alcoholic beverages to cover additional police coverage. Section 189-8 needs to be revised on renewal of license. Mayor Bradley wanted more clarity on block parties and yard sales. Manager Pugliese wondered if we should include ServSafe certification under 189-3 D. Councilor Hollcraft questioned criminal records check. Also, he feels 189-3 G gives the Chief very broad authority, would like the word 'morals' struck and adjust the appeals process. He will provide some feedback to Chief Goshen on verbiage. Mayor Bradley is interested in language that would maintain any type of authority for the Chief to be able to shut down any mobile food facility should the need arise.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

Nathan Snyder, 226 Charlan Boulevard, echoed Councilor Hollcraft's point. He thinks it is important to enforce the laws that are on the books. If we are adding a morality clause then it is just subject to what is effectively someone's opinion on the matter. He feels the police are responsible for enforcing laws on the books, and the Chief of Police should not have overbroad authority unless we have a very specific reason.

Patrick Gerlach, 265 Lumber Street, saw a drone show at Lititz and thought it was great and high up so people should be able to see it at a distance. Also, regarding 287(g), he had an interesting conversation with a Veterinary who lives in Bainbridge and deals in the pork industry and has a large territory, explained that the immigrant employees who work in the pork farms are not going home because of everything that is going on. When dealing with 287(6), it might put fear in the Hispanic community

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley inquired if there was an update on fire discussion with any of the surrounding municipalities, and if not, was there any plan to have a meeting in the future. Manager Pugliese said there was nothing new to report, but he has a meeting tomorrow with Representative Tom Jones and some municipalities, so some of this might come up and see if he can get something in the works. Mayor Bradley would like to see if Manager Pugliese can get a working group of elected officials so we can see where the interest lies. Also, regarding the multimodal grant, Mayor Bradley requested a list of approved intersections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:09 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis