

# **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 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.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for March 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  
No change orders per Manager Pugliese, however they indicated they are behind schedule and gave a new completion date of April 30, 2026. They had seventeen weather days, which if added to the original date of March 22, 2026, the completion date should be the middle of April. He will be speaking with Crabtree to work it out.

## **PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner**

Dan McCormick, 618 Bailey Lane, wanted to address the new Pedalcycle Ordinance. He is an avid road cyclist and feels Mount Joy is a great place to ride. He does not feel that licenses will stop traffic infractions. In most jurisdictions, licenses are issued to address theft, however, with more modern electronics, like Air Tages, that has become less of a thing and the return rate of stolen bicycles is low. He feels that the State should look at e-bikes the same way they look at motorcycles and should be adjudicated that way. Mayor Bradley explained that we received other communication regarding people's concerns relating to licensure of bikes, but licensure is nothing new and already exists currently within the Borough Ordinance. The proposed changes are regarding e-bikes and not licensure. Chief Goshen agreed that the language in the Ordinance is antiquated and the changes had nothing to do with traffic enforcement. Licenses sometimes help in getting bikes returned to the owner.

Morgan Thome, 81 East Main Street, thanked Chief Goshen for his amazing work, integrity and a care for community that extends beyond the badge and vest. The town wants to stand with him but will not stand with ICE and will not stand with 287g. They will keep speaking out against it. She also thanked Mayor Bradley, Manager Pugliese and Councilor Hollcraft for their time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from February 23, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Kark; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from February 23, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for February which was included in the packet. They responded to forty-six calls for the month of February 2026. Of the calls, twenty-nine were first due alarms; sixteen in Mount Joy Borough, ten in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and two in East Donegal Township and seventeen mutual aid calls. They averaged 8.22 members per call for the month of February. The average response time in February was five minutes and five seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of six minutes and forty-one seconds. There were no notable first due calls in the Borough. They are looking to replace the roof as water is coming in the administrative office when it rains. The original roof has been repaired multiple times. The station key fob system mother board went out which is estimated to cost approximately \$8k. Squad 75 has needed two major repairs upwards of \$10k so they have formed a committee to start a needs analysis for replacement as there is a three-year lead time for apparatus. Councilor Eichler thanked the fire department for the invitation to their annual banquet at John Wright Restaurant. He is constantly amazed with the volunteers at FDMJ who are quick to respond to aid people in peril.

## **EMA REPORT**

Phil Colvin was not present but his summary report for the period of 01/26/26 to 02/20/26 which was included in the packet. Chief Goshen spoke on behalf of Phil stating that he is actively working on the Fresh Brews event, as well as the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is an upcoming meeting for the Memorial Day Parade and is also initiating talks again with the Summer Solstice representatives. Mayor Bradley would like more clarification on the Borough Emergency Operations Plan. We are under legal obligation to have that updated every so often, so we need to ask for a completion date.

## **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

No one from Penn State Health Life Lion attended the meeting; however, the report was included in the packet. Mayor Bradley said that we used to receive a more detailed report rather than a very generalized report. Some of those numbers were critical and the reason they were critical goes back to the history of EMS within the community. Manager Pugliese will reach out to Kimberly Keane and relay our concerns about the lack of information and report back.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Chapter 189 Mobile Food Facility Proposed Ordinance  
Councilor Kark made a motion to move to full Council Chapter 189 Mobile Food Facility Proposed Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Councilor Hollcraft was not good

with the Ordinance and had substantial edits which he did not get to Chief Goshen until the previous day. He felt the Ordinance was too prohibitive in comparison to Lancaster City, Manheim and the State. Motion carried with Kark and Eichler voting Yes; Councilor Hollcraft voting No.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Mount Joy/PSH-LL LLC Ambulance Agreement

Manager Pugliese explained that with the change in Penn State's management philosophy, they are going back to wanting the Borough to sign an agreement that is a no cost agreement for a period of time. He wanted the Committee to review and make changes, but does not think a representative will be available to discuss it until May. The verbiage was the biggest issue with them last time. We currently do not have an agreement with them. They are trying to get all their municipalities to agree. He is going to try to see if any other municipalities changed the verbiage in their agreement. Mayor Bradely questioned if this agreement is Mount Joy Borough specific. Manager Pugliese did not know. There are several municipalities that are not paying. Mayor Bradley asked this before when they first took over, he referenced the language that is found in the deed for the property. The concern is that some of this gets lost to time. He would like to see some way to capture in the agreement what the deed says and what the property needs to be utilized for. It is a reminder to people moving forward that it is there and gives more visibility to it. We need to preserve that the property reverts to the Borough if not used properly. We could make an attachment to the agreement. And to reiterate that April 1<sup>st</sup> date is not good. The agreement should be run through the Solicitor before it goes to Council.

### b. 2026 SAAM Proclamation

The Proclamation was included in the packet which has the Council President's name on it. Mayor Bradley issues Proclamations so he will create one for the April meeting. Chief Goshen would like to extend an invitation to the YWCA since they were the ones who reached out to him and asked for its inclusion. They would like to be part of the meeting when it is read so if we could move this up on our rather lengthy Council Agenda. Councilor Kark expressed that he was fully in favor of Sexual Abuse Awareness Month but struggled with the organization when you Google it. Discussion ensued regarding his concerns and would like to see 'whereas number 4 and whereas number 5' struck from the Proclamation. Councilor Hollcraft expressed his displeasure over Councilor Kark's concerns. Mayor Bradley explained that his Proclamation is to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It does not make any references to any type of care that may cause some level of controversy. There is no need to overly politicize the Proclamation. He will create the appropriate Proclamation. Manager Pugliese explained that Mayor Bradley will read the Proclamation and declare April Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Bradley understands concerns that folks have and they have every right to articulate their concerns and this goes for both sides, and he generally stays away from polarizing Proclamations. His concern is that over the past three months, it is not just

one issue related to what the police department is going to do, but it seems that everything is hyperpolarized. He does not think we want to go down that path, seeing what is happening in neighboring communities. We are looking for reasonably good governance of the community, dealing with local community issues. He would encourage everyone to keep that in mind as we work through and tackle things.

Councilor Hollcraft thanked Mayor Bradley for his point and wanted to clarify that this was not an argument, it was Councilor Kark contributing his opinion on this and me correcting his opinion on the record.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner**

Nathan Snyder, 226 Charlan Boulevard, was deeply disappointed that the SAAM conversation became controversial and wasted a lot of time going down this path. He supports their mission.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, didn't see it on the Agenda but mentioned that at the last Council meeting there was a lot of discussion about events and event planning. Does the committee have any plans to start getting something together for events that encompass closing Main Street that is a state highway, what qualifies the shut down and any parameters around that? Councilor Hollcraft said it was on his to-do list and hopes to have something for next year.

Councilor Kark commented that the letter Jen Angeles wrote was helpful.

Patrick Gerlach, 265 Lumber Street, asked Chief Goshen about whether modifying the 287g agreement between judicial and administrative warrants has proceeded. He also wanted to know if there will be a line item for ICE arrests if and when that happens in the reports. He said there is a continued fear among our immigrant friends when they want to go out. He agreed with the Mayor on the back and forth and wanting to do the right thing for the community. He appreciates that. He said that Chief Goshen is so well respected and he hears that over and over again.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Avenue, thanked Mayor Bradley again for intervening and not allowing the conversation to continue. She questioned the event planning process and after the event is approved, a continued request for more information. Mayor Bradley explained Borough sponsored events versus private entities that request public streets to be closed.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Councilor Hollcraft asked Chief Goshen for an update on the ICE MOA status. Chief Goshen stated that they are having a conversation and that is all he is prepared to say right now.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS**

An Executive Session was not held.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 19:52 Hrs. Councilor Kark made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis