

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 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 (via Zoom), Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese (via Zoom).

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for April 27, 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 he is waiting for several to come in.

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

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for March which was included in the packet. They responded to fifty-two calls for the month of March 2026. Of the calls, thirty-seven were first due alarms; sixteen in Mount Joy Borough, sixteen in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and four in East Donegal Township and fifteen mutual aid calls. They averaged 8.88 members per call for the month of March. The average response time in March was three minutes and forty-four seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of six minutes and thirty-six seconds. There was one notable first due call in Mount Joy Township. As a follow-up from last month, the roof has been replaced, and the station key fob system is completed.

## **EMA REPORT**

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for the period of 03/19/26 to 04/15/26 which was included in the packet. He has upcoming meetings for the Memorial Day Parade, Summer Solstice and 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. He reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan and there are a few minor changes, specifically the Notification and Resources section. Those are usually names and phone numbers that sometimes need to be changed. Once it has been updated it will go to Public Safety and full Council for approval. He needs to work with Dennis Nissley, Public Works, to install the weather stations. He would like to reach out to the drone display company so he can include their contingency plan with the Borough's plan. Councilor Eichler will provide the contact information to Phil.

Mayor Bradley would like the Emergency Operations Plan to have some appendices for special incidents, i.e. flooding, and we may want to have checklists for these incidents to possibly include a debris management plan.

## **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

Present at the meeting were Keith McMinn, Senior Director of PennState Health Life Lion and Dr. Chad Nesbitt, who is his physician partner. Dr. Nesbitt comes from the Allegheny Health Network out of Pittsburgh and was an Emergency Room Physician and boarded EMS. These roles are a result of the leadership transition for Life Lion that he discussed in the fall. They will oversee the seven-county area and over sixty municipalities that they serve. Mr. McMinn will handle the administrative and operations portion of Life Lion and Dr. Nesbitt will handle the clinical and quality portion to ensure the EMS providers are providing the proper treatment, quality and delivery of patient care. Dr. Nesbitt discussed call stacking. Mr. McMinn explained that there are active discussions with the 911 Center and there is a proposal before Brian Pasquale, Director of Public Safety, to do call stacking of Class 3 calls and his dispatchers would use an algorithm and quality follow-up. There is a medical advisory committee of physicians that will be reviewing the information. Currently, Dr. Mike Reihart, who is a PennState Health physician, has been hired by the County to be that person. They must present this call stacking proposal to all the municipalities that PennState Life Lion serves. Before it is signed off, Mr. Pasquale will send correspondence to see if the municipalities agree with call stacking of Class 3 calls.

Mr. McMinn distributed information on the history of PennState Health Life Lion EMS and reviewed the highlights of the EMS agreement, i.e., no municipal contribution until January 2030, \$5.00 per capita for the remaining initial term and renewal term with no escalation, ten year term with auto renewal clause, 180 day out clause without cause and EMS coverage for Borough sponsored community events. Mayor Bradley and Manager Pugliese discussed the land portion that needs to be included in the agreement which has been sent to the Solicitor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Mobile Food Facilities Ordinance Proposal**

Chief Goshen provided a revised mobile food facilities ordinance based on suggestions at the previous committee meeting. Councilor Hollcraft relayed his thoughts on wanting an annual license as opposed to thirty days, licensing the truck versus the individuals,

and all events the same (public and private). Chief Goshen explained that a seasonal permit versus annual is easier to manage and provides a sense of fairness; facility was modified but each employee needs a background check (cited several examples); differentiating between public and private flies in the face of other ordinances; we do not have the ability to supersede code. We also have a parking ordinance that states you cannot park a commercial vehicle on a public street without a permit.

Brett Hamm, Codes and Zoning Officer, explained that there is nothing in the zoning ordinance that governs mobile food trucks.

Manager Pugliese explained that if our ordinance does not allow mobile food trucks, under State law we must provide a zoning district where they are approved, so this must go before Admin and Finance to address zoning districts for mobile food trucks. Also, regarding annual versus seasonal versus 180 days, food trucks get several certifications (i.e. SERVSafe) so if we do seasonal or 180 days, we are likely to catch any expired certifications. As far as background checks, we may not be found liable, but he would not like to handle a PR event on a permit we issued, and something went wrong.

Mayor Bradley relayed that we have a level of responsibility as the Public Safety Committee. Our responsibility as a community is to ensure public safety. Historically and not just Mount Joy Borough, you will see carve-outs for people peddling and other things and why there seems to be a higher level of scrutiny of those individuals. Additionally, business owners have made a significant investment in brick-and-mortar facilities in the Borough. Mobile food trucks should be viewed and utilized in a way to enhance an event. There is always an appeals process.

Continued discussion regarding the length of license in 189-6A (30 to 60 days); individual clearances; differentiation between public and private events; morality clause; food carts should be removed; licensure for mobile food truck only but still require criminal checks on employees of the mobile food trucks, definition of mobile food truck that meets the standards of discussion, etc.; Chief Goshen will work on these considerations and suggests the committee recommends moving this to Admin and Finance so they can pick what zoning districts would be permissible use, so that would define the area; Manager Pugliese will take care of that.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. No New Business.

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

Liz Hollcraft, 105 Talbot Street, was wondering what the application looks like; background check needs to be defined and referenced that a State mandated check is good for five years.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, questioned how many permits can be issued at one time and suggested that the zoning district issue could go to Planning instead of Admin and Finance.

Catherine Fitzhugh, 226 Charlan Boulevard, feels the ordinance is overreaching since mobile food trucks are licensed by the health department, the vehicle is inspected and possibly requiring a parking permit. They operate on foot traffic and that could lead to foot traffic within the downtown stores. She feels that this does not sound very pro-business.

Nathan Snyder, 226 Charlan Boulevard, suggested limiting the number of days during the period to keep from competing with the local businesses.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Avenue, questioned the special events and how that affects food trucks. She also inquired about peddlers that have been showing up at her business and what she should do.

Mayor Bradley asked Chief Goshen to explain special events. Chief Goshen said that special events are approved by the Borough and the event organizers put up a Certificate of Liability that insures the Borough. In turn, they get certificates from the individuals that are operating within the special event, so there is replication.

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

Chief Goshen said to consider cancelling the next Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for May 18, 2026, due to the building move. Councilor Kark made a motion to move to full Council to cancel the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 18, 2026; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft; motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Eichler mentioned that the DFCA Fishing Derby is Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8am to 12noon. Chiques Park will be closed at noon on Friday, May 1, 2026, until the conclusion of the event.

Fresh Brews set up/tear down was rocky due to staffing issues. There were approximately 650 attendees, and the planners were overall satisfied with the event.

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

An Executive Session was not held.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 20:58 Hrs. Councilor Kark made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis