

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Due to Councilor Eichler's absence, the meeting was called to order by Councilor Kark at 18:30 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Kark, Councilor Hollcraft, Mayor Bradley, Sergeant Drexel and Borough Manager Pugliese. Both Councilor Eichler and Chief Goshen were absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for July 27, 2026, as presented, was made by Councilor Hollcraft; seconded by Councilor Kark. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

a. Review with possible motion on any change orders

Manager Pugliese stated there are no change orders to discuss at this meeting. Regarding the water that the police department was experiencing, he explained that the engineers are working on two to three options at no cost to the Borough. Mayor Bradley reported that it has been temporarily remedied by placing a stopper device in the clean out drain and disconnecting the rain spouts from the drain system, so the water is draining away from the building.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from June 22, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Hollcraft; seconded by Councilor Kark. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from June 22, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for June which was included in the packet. They responded to fifty-four calls for the month of June 2026. Of the calls, thirty-six were first due alarms; eighteen in Mount Joy Borough, nine in Rapho Township, five in Mount Joy Township

and four in East Donegal Township and seventeen mutual aid calls. They averaged 6.59 members per call for the month of June. The average response time in June was four minutes and forty-one seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of seven minutes. Fire police had been busy with participation in the Malmedy memorial dedication at Memorial Park, Summer Solstice event, firework display in Rapho Township and the car show. There was one notable first due call at Espenshade Farms that may result in approximately a \$75K loss if the generator needs to be replaced.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for the period of 06/20/26 to 07/22/26 which was included in the packet. The weather stations were installed at Melhorn Drive and the South Jacob Street compost site. The weather station at South Jacob Street is not reporting rainfall but is still under warranty so he placed a support request with the manufacturer to resolve the issue. He needs to work with the Borough to install the third weather station at the fire station. The event plan for the car show was updated multiple times up to late Friday night; problems getting information from people in a reasonable time. Still working on the Emergency Operations Plan.

Mayor Bradley questioned the event planning process. He is the final sign off on the permit for an event and is not getting the plan document in enough time should there be any changes. Phil explained that the document goes out to the organizers five days in advance. Mayor Bradley would like the event plans to be finalized and provided to him at least one week prior to the event, so if there is something that needs to be addressed, we have time to do so.

Mayor Bradley confirmed that a plan for NNO is being completed even though the location has been moved to 300 Orchard Road. Phil will reach out to event planners three weeks out for Spooktacular.

Councilor Hollcraft recommended that the committee discuss how to address standard operating procedure guidelines in August or September. After discussion on the topic, Councilor Hollcraft made a motion to direct the Borough Manager to solicit comments and feedback from the Borough staff regarding the development of a form and guidance to potential festival event planners and add it to the October Public Safety Committee Agenda; seconded by Councilor Kark. Motion carried unanimously.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

No one was present at the meeting, however the report for June was included in the packet.

Mayor Bradley has expressed in the past and reiterated again that information on routine transports and where they are pulled from has been removed from their report. He would like Borough Manager Pugliese to reach out to PSH-LL for the number of times the units were pulled for routine transports and that information needs to be added to the monthly reports, starting next month.

Manager Pugliese expressed that PSH-LL previously stated that they have contracted with a transport service to do routine transports Monday through Friday during the daytime hours.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Mount Joy PSH-LL LLC Ambulance Agreement

The solicitor was on vacation so there is nothing to add at this time. Manager Pugliese has forwarded the comments and hopes to have a meeting with her this week.

Additionally, Mayor Bradley would like to include in the ambulance agreement that someone from PSH-LL attend a PSC meeting quarterly and attend one full Council meeting to provide an annual briefing. Since they have multiple jurisdictions, the annual briefing does not have to occur at the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Weight Restriction on New Haven Street

Public Works inquired about limiting trucks over 10,000 pounds on New Haven Street, which Mayor Bradley told them would need to go before Public Safety Committee for comment before going to council. Mayor Bradley explained that the Borough only has the power to operate unilaterally concerning weight restriction on New Haven Street from West Donegal Street to Marietta Avenue, because Main Street to West Donegal Street is a state road. So, if we wanted total weight restriction on New Haven Street, it would have to be coordinated with PennDOT. After a lengthy discussion Mayor Bradley stated that he would like a traffic study performed to include number of trucks (length/width), crash data, speed collection, pedestrian visibility, implications of shutting down a road to heavy truck traffic, with a tentative completion date of November.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, inquired about the status of the e-bike ordinance that was passed at Council and if/how it was being enforced. Sergeant Drexel explained that e-bikes are an issue nationwide. The ordinance is nice to have for the sidewalks, but Title 75 dictates that they are not registered vehicles. They are considered vehicles but are not registered so you cannot have them on the road. They are enforcing it but allowing the officers to have some discretion with it depending on the situation and possibly using it as an opportunity to educate the individual. They need to understand the dangers not only to pedestrians but to themselves as they are heavy and can go very fast.

Patrick Gerlach, 265 Lumber Street, wanted to remind us that the Supreme Court ruling that temporary protective status no longer exists for thirteen countries went into effect today and asks us to continue to be kind to those individuals from another country, only arresting the criminals. He thanked the committee for the ambulance discussion as well.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Avenue, wondered if the Committee would consider an advisory committee to help organize, structure, and communicate information between the event

organizers and the Borough. Mayor Bradley explained that we are going to be discussing an event planning form at the October meeting.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Car show attendance was good. However, weights on tents and tarps were an issue. Mayor Bradley feels a handout should be provided to all attendees at these events regarding tents and weights. Sergeant Drexel agreed that it would be a good idea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The Committee went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 20:05 Hrs. and ended at 20:15 Hrs. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:15 Hrs. Councilor Hollcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Kark. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis