

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Kark at 18:30 Hrs.; Councilor Eichler was present via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for August 24, 2026, as presented, was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. 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 be presented to the committee. We continue to have water issues even after disconnecting all exterior downspouts. The only thing connected to the downspouts at this time are all the interior ones, but Thursday's rain came into the rear police vestibule area. Basically, what happens is the downspouts enter a pipe that goes around the outside of the building and empties at the southwest corner of the parking lot or underneath the parking lot. Crabtree has been silent on it. Apparently, K&W acknowledged to Crabtree that it is a design issue but has been silent as well. The plumbing contractor came in the next day to secure the PVC plug with silicone tape and paste. There is just too much water to flow when it gets to the place around the building where it is supposed to flow. If we do not hear anything soon, it will come before Council under Municipal Complex and if there are decisions or actions to be taken, they can do so at that time.

Mayor Bradley said that once again the flooding affected the police rear entry as the steel plate was pushed off from the pressure and the cap was off to the side, allowing water under the door through the hallway vestibule. This happened later in the day affecting Manager Pugliese, Dennis Nissley, Sgt. Drexel, Sgt. Reed and the on-call Public Works personnel. This continues to affect the police department in doing its job and an undue burden on staff, typically after hours. He also inquired about the spoil pile and confirmed that it can be removed. S.M. Johns is taking care of it per Manager Pugliese and that work should start anytime.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Avenue, expressed her frustration on the Borough's event process and is appreciative that it is on the upcoming Agendas. She would like the committee to look at the process on both sides.

Mayor Bradley expressed again on the record that he does not feel public streets should be shut down for private events. He has been consistent with that. It has never been about the Borough making money, but whether the community is going to benefit from the inconvenience of the entire street being shut down for an event.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, feels that Springville Road should have a sidewalk on at least one side. The Committee recommended that it be put on Public Works Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from July 27, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from July 27, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for July which was included in the packet. They responded to forty-eight calls for the month of July 2026. Of the calls, thirty-four were first due alarms; twenty in Mount Joy Borough, ten in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and two in East Donegal Township and fourteen mutual aid calls. They averaged 7.12 members per call for the month of July. The average response time in July was four minutes and forty seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of seven minutes and eleven seconds. Fire police had been busy with the Mount Joy Borough car show most of the day. The fire department completed three work details and provided public assistance for the Mount Joy Mennonite Church. There was one notable first due call for an auto garage fire on Habecker Road in Rapho Township that resulted in approximately \$350K loss due to heat and smoke damage.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for the period of 07/22/26 to 08/18/26 which was included in the packet. He continues to work on the Emergency Operations Plan. He is trying to find examples on debris management; will work with the Mayor on it. Regarding the weather station at South Jacob Street, the manufacturer is sending him some parts that he will swap out and will work on getting the third one up and running at the fire department. He conducted the first planning meeting for the Spooktacular event. He also updated the 175th Event Support Plan and will be out shortly; not much to change other than the date and time.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Keith McMinn, Sr. Director PSH-LL was present and reviewed the report for July that was included in the packet. Their median response time in July was eight minutes. In the first week of July, they added another resource to the community to help the EMS which is a Paramedic Squad for Class 1/ALS calls (heart attacks, strokes, trauma, etc.). Not every call requires a Paramedic; actually, less than 10% of the calls. In the last two weeks, they instituted a physician 'go team', called the Roar Team, to respond to major incidents (tornado, heavy entrapment, farm extraction, etc.). They have improved the operations in Lancaster County so that the mutual aid is less than 10% of the calls. They are providing more mutual aid than what they receive. He inquired about the ambulance agreement. He also wanted to educate the committee on the new alternate dispatch model for EMS Class 2 and 3 non-emergency calls. It was voted on by the EMS Council in Lancaster County (Dauphin and Cumberland Counties are already doing it and works extremely well). Each municipality will make their own decision whether they want to participate in the program or not. Lancaster City and West Hempfield have opted in. He will send the two-page pilot protocol to Manager Pugliese.

Mayor Bradley questioned the numbers and would like an explanation of the usage of routine transports in July and wants a recap of routine usage across the system added to the monthly reports ongoing. He reiterated that we would like someone here once per quarter with one of those at a full Council meeting.

Manager Pugliese explained that the Solicitor has been busy with things but was going to add the verbiage regarding the status of the building and property similar to what was in the deed into the agreement. Mayor Bradley reiterated adding the meeting requests to the agreement.

Councilor Eichler concurred with Mayor Bradley regarding the big bump in numbers and wanting clarification. Also, was hoping to have Life Lion present for public relations on September 12, 2026, from 4pm to 8pm at the 175th Celebration. He confirmed that PSH-LL will attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mount Joy PSH-LL LLC Ambulance Agreement

Manager Pugliese will try to push the solicitor for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fire Police Request for Manheim Farm Show Parade

Request for fire police coverage for the Manheim Farm Show Parade was included in the packet on October 7, 2026. Councilor Hollcraft made a motion to approve the Fire Police request for the Manheim Farm Show Parade; seconded by Councilor Eichler. An Amendment by Councilor Hollcraft to move to full Council the Fire Police request for the Manheim Farm Show Parade on October 7, 2026; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Amendment carries.

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None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler attended a 175th Committee meeting on August 20, 2026. The new date is September 12, 2026, from 4pm to 8pm with a rain date of September 13, 2026.

Councilor Kark mentioned the traffic study on New Haven Street but it is not due until November.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The Committee went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 19:56 Hrs. and ended at 20:07 Hrs. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:07 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Hollcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis