

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for September 28, 2026, as presented, was made by Councilor Hollcraft; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

- a. Review with possible motion on any change orders
No current active change orders per Chief Goshen.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from August 24, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Hollcraft; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. The Minutes from August 24, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for August which was included in the packet. They responded to fifty-one calls for the month of August 2026. Of the calls, forty-three were first due alarms; twenty-four in Mount Joy Borough, fourteen in Rapho Township, three in Mount Joy Township and two in East Donegal Township and eight mutual aid calls. They averaged 7.76 members per call for the month of August. The average response time in August was four minutes and twelve seconds with an average arrival time to the scene of six minutes and thirty-three seconds. Activities included some standby station staffing, participation in National Night Out and assisted Manheim with a funeral arch. Fire police assisted with the Elizabethtown Fair on August 24, 28 and 29, 2026. There was one notable first due call on

August 20th at Nissley Chocolate Factory Apartments that was a small stove fire that resulted in approximately \$5K loss due to smoke and some water damage, but the water damage was unrelated to the fire as one of the residents fell in the bathroom and cracked the toilet.

Phil Colvin stated they have a draft budget that was submitted to the Borough Manager. They are not asking for any change in funding from the Borough. However, they will be getting together with the Borough throughout next year as they have some projects and initiatives that they want to try, namely a stipend program and potentially a paid employee to assist with administrative duties on the operational side. Councilor Eichler questioned the amounts received from other municipalities; Borough's allotment is 93K (operating) and 77K (capital); Rapho 70K (operating) and they hold the capital monies until requested; Mount Joy Township gives 98K (54K for operating) and balance is held by them until requested; East Donegal gives 23K. Additionally, there is interest money and usually a state grant of approximately 15K. The fund drive is the biggest; budgeting 145K. Total revenue is approximately 528K with operating expenses coming in around 440K. Rapho Township typically gives a 3-4% increase every year. Mayor Bradley inquired as to whether a discussion with other municipalities had taken place. Phil stated that he started the discussion with Rapho Fire Advisory last Thursday. He would like to meet first with the municipalities individually. He does not see Mount Joy Borough having its own career fire department but perhaps formulate a regional fire district that is a cooperative effort with multiple municipalities. Discussion continued.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin reviewed his summary report for the period of 08/19/26 to 09/28/26 which was included in the packet. He felt the 175th celebration went well. The rewrite of the Borough Emergency Operations Plan is almost complete. He is working on NARM (Notification and Resource Manual). The weather stations are working. The Spooktacular plan is almost finished.

The event form was discussed. Rachel Stebbins has provided Borough Manager Pugliese with a rough draft. He sent it to all department heads for review and comment. Mayor Bradley would like the fire department, EMA and then this committee to see it before it goes out to the public.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Keith McMinn, Sr., Director PSH-LL, was present and reviewed the report for August that was included in the packet. They handled eighty-three calls in the Borough, and one hundred sixteen calls outside the Borough by the unit that is based here. The majority of those calls were neighboring municipalities and no calls in Lancaster city. Their median response time in August was seven minutes and the median time on task is about sixty-four minutes. Last month, he referenced a paramedic squad; it is now in the Borough and is a Life Lion EMS supervisor and paramedic. His primary area will be Mount Joy and Manheim. Mayor Bradley questioned the twenty-six times the unit was out on routine transport in comparison to the other municipalities they serve in the county. Mr. McMinn said the routine transport utilization, in order, is East Hempfield, Mount Joy Borough, West Hempfield and Columbia. Mr. McMinn offered that they are going to add a unit in Salunga which will help with routine transport. Discussion continued.

Alternate dispatch (A under New Business) was raised while PSH LL was at the podium. Again, these are Class 3 calls or non-emergencies. Both Columbia and West Hempfield voted to opt in,

but it has not started yet but he will be happy to share the data when the time comes. Dauphin and Cumberland Counties do alternate dispatch, and it is working out well. It provides system relief for non-emergency calls. Councilor Eichler questioned the evaluation committee and whether the statistics would be made public. Mr. McMinn explained that the committee was put together by the director of LCWC (911 Center). The goal is to review the data to ensure they are Class 3 calls and it is overseen by a physician. Councilor Hollcraft inquired about the ghost dispatch. Chief Goshen further explained that there is a breakdown between BLS units, ALS units and paramedics and it is getting to the right level of service. It is a great deal more efficient, so we do not have our limited resources being expended on something that would require a lesser trained unit. The ghost dispatch plays a part in that many of the Class 3 calls that are considered non-priority can be put on a timer if a unit is not immediately available.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Traffic Study – New Haven Street

Chief Goshen provided an update. This request came in when he was out. We cannot regulate height, weight or width on a roadway. You must have an engineering study and that is something you need to pay an engineer for. We will prepare a traffic assessment of Donegal and New Haven Streets because of the level of crashes there. With it being between two state roads, PennDOT has a say in it, and they are going to require an engineering study. Councilor Hollcraft inquired as to whether trucks would be counted. Chief Goshen explained that we can include that, but we were scoped into looking at the number of accidents that occurred at the intersection of Donegal and New Haven Streets.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Alternate dispatch

b. 2027 Brewfest (05/01/2027) Noise variance request

The Brewfest request and noise variance request and COL is included in your packet. It is the same as the previous two years. Councilor Hollcraft made a motion to move the 2027 Brewfest and noise variance request to full Council; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT – Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Chief Goshen provided a brief update on some of the traffic details. During the period of July 6 to September 20, we participated in the third wave of aggressive driving. There were forty vehicle and pedestrian contacts, nineteen summary citations were issued, and twenty-three violations were identified and issued, at no cost to the Borough. On July 9, we participated in the nighttime occupant protection, specifically seatbelt and child carrier seat enforcement. There were sixteen contacts, five citations issued and an additional fourteen violations identified at a cost to the Borough of \$1.28. For the period of August 17 to September 20, we did the

pedestrian enforcement wave. This was the third wave this year. During this period there was a total of fifty vehicle and pedestrian contacts. Three citations were issued and it should be noted that typically with pedestrian enforcement, it is more an educational effort than it is zero tolerance. There was a total of forty-eight warnings at no cost to the Borough. Finally, the sole child passenger safety initiative occurred between September 13 and 26, there were thirty-one vehicle stops. Ten citations were issued and an additional twenty-two warnings were issued and the cost to the Borough was \$21.41.

Councilor Eichler questioned parking at the municipal parks if it is a Public Works or Public Safety matter. Residents in the area of Standby Park are aware that people who park there do not use the park. Chief Goshen explained that Public Works would have to first determine if those parking spaces are allocated specifically for the park or if it is generic off-street parking. So, if those spaces were designated for the park, there would have to be an ordinance and signage to stipulate that. In absence of that, it is simply on street parking. Mayor Bradley said the park is only about ten years old so they should be able to go back and take a look.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:47 Hrs. Councilor Hollcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis