

AGENDA
FIRE & POLICE COMMITTEE
Monday, June 30, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Public Comment- All public comments shall be related to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Borough Council, Committee, or Board conducting the public meeting, and shall be limited to matters of public concern, official action, or deliberations that are, or may come, before the Borough Council, Committee, or Board.
- 3) Western Berks Ambulance:
 - a) Reporting and department updates
- 4) West Side Emergency Management
 - a) Emergency Management update
- 5) Police Department
 - a) Presentation on previously discussed Safety Stick, by Ken Wollins
 - b) Officer Henry will be off probation as of 6/28, see attached letter.
 - c) Discuss the request received for installing a “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” sign on Reading Boulevard at Forest Avenue (both directions)
 - A motion is needed to table, approve, or deny installing a “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” sign on Reading Boulevard at Forest Avenue, in both directions
 - d) Discuss the department makeup with the impending retirement of Sgt. Karstien
 - e) Civil Service Rules and Regulations
 - i. Discuss the addition of language to the Police Department Civil Service Rules and Regulations section 3.9 General Qualifications- Promotions, subsection A
 - A motion is needed to table, approve, or deny the suggested revision to the Police Department Civil Service Rules and Regulations section 3.9 General Qualifications- Promotions, subsection A, contingent upon the approval of the Civil Service Commission
 - f) Discuss the replacement of a Police car that is unable to be repaired
 - i. Vehicle was involved in a T-bone type accident, of which the officer was not at fault
 - ii. Due to the extensive type of repair required, the insurance carrier totaled the vehicle with a \$35,902.02 value
 - iii. A replacement vehicle is \$44,655 not including upfitting and graphics
 - A motion is needed to table, approve, or deny purchasing a Police department vehicle in the amount of \$44,655, not including upfitting and graphics, and ratify the motion at Council due to the need to purchase the vehicle before the July 2025 Council meeting.
- 6) Fire Department:
 - a) Review the June monthly activity report and incident distribution map
 - b) Update on the hiring processes
 - i. Firefighter/EMT
 - ii. 7 applicants were determined to be eligible to move forward to the written exam
 - iii. All applicants were notified of their eligibility status to attend the written examination by email correspondence on Friday June 20, 2025.
 - c) Deputy Fire Chief
 - i. Application period closes June 30, 2025, at 3 pm

- ii. CSC meeting to determine eligibility to move forward to the written examination is set for July 11, 2025.
- iii. All applicants will be notified of their eligibility status to attend the written examination by email correspondence on Monday July 11, 2025, following the CSC meeting.

d) Borough Run Cards

- i. Run card authorization forms were signed by Chief Holmes and Chief Tucci, and submitted to the County for implementation
- ii. Currently working with the County to develop a special run card covering High Road, Old Wyomissing Road, and the main parklands area

7) Executive Session (if needed)