

AGENDA
FIRE & POLICE COMMITTEE
Monday, August 25, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order ****the public meeting is being recorded****
- 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) Lawndale Road stop signs
 - i. Discussion about altering stop signs from the side roads to Lawndale to help to slow traffic
 - ii. This road is a bypass for travelers on State Hill road when they are trying to avoid traffic
 - iii. Concerns are that when the PennDOT State Hill Road project begins, through travel will be worse with increased speeding issues
 - b) Covered vehicles on Borough public streets
 - i. Vehicles being on a public street must be properly registered, inspected and insured and being covered prohibits officers from being able to confirm this
 - ii. Discuss actions being taken in an attempt to confirm registration, inspection, and insurance
 - c) Wyomissing Area School District Homecoming Parade
 - i. Request was received for a Homecoming Parade on October 10, 2025 for Wyomissing Area School District, to begin in West Reading, traveling Chestnut Street to Wayne Avenue in Wyomissing and commence in Happy Hollow
 - ii. Once at Happy Hollow a pep rally is held that includes a bonfire
 - iii. Table, approve or deny, the WASD request for a homecoming parade from West Reading to Happy Hollow on October 10, 2025
 - d) Discussion regarding the recent shooting incidents within the Borough
- 6) Fire Department:
 - a) Review the August monthly activity report and incident distribution map
 - b) Update on hiring processes for Firefighter/EMT
 - i. The 5 candidates for the entry-level FF position were provided with the CPAT registration link and have registered
 - c) Update on the hiring process for the Fire Chief

d) Deputy Chief hiring process had been terminated

e) Redesign of Graphics for the Fire Chief's Vehicle

- i. The Relief Association has approved a graphic design package for the new Utility, for which Relief will pay for
- ii. The Fire Chief's vehicle should be redesigned to match. The current graphics do not stand out or easily identify the vehicle as an emergency vehicle
- iii. The cost to install new graphics on the Chief's vehicle is \$3,530.58. Fire Department staff can remove the existing graphics to save on labor costs
 - A motion is need to table, approve or deny, recommending the Finance Committee review the cost to re-graphic the Fire Chief vehicle, and recommend Council approve the cost of \$3.530.58

f) Mattresses that were budgeted for 2025 have been purchased, wardrobes will be purchased within the next few weeks

g) Glick has performed the annual service and testing for L79 and E79

h) Open House scheduled for October 8th from 6-8pm

7) Executive Session (if needed)