



Public Safety Committee
Minutes
March 4, 2026
6:30 pm
Lansdale Borough Hall, Chambers
1 Vine Street, Lansdale PA 19446
Chairperson: Mary Fuller

Names of Members Present:

Mayor Rachel Bollens
Andrew Carroll (virtually)
Rafia Razzak

Public in Attendance:

See Attached

The meeting was called into order at 18:31pm

I. Old Business

- A. The committee approved the meeting minutes from February 4, 2026
- B. Lieutenant Gori gave a brief update about the West Ward
 1. Speed Signs and JAMR signs have been in the West Ward throughout the last 30 days
 2. Parking Enforcement has been a focus with parking too close to crosswalks and stop signs
 3. 60 traffic stops in the last 30 days, since the last Public Safety Meeting
 4. March 11th is the date for Public Safety and Chief to meet to discuss further options for the West Ward
 5. Starting March 5, 2026, a barricade will be provided in front of York Elementary School for the traffic issues surrounding the arrival and dismissal of school children
 6. Met with school officials also to figure out a plan for the problematic areas during those times

II. New Business

- A. Motion to approve 35th annual "Under the Lights" Car Show was approved 2-0
- B. Handicap Parking space request at 889 Wedgewood Drive was approved 2-0
- C. Motion to approve the removal of addresses in the current Borough Code was approved 2-0

III. Fire Marshal and Fire Department Report

- A. Fire Department responded to 51 alarms in February 2026 (115 Year to Date)
- B. Conducted 15 training drills
- C. In 2025, they had 658 alarms and welcomed 8 new members
- D. Home at Last Dog Resue Event will take place on March 22nd from 12-2pm at the Fire Station
- E. Fire Marshal inspected 112, 719 square feet of commercial property during February
- F. Had fire drills at both Knapp Elementary and Penndale
- G. Performed Fire Investigations at 32 E 6th Street and 400 block of E Main Street

- H. Fire at 421 E. Main Street displaced 4 families and the community really rallied and provided gift cards
- I. EMS- EOC was opened partially twice in February for snowstorms
- J. Worked with Police Department during roll call to do Active Shooter Tabletop Exercises
- K. Hosted a Montgomery County Department of Public Safety Regional Tabletop Exercise which included Police, Fire and EMS from NP Region
- L. Over 200 people have signed up for the Ready Montco news alerts for town information which include text messages, emails and/or phone calls

IV. Public Comment

- A. Geary Kochorspergor had a question about the 60 traffic stops and what the average is
- B. Resident asked the Council to make a resolution that the Police Department not get dragged into the Civil Enforcement of Immigration
- C. Kara Derstine asked LT to repeat the traffic statistics because she was tardy
- D. Kara Derstine thanked Council and PD for their swiftness and leadership in long-term concerns
- E. Mary McNulty suggested a camera at Derstine and Towamencin because of people never stopping, pedestrians getting hit, etc.
- F. Ms. McNulty also pointed out the intersection of Lansdale Ave. and Main Street during school hours and how the drivers ignore the speed limit, the school zone area flashing lights, speeding issues, safety issues of people getting hit or honked at while crossing the street
- G. Need more signage and enforcement in this area, especially during school zone
- H. Resident shared how cars being dumped in the West Ward also make parking more difficult, especially if they are abandoned
- I. Question asked about the parking of RV's and the current verbiage of the Ordinance and could we update the verbiage to include RV's and be crystal clear about what vehicles can and cannot be parked on Borough Roads
- J. Dominic mentioned this was brought up 3 months ago and what is being done about an Ordinance and the verbiage of the Ordinance
- K. Looking to strengthen the verbiage in the already existing Ordinances regarding trailers and RV's
- L. Dominic inquired about the change in speed limit from Valley Forge to Cannon and dropping 35mph to 30mph, we are still trying to get 25mph and have this be effective through to Cannon Ave.
- M. Dominic inquired, again, about the line delineators and what is the update?
- N. Waiting for Public Works schedule and the weather to get nicer for the painting of remaining curbs
- O. Inquiry about the Pedestrian Crossing signs and can we get more for along Cannon Ave.

V. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 19:04

*** - Possible Action Item at Business Meeting**