

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Strenfel, and Mr. Weiss
Mayor Urscheler

Staff: Mr. Krack, Ms. Getzfread, Chief Marshall, Chief Brazunas, and Ms. Donato (as needed).
Deputy Chief Dixon – TowerDIRECT

I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public comment.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions.

Mr. Weiss asked whether the Committee would consider asking applicant to temporarily leave the room while the committee discusses the potential appointment.

Mr. Krack reported that Randy Morin had given his resignation from the TAC effective June 3, 2025. He noted this would create a vacancy on the TAC which could be addressed in the items below.

IV. New Business

A. Review of monthly Police, Fire and Ambulance Reports.

Ms. Burckley noted receipt of the various reports and asked if there were any updated from the Chiefs. Deputy Chief Dixon reported their staff delivered the first in the field blood transfusion in the Borough.

B. Motion to recommend Borough Council reappoint Jennifer Chandler to the Tree Advisory Commission for a new term expiring June 30, 2030.

Ms. Burckley asked Ms. Chandler to provide information as to why she wanted to be reappointed to the TAC. Ms. Chandler gave information as to her background and why she wanted to be reappointed to the TAC.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council reappoint Ms. Chandler to the TAC. Second by Mr. Strenfel. Motion passed 3-0.

- C. Motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Heidi Warning to the Tree Advisory Commission for the vacant term expiring June 30, 2029.

Ms. Burckley asked Ms. Warning to provide information as to why she wanted to be appointed to the TAC. Ms. Warning gave information as to her background and why she wanted to be appointed to the TAC.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Ms. Chandler to the TAC for the unexpired term of June 30, 2029. Second by Mr. Strenfel. Motion passed 3-0.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of developing an Eligibility List for Full-Time and Part-Time Fire Fighter for the Phoenixville Fire Department.

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- E. Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize Staff to submit an application for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

Staff provided background on the grant and the potential impact on the growth of the fire department.

Mr. Strenfel made a Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize Staff to submit an application for seven (7) firefighters under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Second by Mr. Weiss. Motion passed 3-0.

- F. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions.

Ms. Burckley reminded everyone of openings on the various Boards and Commissions.

V. Old Business

- A. PXV Inside Out.

Ms. Getzfread reported on the Clydesdale Parade scheduled for Thursday, June 5, the June First Friday on June 6, and the Annual Chester County Pride Festival on Saturday, June 7.

- B. Emergency Management.
- C. Community Policing.
- D. Retention/Recruitment Update

Nothing new to report on items B, C, & D.

VI. Public Comment

Deputy Chief Dixon reported that his last meeting will be next month due to his retiring from Tower Ambulance effective August 1, 2025.

VII. Adjournment at 6:52 pm by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm