

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Ewald, and Mrs. McGhee
Mayor Urscheler

Staff: Mr. Krack Ms. Getzfread, Chief Marshall, Chief Brazunas, Deputy Chief Wagner –
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- I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm
- II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

Ms. Burckley read a clarification statement from Mayor Urscheler regarding the role of the Phoenixville Borough Police Department in Immigration Enforcement.

Chief Marshall provided background on the incident earlier in the day as it relates to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers taking two individuals into custody. He also restated the clarification statement from the Mayor.

Residents and non residents expressed various levels of concern about the incident earlier in the day and questioned the Borough’s leadership in response to ICE related incidents. There were also numerous thoughts and recommendations on how to improve efforts to allay concerns from residents when ICE activity occurs in the Borough.

Those participating in Public Comment included:

Anna Cephus, Nick Vessi, Rhona Candeloro, Shayna Miller, Maurene Rietmiller, Marilyn Harvey, James Brower, Alex Kearns, Olivia McIntyre, Rebecca Pultork, Jacob Month, Stephanie Nicolosi, Rosa Davilo, Sarah Howell, Adeline Smith, Dana Waldman Ginger Murphy, Drena Burbaker, Vince McDevitt, Megan Connelly, Rebecca Seglem Saude Rijas, Lillian Acosta, Rosa Davilo, Henrik, Alec Kearns, Shelia Cork, Allie Burger, and James Brower

Ms. Burckley closed public comment and stated the committee and staff would coalesce the information to see what response can be provided at a later time. She reiterated this committee and Borough Council are the appropriate venues to bring such matters or concerns to the attention of Borough Council and Staff.

- III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions.

Ms. McGhee thanked Ms. Getzfread for providing the past survey results.

IV. New Business

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

Chief Marshall reported there were 22 applicants taking the next Civil Service Test this coming weekend.

Chief Brazunas reported the Quint fire apparatus should arrive tomorrow and Ladder 65 will be sold next week. He reported three new firefighters will be sworn in at the Borough Council meeting next week and will also include the new Medical Director.

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

Ms. Burckley encouraged residents to consider applying for positions on various boards and commissions.

V. Old Business

A. PXV Inside Out.

Ms. Burckley stated new regulations will be considered at the Borough Council meeting next week and Staff is preparing for the 2026 season.

B. Emergency Management.

Ms. Burckley stated there was nothing new to report.

C. Community Policing.

Ms. Burckley stated there was nothing new to report.

D. Retention/Recruitment Update

Ms. Burckley stated Staff continues to review where Borough employees stand in relation to other communities of like size.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment at 7:37 by Mr. Ewald.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm