

**YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 20, 2026
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFRR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York PA

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Deb McCune, Chairperson, Manchester Township
Thomas Gwilt, Secretary/Treasurer, Spring Garden Township
David Detwiler, Spring Garden Township
Craig Miller, Manchester Township
Don Bishop, Springettsbury Township
George Dvoryak, Springettsbury Township
Tom Mitten, Citizen-at-Large
Jonathan Pinkerton, Spring Garden Township (via Zoom)

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Daniel Hoff, YAUFRR Chief
Walter Tilley, Solicitor
Lester Rhoads, YAUFRR
Sue Sipe, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

TILLEY Solicitor Tilley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Reorganization of 2026 Officers

Solicitor Tilley explained the procedure to elect officers for 2026 for the positions of the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary/Treasurer

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO NOMINATE DEB McCUNE AS CHAIRPERSON. MR. MILLER WAS SECONDED.

MR. GWILT MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT DEB McCUNE AS CHAIRPERSON. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MR. GWILT MOVED TO NOMINATE DAVID DETWILER AS VICE CHAIRPERSON. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MR. MILLER MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT DAVID DETWILER AS VICE CHAIRPERSON. MR. MITTEN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MR. MILLER MOVED TO NOMINATE DON BISHOP AS SECRETARY/TREASURER. MR. GWILT WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

MR. MITTEN MOVED TO NOMINATE TOM GWILT AS SECRETARY/TREASURER. MS. McCUNE WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

**SOLICITOR TILLEY CALLED FOR THE VOTE:
DON BISHOP – 1 VOTE
TOM GWILT – 5 VOTES**

SOLICITOR TILLEY DECLARED TOM GWILT AS THE NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY/TREASURER.

Solicitor Tilley thanked everyone for their service on the Commission. He turned the meeting over to Chairperson Ms. McCune.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

MCCUNE Chairperson McCune announced there were no Executive Sessions held since the last meeting and there would not be one following this meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Solicitor Tilley

TILLEY Solicitor Tilley stated he had no further report.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff announced a Pension Meeting would be held in February along with the annual Recognition Ceremony.

Chief Hoff stated he met with Mr. Mitten, Member-at-Large and Mr. Pinkerton, who is serving as alternate for Spring Garden Township. He reviewed the Orientation Guide and other procedures with them to provide information about the organization and Commission duties.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak referred to a situation with Penn Township and Hanover Fire Service.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated he was not aware of the specifics but it was related to the EMS operation, however, he has since heard that situation was resolved.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak referred to a volunteer fire company that recently was shut down.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated East Prospect Volunteer Fire Company was shutdown.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak asked how that might impact YAUFRR.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated there has not been any impact as yet.

GWILT Mr. Gwilt referred to a fire in his neighborhood. He noted in speaking with his neighbors they expressed their appreciation of the firefighters who responded to that situation.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

A. Payable Listing as of December 31, 2025

MR. GWILT MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLE LISTING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

BISHOP Mr. Bishop inquired about the Strategic Plan update.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated they are working on the update and are tracking the progress. It will be included on the agenda for February.

McCUNE Chairperson McCune reported that Manchester Township adopted the revisions to the Charter at their January meeting.

It was noted that Spring Garden Township has also adopted the revisions, and it is on the agenda for Springettsbury Township at their January meeting.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee – Chief Hoff stated the Committee will reconvene next month.

B. Personnel Committee – Chairperson McCune noted there are no current members and asked for volunteers on the committee. Mr. Mitten and Mr. Bishop agreed to serve on the committee.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

A. Adopt: 2026-01 YAUFRR Pension Board Appointments

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2026-01 PENSION BOARD APPOINTMENTS WHICH INCLUDES ALL COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS BC. LESTER RHOADS AND LT. DAVE KING. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- B. Adopt: 2026-02 Professional Advisors Appointments
2026 Appointments
- Saxton & Stump – Solicitor
 - Campbell Durrant, PC – Labor Counsel
 - Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. LLC – Auditor
 - Conrad Siegel Actuaries – Actuary for pension plan

BISHOP Mr. Bishop voiced concerns about the process for evaluating the performance for the professionals who are appointed. He was of the opinion the Commission should be involved in the decision-making for these appointments.

McCUNE Chairperson McCune stated at this time the appointments should be made for the year, however, an evaluation of those positions could be added to the agenda during the year.

MR. MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2026 APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ABOVE LISTED PROFESSIONALS. MR. DETWILER WAS SECOND. MOTION CARRIED (1 nay – Mr. Bishop).

Discussion was held regarding the reappointment process and how it is handled by the participating municipalities.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes for December 16, 2025

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 16, 2025 AS PRESENTED. CHAIRPERSON McCUNE WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss/Approve: Charter Agreement Revisions

McCUNE Chairperson McCune stated in moving forward with ongoing revisions it was determined at the December meeting to wait until the new roster of members was in place to plan how to move forward.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak recommended planning a separate work session which would be dedicated to the topic of the Charter revisions. He noted the discussion also included inviting past members who were involved with the Charter.

It was decided to look at dates and send out an email for a suggested meeting date. It was noted this would be a public meeting to be advertised.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

MCCUNE Chairperson McCune adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFRR Headquarters

Thomas Gwilt
Secretary/Treasurer/ses