

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

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 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
George Dvoryak, Springettsbury Township
Tom Mitten, Citizen-at-Large
Jonathan Pinkerton, Spring Garden Township

NOT PRESENT: Don Bishop, Springettsbury Township

ALSO IN

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

McCUNE Chairperson McCune called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Swearing In Ceremony

HOFF Chief Hoff stated he was honored to swear in four new lieutenants who have successfully completed a comprehensive and competitive promotional process. He noted these officers transitioned to their roles on January 1, 2026 and include new shift and station assignments.

Lt. Grant Fronheiser – 24 years of service
Lt. Nick Willcox – 9 years of service
Lt. Brandon Banks – 7 years of service
Lt. Nick Serikstad – 7 years of service

The swearing ceremony was conducted by Chairperson McCune.

C. Employee Recognitions

HOFF Chief Hoff welcomed family members, friends and department personnel for attending the annual Employee Recognition program to take part in acknowledging years of service milestones which occurred this year.

Recognition of firefighters who have achieved a significant anniversary or award:

Firefighter Sean Montgomery – 5 years of service
Captain Robert Luta – 15 years of service
Firefighter Julie Yahnke-Schrum – 15 years of service
Firefighter Les Rhoads – 20 years of service
Lieutenant Celeste Jones – 20 years of service
Lieutenant David Kane – 20 years of service
Captain Michael Freet – 25 years of service
Firefighter Lyle Cosner – 25 years of service
Chief Daniel Hoff – 30 years of service

Clinical Save

November 27, 2025 Station 894 was dispatched to 3rd Ave. in Spring Garden Twp. to assist EMS with a call for a syncopal episode. On arrival Engine 894 personnel upgraded the call to a cardiac arrest. Ambulance 521 along with Medic 29 arrived and worked alongside YAUFRR personnel to ultimately resuscitate a 70 year old female patient. Patient was subsequently discharged on December 12, 2025.

Captain Gerald Stroble, Firefighter Brandon Banks and Firefighter Nick Willcox were presented with a Clinical Save Award.

Shift Citation Award for outstanding and exceptional service during a high risk structure fire in Spring Garden Township on January 1, 2026

Battalion Chief Matt Russ
Firefighter Ryan Bosserman
Battalion Chief William Blackwell
Lieutenant Aaron Eckert
Firefighter John Findley
Firefighter Rich Godfrey
Firefighter William Hapke
Battalion Chief Todd Heilman
Firefighter Kevin Keogh
Firefighter Chad McCullough
Firefighter Drew Pennington
Firefighter Jared Poole
Firefighter Joshua Santivasci
Firefighter Tyler Seibert
Firefighter Jaelen Tatum
Captain Steve Vrabel

Fire Chief's Commendation for outstanding and exceptional service during a high risk residential structure fire on January 1, 2026, initiating aggressive lifesaving operations

Lieutenant Aaron Eckert
Firefighter Chad McCullough
Firefighter Drew Pennington
Firefighter Jared Poole
Firefighter Joshua Santivasci

Chief Hoff acknowledged his oversight after this incident as he became focused on the administrative duties involved in such events. In doing so, he felt he failed to uphold priority #1 which is to affirm everyone involved was okay. He apologized for his omission and assured it would never happen again.

Chief's Administrative Commendation

Battalion Chief Anthony Jake Hoover
Battalion Chief Keith Cerzullo
Battalion Chief Matthew Russ
Battalion Chief Scott Ryno

Battalion Chief Award

Firefighter Lester Rhoads
Firefighter Richard Godfrey

Fire Chief's Award

Captain Robert Luta

Chief Hoff thanked everyone for their attendance to honor the department and congratulated a very deserving group of fire service professionals. He stated it is an honor and a privilege to be their Chief.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

McCUNE Chairperson McCune announced there were no Executive Sessions prior to the meeting and there would be none this evening.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Solicitor Tilley

TILLEY Solicitor Tilley stated he met with Ms. Einsig regarding compensation for a staff member, and further noted his firm has been focused on the pension plans.

He introduced Attorney Kathryn Silcos who is a new member of their firm and is part of their municipal practice group.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff announced April 15, 22 and 29 will be the Spring Structure Burn sessions at York County Fire School in Manchester Township. He invited the commissioners to attend and participate in one of the sessions.

Chief Hoff indicated chairs were donated to the meeting room from the Northern York County Regional Police.

Chief Hoff indicated they were notified with the restart of Three Mile Island, the TMI drills which each municipality within the emergency planning zone are required to participate in will occur on November 17, 2026.

McCUNE Chairperson McCune referred to volunteers' recognition as noted in Chief Hoff's report.

HOFF Chief Hoff indicated Volunteer's Recognition Day is Monday April 20, 2026, so they are anticipating recognizing volunteers during the regular meeting on April 21, 2026.

McCUNE Chairperson McCune asked about the HAAS communication which she noted goes through navigation systems, such as the WAZE App.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated he would look into it to determine if it feeds into other applications. He noted the HAAS system is becoming widely used by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to notify drivers of incidents on the turnpike.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

A. Payable Listing as of January 31, 2026

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLE LISTING AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

McCUNE Chairperson McCune indicated she received a letter from the union congratulating her on her election as Commission Chairperson.

GWILT Mr. Gwilt reported a fire occurred on the corner of Maple Street and Lancaster Avenue on January 20, 2026. He noted one of the fire engines could not get through Sunshine Alley due to vehicles parked in the alley. Mr. Gwilt indicated he met with the assistant manager of Spring Garden Township and was informed they will be addressing the situation.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak thanked Chief Hoff for his leadership in apologizing for a mistake in judgement he acknowledged during the presentation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

A meeting will be held in March.

B. Personnel Committee

No report at this time.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-03 Amendment to Firefighter Cash Balance Plan with Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System to add a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in compliance with Act 111 Arbitration Award signed December 19, 2025

MR. MITTEN MOVED TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE LANGUAGE CAN BE VERIFIED. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2026

MR. GWILT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2026 FOR THE COMMISSION MEETING AS AMENDED. MR. MILLER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss: Charter Agreement Amendment

McCUNE Chairperson McCune recommended holding separate meetings to discuss the charter agreement amendments. It was determined to hold the meetings on March 23, 2026 and April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Discuss/Acknowledge: CFAI Accreditation Report

HOFF Chief Hoff asked if there were any questions regarding the report. He noted their staff has been working on the recommendations to be ready for the hearing next month.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak asked how the determination is made as to what recommendations must be made.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated it is in their best interest to have in addition to their policy manual a standards manual to assure continuity in basic practices.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

13. ADJOURNMENT

McCUNE Chairperson McCune adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFRR Headquarters

Thomas Gwilt
Secretary/ses