

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Committee Members:

Shana Baumgartner (Chair)
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Meeting:

December 10, 2025, 9:00 AM

Ordinance §1-406. Public Safety Committee

1. This Committee shall provide oversight and guidance of all fire apparatus, emergency care, ambulance, police, and other equipment placed in charge of said Committee by proper action of Council, owned by the Borough, as well as advisory supervision of all such apparatus owned by the respective fire companies operating within the Borough, as well as the ambulance service and Police Department and supervision of operations. This Committee shall work in cooperation with the Mayor of the Borough and shall not contravene the legal authority of the Mayor as said authority over the Police Department is delegated in the Borough Code.
 2. The Public Safety Committee shall provide oversight and guidance over the personnel in the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and the Police Department.
 3. This Committee shall have further oversight in interviewing and recommending for appointment members of the following commissions, boards, and authorities: Civil Service Commission, Emergency Disaster Board. This Committee shall act as the liaison between Borough Council and the commissions, boards, and authorities listed above.
 4. The Public Safety Committee shall have further oversight of conducting initial interviews for the position of Ambulance Chief, Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. The Committee shall refer the narrowed list to be interviewed by the entire Borough Council. The Committee shall have further oversight of hiring all full-time ambulance employees, Fire Department employees, and Police Department employees, pursuant to the requirements of the civil service process and other applicable statutes. In hiring non-civil-service employees, the Department Manager and Borough Manager shall conduct the first-round interview and shall narrow the list of eligible candidates to the Committee. The Committee shall conduct final interviews and make formal recommendations to Borough Council for appointment. In regards to hiring part-time employees, the Borough Manager and Department Manager shall conduct all interviews and refer to Council for appointment all part-time and seasonal employees.
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- **Call to Order**
- **Public Comment, Part I**
- **Presentation**
- **Communication to the Committee**
 - a. **Fred Boenig** – Thank You (S. 2nd Street painting)
 - b. **Susan Seibert** – Follow up on request for 1 hr parking sign on 7th Street
- **Business**
 - a. **Police – Chief Jason Apgar, Dep Chief Bryan Hamscher**
 1. Speed concerns
 2. Parking
 3. Civil Service Commission – Promotion Process
 - b. **Fire/Ambulance –Dep Chief Keith Miller, Asst Chief Adam Priest**
 1. Grants
 2. Officer program
- **Executive Session**
- **Public Comments, Part II**
- **Adjournment**
- **Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD**