



Public Safety Committee

Minutes

February 4, 2026

6:30 pm

Lansdale Borough Hall, Chambers

1 Vine Street, Lansdale PA 19446

Chairperson: Mary Fuller

Names of Members Present:

Mayor Rachel Bollens

Mary Fuller

Andrew Carroll

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Public in Attendance:

See Attached

The meeting was called into order at 18:31pm

I. Old Business

- A. The committee approved the meeting minutes from December 3, 2025
- B. Co-Responder contract has been updated with Chief Devlin's signature and is set to expire end of June 2026. The department will then hire the Co-Responder directly; needs to be approved in front of full Council in two weeks

II. New Business

- A. Handicap parking space at 413 Delaware Ave. was approved 3-0
- B. Handicap parking space at 426 Pierce Street was approved 3-0
- C. Motion to approve Discover Lansdale's First Friday Events for 2026 was approved 3-0
- D. Motion to approve Manna on Main Street's Race to End Hunger was approved 3-0
- E. Motion to approve North Penn's Rotary Club Lansdale Day Arts and Crafts Festival was approved 3-0
- F. Motion to approve Discover Lansdale's Founders Day was approved 3-0
- G. Motion to approve Discover Lansdale's Beer Tasting Festival was approved 3-0
- H. Motion to approve Discover Lansdale's Holiday Mardi Gras Parade was approved 3-0
- I. Motion to approve free parking during Restaurant Week in the borough was approved 3-0
- J. Motion to proceed with the Certified Civil Service List was approved 3-0

III. Fire Marshal and Fire Department Report

- A. Over 102,000 square feet inspected in the month of January for Commercial properties
- B. 6 smoke detectors installed within homes
- C. Fire Drills at Knapp Elementary, Penndale and Elm Terrace Gardens
- D. Hosted a tabletop exercise at Saint Mary's in December
- E. Fire Company was on a call and could not attend

IV. Public Comment

- A. Sheldon Good spoke about the petition that was signed throughout the West Ward with 213 signatures within three days and made the following points-
 - 1. Requesting we commit to meeting with the Public to identify both immediate and long-term Public Safety solutions
 - 2. Identify funding for those solutions

3. Make pedestrian crossing a priority
4. More Stop Signs
5. Adequate Enforcement
6. More curbs painted
7. Speed Humps
8. Better Sight Lines
9. One Way Streets where needed

B. Shannon DeBellis witnessed the aftermath of the accident and sent PennDOT an email requesting more stop signs in problematic streets and will continue to follow up and let us know of any results

C. Emily and Karalyn Derstine pointing out the West Ward is a cut-through for cars and does not prioritize the walkability for residents

D. Rob and Marianna had visuals of unofficial statistics from PennDOT site of accidents over a 5-year span in given municipalities, accidents with injuries, accidents around the Boys and Girls Clubs, and accidents happening at two sign stops.

E. Dominic presented a 3-part plan focused on Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Winter accessibility, and Targeted sweep enforcement- will send his plan to Mary Fuller, via email

F. Kacey shared information about finding emails from 2010 to Mary Fuller and the rest of Council about these exact issues (painted curbs, sight lines, stop signs, etc.)

G. Complaints about using the proper channels to report issues and absolutely nothing happening following those reports

H. Geoff Hynes questioning what needs to be done to get more stop signs up

I. Jeff pointing out after 10 years, actions speak louder than words and the residents are begging us to make things safer

J. Kids are afraid to walk to school and residents want commitment to every curb being painted in the West Ward so cars can no longer park illegally or too close to the stop signs

K. Speeding on Whites Road and Valley Forge Roads and the lights causing more traffic because of delays

L. Requesting possibly putting another Speed Radar Control Display on White's Road or even a permanent one because cars slowed down

M. Asking for an update from January 6th shooting and many things are out of our control, but safety is one thing we can control and should be controlling

N. Mark from Penonni explained stop signs are legislated by PA Code, and went on to explain how things work

O. Council willing to commit to helping to find funding, willing to listen and review all suggestions brought up tonight and want safety also

P. Andrew Carroll suggested a focus meeting where everyone is heard and has break-up groups and find solutions to these issues within 90 days or sooner

V. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 19:42

***- Possible Action Item at Business Meeting**