

**West Hanover Township**  
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Board of Supervisor Workshop Minutes  
Tuesday November 12, 2019

Mr. Miller called the Workshop to order at 6:00 pm.

**Fire Marshal Safety when performing their duties w/in West Hanover Township**

Also present: Fire Marshal Todd Hoffman, Assistant Fire Marshal Justin Wolford; PSP Lieutenant McCree

Todd Hoffman, Township Fire Marshal – Mr. Hoffman feels that residents expect him to conduct his duties as if he is law enforcement. Fire Marshals don't feel safe performing the duties of police. Both Fire Marshal Hoffman and Assistant Fire Marshal Wolford shared stories of recent interactions with angry residents and some of the targeted backlash they have received.

PSP Lieutenant McCree said that under certain circumstances, they will perform the site investigation of fires. Mr. Miller asked if we should have gone straight to the District Justice? Solicitor Isaac Wakefield suggested that all fire questions and correspondence should go through the Township office prior to going to the Fire Marshal. The State Police said that they would like to get out of the Fire Marshal business.

Mr. Wakefield asked Mr. Hoffman if he is aware of other Townships that have a non-fire marshal or police officer involved in enforcement. Mr. Hoffman replied no. Mrs. Zimmerman asked for the Board to consider making ordinance changes to accommodate some of these concerns.

The Workshop ended at 7:30 pm.