

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
January 22, 2018
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carl Chisem
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Robert Santangelo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta
Commissioner Deb Kleckowski

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Fire Chief Al Leary

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from December 18, 2017. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Pessina seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letter from Mayoral Youth Cabinet for participating in alcohol awareness and allowing the department to put ribbons on the fire apparatus
- Thank you from the Chamber for participating in the Holiday on Main, story time, and for allowing Tat Wong Kung Fu Academy to do their demonstration in the firehouse

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Finished up December with a spike in calls – up 10% from same time last year
 - Good trends and bad trends
 - Overall down 4% - roughly 200 calls
 - Drop directly related to medical calls
 - False alarms dropped by 12%
 - Fire calls spiked about 10%
 - Around 4000 calls for the year
 - Wesleyan down for the month – only 17 calls
 - Fire Marshals accounted for six man hours on campus
 - Alarms Division had thirty man hours on campus
 - Participated in Cirma Fire Service Task Force in December
 - Served on panel for new fire Chief for the City of Groton
 - Training calendar for December:
 - Took care of hazmat training
 - Hosted Solar Panel training classes – three deliveries in the firehouse
 - Discussion had about solar panels, ventilating during a fire, and new codes to come
 - Completed OSHA required Spirometry testing
 - Completed testing process for entry level firefighter:
 - Tested almost 300 applicants, 180 advanced to the oral interviews, 120 passed both sections, and the top thirty six were interviewed by the Chief, Deputy Chief, a Lieutenant, and two firefighters
 - First conditional offer made was turned down – going into the Navy
 - Second conditional offer made and was accepted – going through the process
 - Goal to get him in the firehouse by February 5th - Fire Academy begins the following week
 - Letter of Intent to retire turned in and this firefighter will retire on January 31st
 - An applicant put themselves through the academy and may be able to extend a conditional offer

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Bucket truck
 - Should be in next month if all goes well
- Private hydrant ordinance
 - With a potential new director in place going to take this off the backburner and move upfront as stated by Chief Kronenberger

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Mutual Aid/Local agreement
 - Needs to be signed by mutual aid partners
 - Motion made to move to Council, Commissioner Pessina moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor

9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

- Minutes from meeting included in meeting packet

10. Other Matters Not on the Agenda:

- None

11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Santangelo made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pessina moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018