

**Public Safety Commission**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
February 25, 2019  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.**  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta  
Commissioner Carl Chisem  
Commissioner Deb Kleckowski  
Commissioner Phil Pessina  
Commissioner Robert Santangelo

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger  
Deputy Chief Al Leary

**STAFF ABSENT**

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

None present

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

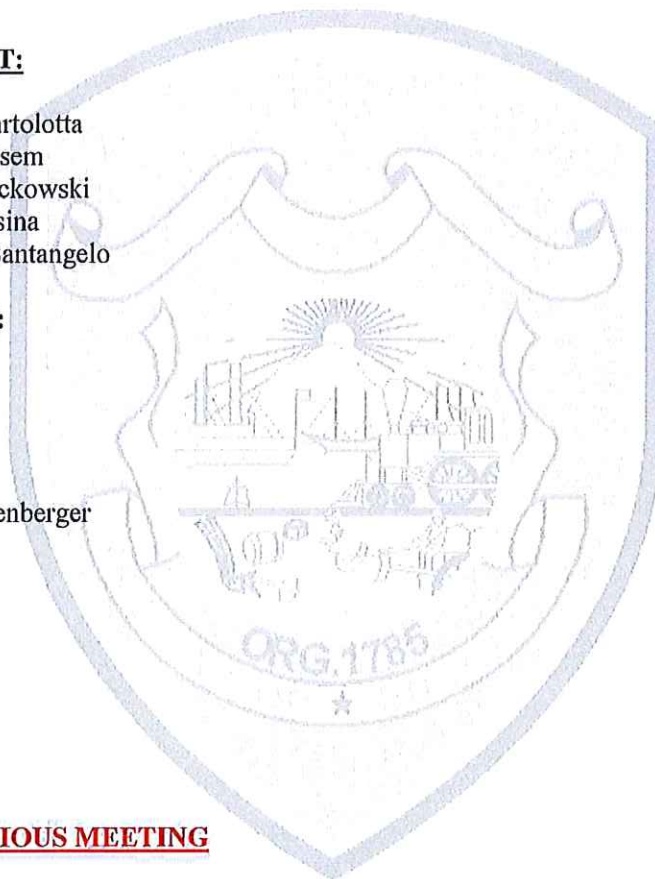
Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on January 22, 2018. Commissioner Pessina so moved, Commissioner Kleckowski seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None



6. **MONTHLY REPORT**

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
  - January was a busy month – saw a 21% increase from the same time period last month, most were EMS calls
  - Wesleyan back on campus – increase in call volume, 28 for the month
    - Fire Marshals spent 16.5 hours on campus
    - Alarms spent 39 hours on campus
    - Wesleyan starting to spread out, adding more tax exempt properties – discussion may need to be had between the City and Wesleyan – currently have over 300 structures that are not taxed
  - Training for the month:
    - Finished vehicle rescue training
    - Rope training was done at the CFA theater at Wesleyan at their request
    - Concentrated on OSHA mandated training: fit testing, bloodborne pathogen, spirometry testing
  - Chief Kronenberger stated that there seems to be about six million dollars in state funding from bond money that has already been approved for the regional fire schools
    - Meeting was had with the Mayor, all the fire chiefs from the county, and the state delegation and presented it to them, they seemed engaged
  - Budget at the Mayor's office – budget meeting upcoming
    - Changed way of reporting overtime section - broke down by categories as requested by commission last year

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Nothing new to report on the private fire hydrant ordinance – unable to meet with the water department, uninterested in entertaining this
- New engine update:
  - Spoke with manufacturer this week and the cabin chassis is due to the body company in the next couple of weeks – still on schedule

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

9. **Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

- Minutes of meeting held on February 5, 2019 included in meeting packet
  - Towers should be done, up and running by the end of summer as reported by Commissioner Chisem
  - Install of radios to start in fire apparatus as reported by Chief Kronenberger
  - Coverage in Middlesex Hospital fantastic except for below grade but are working on this issue
  - The high school coverage is fantastic as well

10. **Other Matters Not on the Agenda:**

- None

11. **Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters**

12. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Monthly report given by Director Kronenberger:
  - Correspondence:
    - None
  - Report:
    - Active for fifteen days in the month of January
  - EOC update:
    - Should be completed next Friday – computers are here and are being programmed this week, generator arrived last Friday

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ruffino  
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 18, 2019**