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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018
6:30 P.M.
MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
(COMMUNITY ROOM)

1. Chairman Robert Santangelo Calls Meeting to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Chairman
Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta
Councilman Carl Chisem
Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski
Councilman Philip Pessina

STAFF PRESENT: William McKenna – Chief of Police
Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police

STAFF ABSENT: Captain John Lozefski – Administrative Commander

2. Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2018

Councilman Carl Chisem moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for March 19, 2018; Seconded by Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

None

4. Correspondence

Chief William McKenna advised the following:

- A Letter of Appreciation for Officer Michael Small (*already sent via E-mail*)
- An Atta Boy for Officers Matthew Milardo, Kyle Pixley, and Eric Sanford in their handling of an autistic child at Big Lots;
- A Letter of Appreciation from Xavier High School's Dean of Students, Mr. Nicholas Cerreta, for Sergeant William Porter and Detective Derek Puorro on how they (*Xavier*) work closely with the Middletown Police Officers via School Safety Committee Meetings, Lockdowns, etc.
- An (*Facebook*) Atta-Boy for two (2) Officers assisted a young girl who had a seizure at the Coleman Carnival.
- A Thank You letter for Officers Andres Wasilewski, Matthew Freiman, and Joshua Ward, from Ms. Lineberry regarding their calm response to a potential chaotic situation concerning her adult son.
- A Thank You letter for Sergeant Brian Hubbs, regarding his assistance with a war veteran who had recently torn his ACL and meniscus, and was having a difficult time getting into his home during a rainy and slippery day.
- A Thank You letter for Officer Peter Botsacos from a woman involved in an motor vehicle accident; that while she was physically unhurt, Officer Botsacos was able to calmly lower her anxiety level.

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4. Correspondence (cont'd)

- A Letter of Appreciation from Vincent Capece, President and CEO of Middlesex Hospital, regarding to the incident of February 22, 2018 incident,
- A Thank You letter from the Rame Family regarding the Department's escort for retired Chief of Police Eugene Rame; specifically for Lieutenant Paul Maturo, the Traffic Officers, and Officer William Hertler.

5. Monthly Reports

Chief William McKenna stated that they're still doing better than they did last year; and reminded the PSC that they still have to go for an appropriation. A brief Q&A discussion followed regarding the appropriation, Light Duty Officers (5) and its effect in Overtime, Police Officer openings (4), completed Lateral interviews with at least ten (10) solid candidates, an upcoming new list for Entry Level Officers, Private Duty road jobs, and CIRMA funding coverage on Light Duty (5-year low).

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

- a. Ordinance No. 214-40. Multi-Use Trail Regulations (*Attached*)

Chief McKenna stated Deputy General Counsel Kori Wisneski asked that this be brought to the PSC; that they concur with the amended version; and that it passed at another commission (*WPCA - Water Pollution Control Authority*). After a brief discussion, Councilman Philip Pessina made a Motion to approve the new language and forward it back to OGC (*Office of General Counsel*); Seconded by Councilman Chisem. After another brief Q&A discussion, Motion approved.

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

Councilman Pessina asked if he could contact Lieutenant Maturo regarding a City-sponsored event; and Chief McKenna replied in the affirmative.

On a personal note, Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta wanted to thank everyone, specifically Deputy Chief Michael Timbro for reaching out during a difficult family time; that unfortunately they have suffered another loss and asked if they could let the MPD know. Chief McKenna said that he would.

9. Meeting Adjourned....

Councilman Pessina made a Motion to adjourn; Seconded by Councilman Chisem. There being no discussion or objection, Motion was approved.

Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: May 21, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosa B. Perichi
Recording Secretary