

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
September 17, 2018
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta
Commissioner Carl Chisen
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Robert Santangelo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Deb Kleckowski

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on May 21, 2018. Commissioner Bartolotta moved the motion and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Call volume for summer months down less than 1% - remaining relatively flat
 - Wesleyan calls way down June-September – due to lack of session
 - Summer training:
 - Had all shifts preplan all of the Wesleyan buildings – working to develop database for all the preplans – going to purchase a program called Street Wise and can share preplans with South District
 - Preplan program contains information such as any chemicals in the building, where the utilities are, where the entrances and exits are, etc.
 - Got rid of all the mobile data terminals on the fire trucks due to loss of connectivity – I-Pads had been installed in place of as they never lose connectivity
 - Monetary savings of about \$300 per month
 - Worked with all city agencies for the summer major events including the fireworks, car show, 5K race, and Motorcycle Mania
 - EMT refresher held in September in house
 - Currently working with South Fire on staffing for the Kleen Energy shutdown
 - In process of a 50,000 hour shutdown to do maintenance however water will be shut down and there will be no water to the property – will be staffed 24/7 for fire watch

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Private hydrant ordinance:
 - Still a work in progress – short discussion had with new director
- New Engine:
 - Has the first of two pre-construction meetings – second meeting to be held next week with the factory and will sign off on the blue prints
 - Still slated for July 1st delivery
 - Will be housed as Engine 1 out of Main Street firehouse
 - Current Engine 1 will be renumbered and run out of Cross Street

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Staffing update:
 - Currently fully staffed
 - New recruit hired and currently in the academy: Owen Andrew, son of Firefighter Mary Andrew

9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

- Minutes from previous meeting on September 10, 2018 as attached

10. Other Matters Not on the Agenda:

- o None

11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

12. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Monthly report:
 - o Been surpassing 300 man hours of training since the beginning of the summer – well over 12,000 hours of training year to date
 - o Activities for the summer months:
 - Hosted & completed a CERT class – 11 completed
 - lighting for the Mayor's Ball
 - car show
 - statewide exercise
 - Middletown High School graduation
 - Foss Hill movie night
 - fireworks detail
 - 5K detail
 - Motorcycle Mania
 - mud volleyball
- Correspondence:
 - o Thank you letter from South Fire District for lighting detail provided on Rt. 9
- Retaining a lot of the members
- Director Kronenberger thanked the Commission for their support of Mile Lane and the EOC project
 - o Everything is in and works and a pre-construction meeting to be held on Wednesday for the EOC
 - Currently working on numbers for the generator – four companies bidding on
 - Should be staffing EOC there by late fall/early winter
 - Front area cleanup in the spring

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2018