

**Public Safety Commission**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
March 21, 2016  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.**  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger

**STAFF ABSENT**

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Members of the Public

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from January 11, 2016. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Two thank you letters were received from the Cromwell Fire Department to thank the Middletown Fire Department for assisting with two recent fires. Cromwell currently in a transition period and Chief Kronenberger stated that anything that Middletown Fire can do to assist them will be done so.

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
  - Call comparison:
    - January little slow, February picked up
      - 7 structure fires – 2 where in Cromwell as mutual aid
    - Training:
      - Completed EMT Refresher
      - Working on HazMat
      - In winter time we usually pick up a lot of OSHA compliant training including Fit testing, medical testing
      - When weather turns will get back out to train
    - Boat went into the water

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Firefighter combat challenge:
  - Ready to go
  - Political leadership involved as well as Heidi Voight from Channel 30 and Cassandra Day from the Middletown Press may be interested in participating
- Alarms Division Bucket Truck
  - Councilman Chisem is assisting with getting through with the Public Works Commission
  - Ques on the state bid for bucket trucks – brand new 42 foot bucket truck around \$92,000
    - Quote forwarded to Bill – Public Works
- Seven new hires:
  - One on duty – six in recruit school
    - All doing very well
    - Tentative date of swearing in Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
    - Only one needs EMT training and should be ready by next January/February

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Contract negotiations opened in January – going very well
  - Should be ready after couple more meetings
- SCBA Grant was applied for – roughly a \$460,000 grant
  - Fire Department fund balance may jeopardize getting the grant but funds needed
  - Entire line of breathing apparatus needs to be replaced
    - To replace all is about \$460,000
    - Will get numbers from vendor and discuss options with Finance
- Health & Safety Fair coming up in May (cost of putting event on is \$11,000.00)
  - Request for funds of \$3000-\$3500 to help offset costs going before Finance & Government
    - Has been run previously solely on donations but donations have become difficult to get
- Donation of Boston Whaler from Wesleyan to Harbor Master
  - Will accept under the umbrella of the Fire Department and assist Lt. Drew France, the Harbor Master, who manages getting the boat out as needed to MFD, MPD
    - Boat in great, solid shape

- Chief Kronenberger asked for approval of this commission to move forward and put on Finance & Government
  - Commissioner Bartolotta moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor

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

- No monthly meeting for March due to lack of quorum

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Santangelo called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ruffino  
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 18, 2016**