

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
May 16, 2016
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from March 21, 2016. Commissioner Chisem moved the motion, Commissioner Pessina seconded and all voted in favor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Call comparison:
 - Call volume creeping up – average of 355 per month, on track for 4200-4500 volume for the year

- Couple of major fires last month:
 - Grand Street garage
 - Long Hill Road condo
- Very involved with Marathon
 - Staffed command post
- Been assisting Board of Education with CPR training
- Lots of specialized rescue training taking place: high-angle, boat operations, dive team
- In April regularly out to schools with fire safety trailer:
 - In district schools – 540 students went through
 - Over 100 students in South Fire went through
 - Kids Health & Safety Fair - approximately 150-200 kids went through
- Kids & Health Safety Fair
 - A thank you was extended by Chief Kronenberger for the financial assistance to support the fair
- Deputy Chief job description closed today
- Note of thanks given to everyone who supported the Fire Department budget by Chief Kronenberger
- Chief Kronenberger shared with the commission that past chief and long time member of the Portland Fire Department Scott Courier took his own life yesterday
 - Chief Kronenberger reached out to Portland to assist with anything needed

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Firefighter Combat Challenge:
 - Great event after months of hard work and training
 - Congratulations to Councilman Blanchard for winning

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Recruits at Fire Academy are doing extremely well
- Graduation to be held Wednesday, May 25th at Central Ct. State University
- Swearing in Ceremony to be held on Friday, May 27th at 3 p.m. in Council Chambers
- Alarm Bucket Truck
 - Went to Public Works Commission and quote forwarded to Bill Russo
- Contract negotiations are going very well – should be concluding shortly
- Health & Safety Fair was a fantastic event
- Projecting an approximate \$250,000 shortfall in expenditure budget due to overtime and fill in lines
 - New recruits coming to shift soon will assist with this
 - Current firefighter on workers compensation for past two and a half years – working to move forward to rectify this situation

10. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

- No meeting 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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20, 2016