

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
September 19, 2016
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Fire Chief Al Leary

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from August 15, 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:
 - Month of August up 20% - mainly due to the storm
 - Ran 57 calls in about one and a half hours
 - Harbor Park chimney got knocked off
 - Year average down 2% - will bounce up by end of the year
 - Promoted two today:
 - Gary Gessaro from Assistant Fire Marshal to Deputy Fire Marshal
 - Firefighter James Ehman to Lieutenant
 - One short in the Fire Marshal's office
 - Looking to recruit three firefighters for the winter recruit class that starts in February
 - Recruitment will go off the existing list
 - Training – busy month
 - Building walk through – entire department went through Tractor Supply
 - In house EMT refresher
 - Technical Rescue Team & Dive Teams were busy
 - Pump Operations done
 - Fire Marshal's office very busy coming into school
 - Between Fire Marshal's office and the public schools, 52 inspections done
 - Members of the department very involved in the Trees of Honor
 - Volunteered a lot of time there from mounting the benches to mulching, any time they called we were able to accommodate them
 - Currently hosting two classes:
 - Peer Fitness class and adding four to our Peer Fitness trainers
 - Not paying – Aetna is paying the bill for three
 - North Haven received an Assistance to Firefighters grant and put up \$10,000 and only put in seven people - \$1000 per person
 - Hosting a Cameo class: Hazardous Materials computer platform
 - 24 in the class
 - Mile Lane
 - Deputy Chief Leary has spearheaded this and has done a remarkable job with the help of the firefighters
 - Got rid of old furniture – anything that would have absorbed moisture – smells better
 - HVAC up and running
 - Vandalism that took place in the spring went farther than realized
 - Also took all the cooper from the propane tanks
 - Amerigas coming on Friday to repair propane tanks and will then fill and bring heating system out
 - Working with Board of Ed, plumber to resupply the building with water to get the facilities up and running
 - Meeting with multiple vendors out there for the past couple of weeks
 - Disaster Recovery came and gave quote
 - Have a mold issue: needs to be remediated
 - Lot of the ceiling tiles need to be replaced
 - Generator company came out – waiting on quote
 - Going to put fence around air conditioning system
 - Nelson from Police Department IT working with us to develop the EOC

- Hoping that by October and November Public Safety Meeting will have a presentation on the true cost of what it takes to reestablish this building as a functional building for the City
- Cameras are all live and are within the building and as well as cameras that view the Police Department impound lot that spin around to get the gate and there is a camera in the lower lot that pans and catches both gates
 - Signs hung that say City of Middletown Public Safety Complex
 - Signs posted that state under video surveillance along fence line

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Minutes from September 12, 2016 meeting attached

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Santangelo called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2016