

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
October 17, 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:

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 September 19, 2016. Commissioner Kleckowski moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Call comparison:
 - September busy month up about 7% overall for same period last month, still down 2%
 - 48 calls to Wesleyan campus, 7 based on EMS and rest were either CO alarms or fire alarms
 - Busy with schools
 - 26 fire drills, lots of different educational programs, and the fire safety trailer was taken to Meriden, South Fire, and Westfield.
 - Training for the month:
 - Pump training – had couple of acquired structures on Wadsworth Street so ventilation training was done there, brought in a Cameo class, a hazardous materials based class, and assisted Meriden with aerial operator class

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Bucket Truck:
 - Keeping on the agenda from month to month until truck is obtained
 - Councilman Chisem has been working diligently to assist with this and progress is progressing and is going to be in the city CNR request
 - Going to be a shared asset through the city including Public Works, Park & Rec., the Fire Department, and Water & Sewer.
 - Question was asked to Councilman Chisem as to how soon we have to wait until the CNR budget is developed before we can get this bucket truck and was also stated that a few months ago we approved this expenditure, both Public Works and here. Why the wait when there is a need here?
 - Councilman Chisem explained that they wanted to make sure that every department put into it and that he will make a call to Carl as a followup
- FEMA Grant:
 - Final touches being put on the purchase orders for the SCBAs
 - With the current project we are spending \$299,000.00 of federal money and about \$60,000.00 of capital money
 - Were waiting on a final piece of the puzzle which was from FEMA confirming that we could purchase our SCBAs off of a recognized competitive bid – received approval through FEMA after they reviewed the purchasing ordinance.
- Recruitment:
 - One opening in the Fire Marshal's Office due to the retirement of Matt Scarozzo and the promotion of Gary Gessaro to Deputy Fire Marshal
 - Finished the advertisement period and have three candidates that applied for the Assistant Fire Marshal Position – interviews to be held on October 25 and will make an offer and bring them into the Fire Marshal's office in January. Fire Marshal class starts in the middle of February but will enable them to get a better understanding of the job and will force the opening at the firefighter level so we can recruit and get a candidate into fire school at the same time
 - Hope to be fully staffed by May
- Mile Lane:
 - Document for bond request for Mile Lane:
 - Worked very closely with both Emergency Management and Police Department

- This process actually started a few years ago with the concept and then approval from FEMA – a lot of time was spent to see what it would actually cost to take the building out of moth balls
 - Chief Kronenberger presented the bond request stating that there is one variable which is for a storage facility at the property
 - To take the building out of moth balls and get it to the point of using the building alone looking at approximately \$450,000.00. A 40x60 foot structure will cost roughly \$150,000.00 but also put in a request for consideration to add an extra \$100,000.00 to the bond to get that building as big as possible
 - Within the document is the amount of assets that the fire department, police department, and emergency management are storing outside
 - For approximately \$700,000.00 we can get that building out of moth balls and build a sizable storage facility that will get most of the assets under cover where they need to be
 - Chief Kronenberger asked the commission to please feel free to reach out and ask any questions regarding the bond request and would like to see this supported and go to Finance & Government

8. NEW BUSINESS

- New Engine:
 - Going to be approaching the time where we need to replace Engine 2 – it's a 2003 apparatus. Currently the truck has in excess of 100,000 miles and 12,000 hours on the motor – would like to start the process in this fiscal year. It takes approximately 330 days to build a truck so looking at almost a full year to get the truck
 - Currently have two vehicles that need to come off the fleet and have already told the manufacturer that we are intending to trade both so can get somewhere between \$40 and \$50,000 for the sale of those two trucks
 - The President of Marion Body Works, the manufacturer of our fire apparatus, informed us of a program that they have that Chief Kronenberger stated thought would be very beneficial called a spect demo. This consists of us to specify our truck exactly the way we want it built, they would build it, and they would take it on the show circuit. They would bring it to the Career Chiefs and to all the big shows and at the end of the day they would take it back and get it ready to be delivered, the warranty wouldn't start from the day it got delivered but would take about \$30,000.00 off the truck.
 - Looking at about half a million dollars for the truck minus about \$70-\$80,000 based on the trade in value
 - Would like to start this process in 2017 to be delivered in 2018

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

- Minutes from October 3, 2016 meeting were included in meeting packet

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Santangelo called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2016