

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
January 23, 2012
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
-----**Minutes**-----

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Thomas Serra called the meeting to order at **7:20 p.m.**

a) Items added to “Other Matters”

- Hydrant Markers
- Fire Education Safety
- Midnight on Main

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Hope Kasper
Commissioner Debbie Kleckowski
Commissioner Thomas Serra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chairman Robert Santangelo

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Gary Ouellette

PUBLIC PRESENT:

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Serra moved to approve December 19, 2011 minutes. All voted in favor to accept.

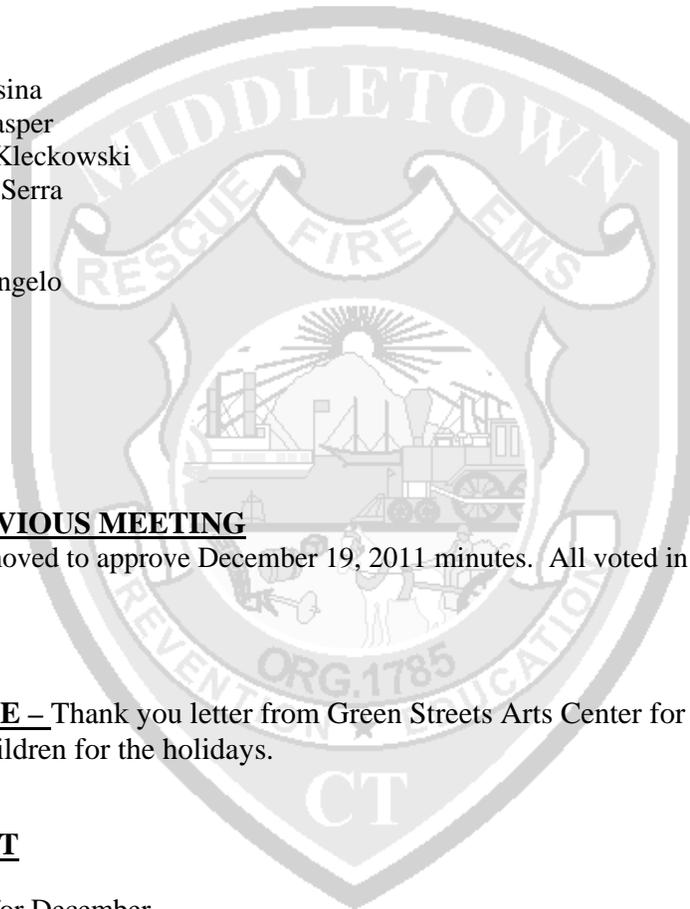
4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you letter from Green Streets Arts Center for the donation of unwrapped toys for children for the holidays.

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- 344 calls for service for December
- 4853 calls in 2011, which is a record, 15% up from 2010
- 22 service calls to Wesleyan University
- Alarms –55 service calls to Wesleyan
- FMO- 15 service calls to Wesleyan
- Structure fire on #31 Green Street and #251 Old Mill Road in December
- Joseph Salafia was sworn in as Assistant Fire Marshal in December



7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Computer issues at MFD – Chief Ouellette feels that we need an IT person specifically designated for Public Safety. Question to whether or not there is a vehicle available for IT person at city hall to use to get to Headquarters and Cross Street. On a positive note, server is finally fixed.
- b) South Fire District and CVH – Mayor’s office is going to set up a meeting with South Fire District. Middletown Fire Chief, South Fire Chief, Mayor’s Office, and South Fire Commission will be present at this meeting. MFD is still incurring overtime costs. MFD is compiling a report to summarize overtime costs. CVH still has 3 paid firefighters on site who perform fire drills, inspections, and administrative duties. They are not responding to fire or medical calls though.
- c) Bridge Issues – Phase II will be taking place this weekend. There will be only one lane going in each direction. This phase should only last three months. MFD is still having trouble with traffic blocking the fire station. Discussion of getting a temporary light in front of headquarters
- d) Telephone upgrades - Bill Oliver has a rough price to change infrastructure for phone lines, anticipated cost would be approximately \$700, 000. He will have firm quotes available for next meeting.
- e) Headquarters Generator - \$4,100 to repair problem of make up air. Issue has been turned over to Mayor’s office who is looking into this and other Honeywell problems.

8. NEW BUSINESS

none

9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

attached

10. OTHER MATTERS –

- A. Hydrant Markers- Water and Sewer department has been installing the markers, starting with the North End of Middletown. A little more difficult installation than expected due to rusty bolts.
- B. Fire Education Safety – MFD did a live feed with Channel 3 about proper disposal of fire embers. Adopt a Firefighter program is outreaching to all students educating them about proper disposal. MFD also put out a press release.
- C. Midnight on Main – MFD was great opening their doors and welcoming people during Midnight on Main. Firefighters did a wonderful job.

11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Serra moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kleckowski moved the motion. Commissioner Pessina seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Krupa
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON March 19, 2012