

**Public Safety Commission**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**September 17, 2012**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.**  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Tom Serra called the meeting to order at **7:02 p.m.**

**a) Items added to “Other Matters” -**

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Hope Kasper  
Commissioner Thomas Serra  
Commissioner Debbie Kleckowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chairman Robert Santangelo  
Commissioner Phil Pessina

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Gary Ouellette  
Deputy Chief Robert Kronenberger

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Serra moved to approve August 20, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Kleckowski moved the motion. All voted in favor.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

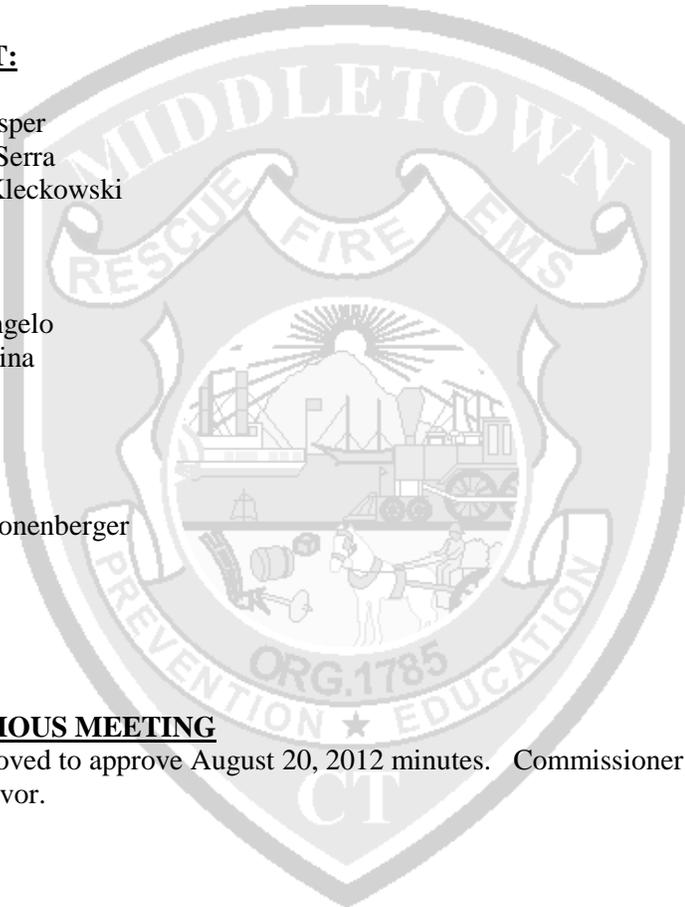
None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE –**

No correspondence for the month

**6. MONTHLY REPORT**

- 357 total calls for service for the month of August.
- 17 service calls to Wesleyan University
- Alarms –99 service calls to Wesleyan in August (start of new school year)
- Fire Marshal’s Office had 27 calls in August getting prepared for the school year



- Overtime was down for the month of July & August
- Trained in August with the U.S. Army on the river for HAZ MAT drill
- Two new firefighters were hired in month of August and have begun at the academy
- Four new firefighters have been hired over the past 2 years which has helped with keeping overtime down

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

- New Engine – Chief Ouellette stated that he started the process to get the new engine. It will take at least 10 months to build the new engine. The money for this engine will be from the fund balance and only about \$200K - \$225 from the bond issue. The engine that is being replaced was built in 1999 (currently the spare engine). The 2001 engine would then become the spare. The total cost of the new engine will be approximately \$450K. We should receive \$75K for the sale of the spare engine making the net cost of the new engine about \$375K. An engine usually lasts about 12 years.
- Apparatus Storage - MFD needs approximately 3000 square feet for apparatus storage. Chief Ouellette stated that a spare engine, decon trailer, hazmat truck, smoke trailer, two boats, and hazmat trailer would be some items that are in need of storage. The old Water and Sewer Facility was being used for storage previously but the roof of this facility partially collapsed so it will no longer be in use for storage.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Dive Team Truck – MFD’s Rescue Truck is loaded with equipment. MFD is hoping to purchase a used truck to keep only Dive Team equipment on. This will free up space on the Rescue Truck to store the trench, confined space, high angle and low angle Rescue Equipment. CNR money will be used to purchase the used truck. Commissioner Kleckowski motioned to positively pass this truck purchase forward. Commissioner Kasper seconded. All voted in favor unanimously.

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

*September Telecommunications meeting was cancelled. No quorum.*

**10. OTHER MATTERS –**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Serra moved to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jody Krupa  
 Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON November 19, 2012 & December 17, 2012**