

Public Safety Commission

FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 19, 2011

MINUTES

COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

a) Items added to “Other Matters” under 10 a - Commissioner Serra motioned to keep agenda as is. Commissioner Pessina seconded it. Chairman Santangelo motioned to start all meetings in the future at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor to approve.

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Robert Santangelo
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Hope Kasper
Commissioner Debbie Kleckowski
Commissioner Thomas Serra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Gary Ouellette

PUBLIC PRESENT:

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Santangelo moved to approve October 19, 2011 minutes. All voted in favor to accept.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you letter from South Fire District for participating in Open House. Thank you letter from Knights of Columbus for allowing them to use Middletown Fire Departments ceremonial bell.

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- 420 calls for service for November
- This is a 25% increase in calls from November, 2010 (15% increase in calls overall for year to date)
- 53 service calls to Wesleyan University
- Alarms –78 service calls to Wesleyan
- FMO- 30 service calls to Wesleyan

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Middletown High Egress is all set. Commissioner Serra questioned use of egress. Chief Ouellette informed him that it will be used for emergency purposes and at B.O.E. request during special events.

- b) Computer issues at MFD – Still having difficulty getting IT techs to come to MFD in a timely manner. Possibility that MFD will share salary of the tech at the MPD. There is a definite need for tech support with the upcoming implementation of Mobile Data. Need to tie MFD technology to CAD system. Delay in reports, mobile data terminals not in use yet. Not causing a public safety threat yet but Commissioner Serra wants the mayor to inform IT department that this issue needs to be resolved ASAP. Motion by Commission Serra to have Public Safety Commission back the Fire Chief in getting the IT department resolve this issue. Motion seconded. All voted in favor. Deputy Kronenberger added that he received word that the server has been built and will be tested this week.
- c) South Fire District and CVH – SFD has a truck at CVH daily. Burden of calls is still on MFD. Letter from the Union 1073 complaining about coverage of SFD calls. SFD presence at CVH was supposed to be on a trial basis. Situation is still the same. Commissioner Pessina questioned whether truck at CVH was primarily serving EMS purposes, concerned that resources were being mishandled. MFD is incurring additional costs due to fact that SFD is at CVH. At one point in time in November 2011 all MFD trucks were covering SFD calls. Commissioner Pessina requested that a meeting happen ASAP to resolve this problem and address issues.
- d) Bridge Issues – Bridge still having traffic problems. Main Street is congested in the evening. Businesses on the north end are claiming that they are loosing business. Acting Chief McKenna stated that MPD has walk beats on in this area in the evening.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Telephone upgrades – meeting pushed back due to storm.

9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

10. OTHER MATTERS –

- A. Tower ladder has been out of commission for two weeks. Lost all bucket controls. Cost to repair ladder is approximately \$19,600. MFD has already begun process for an emergency appropriation.
- B. Fire hydrant markers have been ordered. Chief Ouellette would like city's purchasing policies addressed in the future.
- C. Fire Headquarters has been loosing heat at times. Generator at HQ's requires additional make up air. Duct work will need to be done in order to have appropriate make up air or boiler will continue to shut off. Cost is expected to be \$13K. Commissioner Serra would like vendor who installed new boiler to incur the cost.

11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Serra moved the motion. Commissioner Pessina seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Krupa
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2012