

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
January 27, 2014
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Rob Santangelo
Commissioner Hope Kasper
Commissioner Deborah Kleckowski
Commissioner Sebastian Giuliano
Commissioner Thomas Serra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Acting Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger

STAFF ABSENT

None

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Members of the public

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

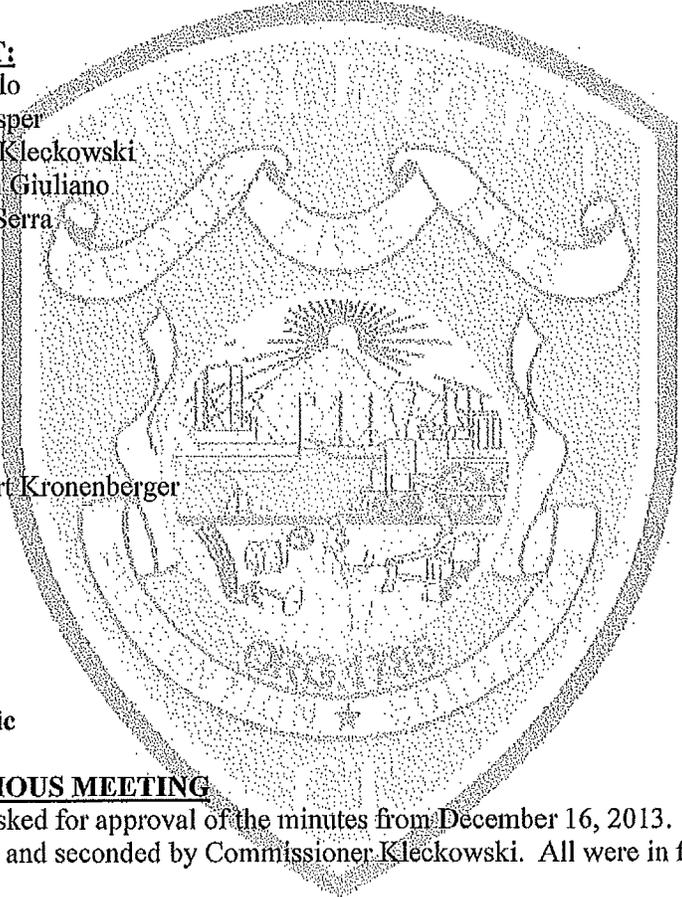
Chairman Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from December 16, 2013. Motion was moved by Commissioner Serra and seconded by Commissioner Kleckowski. All were in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Special letter from Mr. Lou Sarno of Deangelo Funeral Home in gratitude to Middletown Fire for saving his life. Mr. Sarno went into cardiac arrest, flat lined and Platoon 2 brought him back. He has made a full recovery and is back to work.



6. MONTHLY REPORT

Call Comparison:

- 315 total calls for service for December
- Year end: 4087 calls – small drop in calls
 - Fires up 21% (minor in nature no major losses) - medicals down 3%
- Fire Marshal's office – no major projects at this time – doing inspections
- Alarm bills went out this month

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Mile Lane Property – Grant funding – waiting on release of funds
- Public Safety Dock – all permits are in place and waiting for construction company to start
- Fitness Program – delivered to Commission last month
 - a. Appropriation of \$25,000 going to Finance & Government

8. NEW BUSINESS

- New Engine
 - Finalized & contract given to Finance to start bond funding process
 - Total cost of new engine: \$485,000.000
- Tower One
 - Not yet sold – Illinois fire department inquired in December about price drop – has not yet called back
- Next fiscal year budget:
 - Health insurance bumped up \$600,000 – over 25% increase
- Commissioner Kasper asked about engines going to medicals and is it necessary that they do so. It was stated that many complaints have been received about other departments in the city not doing anything. Acting Chief Kronenberger stated that in his opinion that it is necessary. They look to keep the company together and upon looking at the medical standard a minimum of three people are needed to do CPR. Engine company is three people and allows them to go to medical, motor vehicle accident, to a structure fire to a collapse. Everything needed is on that vehicle. If a pickup truck is committed there would be a delay to go back to get the engine.
- Fire Department CNR
 - Not included in the citywide CNR – Fire Department has its own that has rolled over multiple times – looking to develop the next cycle of CNR
 - Proposal run by Mayor's Office & will be on agenda for next month– has not gone through the process to date
 - Would be funded through the district
- EMS Loyalty Program
 - State of Texas runs a EMS Loyalty Program brought to our attention by Hunter's Ambulance at Telecommunications meeting – looking to start here within the state and become the model community for it within the state – will be presented at a later date with more details

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

- *Councilman Serra stated the concern of the intermittent communication within Middletown High School with police, fire, and EMT. Hoping it will be part of the bond from the School Safety to help with that concern.*

10. **OTHER MATTERS**

None

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

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Santangelo asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kleckowski moved the motion and all voted in favour. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2014