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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**(COMMUNITY ROOM)**

**1. Chairman Robert Santangelo Calls Meeting to Order**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Chairman  
Councilman Carl Chisem  
Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski  
Councilman Philip Pessina

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta

**STAFF PRESENT:** William McKenna – Chief of Police  
Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police

**STAFF ABSENT:** Captain John Lozefski – Administrative Commander

**2. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2018**

Councilman Carl Chisem moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for January 22, 2018; Seconded by Councilman Philip Pessina. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

**3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only**

None

**4. Correspondence**

Chief William McKenna advised that as a reaction to the shooting in (Parkland) Florida, they've been spending a lot of time with school security-type issues; in addition to the 12 schools, day cares, property checks, etc., he stated that they're trying to do the best they could on straight time.

He added that they received many "Atta Boys" and "Thank-You's" regarding:

- The (February 22, 2018) Middlesex Hospital incident
- The added school security
- A big embezzlement case at Wesleyan University; thanked by President Michael Roth

Senior Animal Control Officer (ACO) Gail Petras received the first ever Cat Tales (Advocate for Animals) Award.

Mr. (Lawrence) Goichman of Metro Movies thanked the MPD for the great job they've been doing while patrolling the Metro Square parking lot.

Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski added a "Thank You" to Officer Jason Tetrault for his handling of an upset parent; and on his own time; that it's appreciated.

**4. Correspondence (cont'd)**

Chief stated that since the turn of the New Year, they've been very busy with several high profile incidents, and that he's very proud of how they're handling them.

Councilman Chisem asked if there's been any discussion of having police presence at the schools on a permanent basis. Chief McKenna replied that they've had their budget presentation with the Mayor; that he was very supportive, along with Finance (*who was also present*); that one of the proposals being looked at is getting an amount budgeted that will get them through a fiscal year with the school security currently in place.

Chief McKenna advised that due to a couple of recent retirements, they're in the process of interviewing 19 Lateral candidates; that they're looking to have three (3) Conditional Offers within the new few weeks. A discussion followed.

**5. Monthly Reports**

Chief William McKenna said he's reiterating what he said at the last PSC Meeting (*January 22, 2018*), adding that they've exceeded their limit for Rotation Overtime; and they're dipping into Regular Overtime. However, they're still a couple of hundred thousand dollars better than they were a year ago. He added that they're going to go for an Appropriation (*in May*); that it's probably not going to be a \$600,000.00 Appropriation like it was last year; that right now they're \$880,000.00 short, and he's asking for their support. A brief Q&A discussion followed.

**6. Old Business**

Chairman Santangelo wanted to briefly speak about the Animal Shelter, saying that due to what's happened with the funding, it was suggested that they use the same technique they did with the tennis courts; that Dr. Pieper Olson has purchased Veterinary Service – Dr. Brother's Program – and he's going to build something new there; that if he does build a bigger building, they could communicate to him (*Olson*) that they'll pay part of it and do a 10-year lease. Chief McKenna stated that if they (*MPD*) were to build and own an Animal Shelter, it would eventually be revenue. A discussion followed.

**7. New Business**

None

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

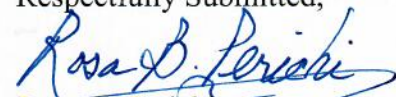
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**9. Meeting Adjourned....**

Councilman Pessina made a Motion to adjourn; Seconded by Councilwoman Kleckowski. There being no discussion or objection, Motion was approved.

**Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: April 16, 2018, 6:30 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recording Secretary