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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES – POLICE

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

7:00 P.M.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

(COMMUNITY ROOM)

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Robert Santangelo

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Robert Santangelo, Chairman
Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta
Councilman Carl Chisem
Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski
Councilman Philip Pessina

STAFF PRESENT: William McKenna – Chief of Police
Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police
Captain John Lozefski – Administrative Commander

2. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2015

Councilman Philip Pessina moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for September 14, 2015; Seconded by Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta. There being no discussion or objection, Motion passed.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

None.

At this time, Chairman Santangelo requested that Item c. Middletown High School Egress, under #7, New Business, be moved under Public Hearing (Matters on the Agenda Only) and be heard first. Councilman Pessina made a Motion for approval; Seconded by Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski.

7. New Business

c. Middletown High School Egress

A Mr. Michael Fraulino read a letter regarding his concerns with the non-access road to Cynthia Lane. During the course of a discussion, Chief William McKenna said he would speak with the other City Agencies to see who's in possession of the last study that concluded to shut the road. Chairman Santangelo suggested that this Item remain on the PSC Agenda for further discussion. Councilwoman Bartolotta requested that Chief McKenna correspond with the BOE Superintendent to get her interpretation of the situation; or perhaps attend one of the (PSC) meetings.

At this time, it was decided to extend the same courtesy to Elena Villafana, Community Organizer of N.E.A.T., who was present to speak regarding Item a. N.E.A.T. (North End Action Team), under #7, New Business.

7. New Business (cont'd)

a. N.E.A.T. (North End Action Team)

Elena Villafana spoke regarding their October Community Meeting's theme dealing with Negative Activity in the North End; that complaints were gathered at said meeting, and Captain Gary Wallace was also present at the meeting. She listed some of the complaints as Prostitution (*corner of Liberty & Pearl Streets, top of Grand Street, and most recently Spring Street*), Drug Dealings / Drug Paraphernalia on the streets and in the parking lot of the Green Street Teaching & Learning Center, the corners of Grand & Pearl Streets and Liberty & Pearl Streets, and Ferry Street. She also mentioned Green Street and a little alleyway down the street passed the Green Street Teach & Learning Center, which has a lot of activities and "hanging out". Chief McKenna advised that Sergeant Michael Lukanik has been assigned to deal with the activities and is working with Patrol to assist with the community. A brief Q&A followed.

4. Correspondence

Chief McKenna briefly went over some of the letters he's received since last September.

5. Monthly Reports

Was not discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Firing Range -- Policy and Usage

Chief McKenna said that if given more time, he believes the Department could find a company that could do much better than was ultimately decided. During a discussion, Councilwoman Bartolotta requested a calendar of the Firing Range's schedule and a copy of the contract between the FBI and the Police Department. Deputy Chief Michael Timbro advised that any legal opinions should be directed to the General Counsel's Office. Councilwoman Bartolotta disagreed and stated this (*the PSC Meeting*) is the forum to make that request. After a brief discussion, Deputy Chief Timbro advised that if the PSC wants a legal opinion, it could be put in writing and sent to the Police Department; and they (*MPD*) could then forward it to the General Counsel. Chief McKenna suggested the request could be done at that moment and the Recording Secretary could enter it in the Minutes.

Councilwoman Bartolotta said, "I would like Brig to give his legal opinion on the contract, or MOA, on what the FBI's rights are to training and what their hosting ability is to that; and what shall interpretation would be from him in this MOA; and make sure that this Commission is aware of that so we can either make steps to make a decision, one way or another, what we should do." Another Q&A and discussion followed.

b. City Asset Security Committee

Chief McKenna said it's going well.

c. Senior Animal Control Officer (ACO) Job Description and Salary

Chief McKenna stated that they have an MOU ready to be signed by the Mayor after the language gets approved by Counsel.

d. Wharfside Commons

Chief McKenna advised they've been playing nice since they had a meeting with the Mayor, MPD, and the Property Management; that it's starting to look good. A brief Q&A followed.

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7. New Business

b. Discuss PSC Meeting Date for October 2016 (PSC Calendar Attached)

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the next PSC Meeting would be held on Monday, February 8, 2016; and that for the rest of the year it will be held the 3rd Monday of the month.

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

None.

9. Meeting Adjourned...

Councilman Pessina moved for Adjournment; Seconded by Councilman Carl Chisem. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosa B. Perichi
Recording Secretary