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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES – POLICE

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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(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: Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police
Captain John Lozefski – Administrative Commander
Sergeant David Godwin – Traffic Unit Supervisor

2. Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2016

Councilman Philip Pessina moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for March 21, 2016; Seconded by Councilman Carl Chisem. There being no discussion or objection, Motion passed.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

Derek Puorro, Vice President of the Middletown Police Union, Local #1361, referred to Item 6. Old Business; b. Wharfside Commons. He then read a letter addressing this and other issues as they related to manpower, including the public, businesses, and neighborhoods.

Kate Miller (*Boston Road*) wanted to thank Sergeant David Godwin for talking with her regarding the issues at Boston Road, i.e., shoulders, bicycle-friendly signages, and sidewalks. She asked the PSC to maintain the safety of said road through proper signage.

4. Correspondence

Deputy Chief Michael Timbro stated there was no correspondence this month; but that they had their annual Kids Health and Safety Day on Saturday, May 14th; and that it was a big success.

Councilman Pessina acknowledged Lieutenant Paul Maturo, Sergeant Vincent Mazzotta, and Officer Kurt Scrivo, explaining that they volunteered their time (*as Color Guards*) at the 95th Annual St. Sebastian's Feast. He also recognized Sergeant Godwin for the comments Ms. Miller made, extending a "great job" to him.

5. Monthly Reports (Attached)

Deputy Chief Michael Timbro briefly went over the reports. A brief Q&A followed.

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6. Old Business

a. Firing Range – Noise

Deputy Chief Timbro said there was no change since the last Common Council Meeting; that Chief William McKenna is currently working with Carl Erlacher (*Director of Finance*), on the bond language. A brief Q&A / discussion followed.

b. Wharfside Commons

Deputy Chief Timbro said the Private Duty Officers are being hired for the weekends; that the situation is much better through their presence and Wharfside's collaboration with the Police; that it's still a work in progress. A brief Q&A followed.

c. Animal Shelter

Captain John Lozefski stated that they're currently working on the site plan and should, hopefully, have one by the next few weeks.

7. New Business

a. Safe Streets

John Hall, Representative of Complete Streets Committee, started by thanking the Police Department on their job with the Kids Health and Safety Day; that last year they had 20 to 25 individuals on the Family Bike Ride, and this year they had about 55.

The Public Works Committee asked that the Complete Streets Committee bring their projects to the Public Safety Commission regarding improvements to the streets. One of the Complete Streets Committee's project is to have the public walk more and bicycle more to promote health. After a detailed discussion regarding bicycle signage, stenciling, bicycle lanes on Main Street, speed during school hours/events, traffic calming, speed bumps vs. speed humps, sidewalks, traffic law, etc., Deputy Chief Timbro advised that this discussion should start with the engineering of these projects; that this falls under the purview of workshops, etc., before it comes to the Public Safety Commission.

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

None

9. Meeting Adjourned...

Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosa B. Perichi
Recording Secretary