

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
April 13, 2015
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
-----Minutes-----

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rob Santangelo
Commissioner Sebastian Giuliano
Commissioner Deborah Kleckowski
Commissioner Thomas Serra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Hope Kasper

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from March 9. Commissioner Kleckowski moved the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Giuliano. All voted in favor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Call Comparison:

- 347 calls for the month – close to the average of 352

- Spring Break at Wesleyan
 - Down to 19 calls to Wesleyan University
 - 2 Fire Marshal calls & 24 calls for Alarms Division
- Had the pleasure of promoting two new officers:
 - Battalion Chief Chris Augeri & Lt. Keith Clark
 - Both functioning in their new positions and doing a very good job
- Marathon
 - MFD had four crews working EMS in the various zones throughout the course
 - Chief Kronenberger publicly thanked Midstate Tractor for supplying three additional gators for the EMS crews
- Report on disturbing trend with CL&P/Eversource
 - Starting to stretch out crews – they now outsource nighttime work
 - MVA on Church Street with pole down and power was out for days
 - Coding system put in place years ago and Priority 1 calls can stretch out to 90 minutes and if wires are on a vehicle or people trapped in a house 90 minutes is a long time
- New Engine should be here around 1st of May and should be taking delivery of it.
 - Radios will be put in at the end of the week
- Starting working with an appraisal firm to get a hard number for the truck that will be taken off of inventory – should have an idea by the end of the week. The truck being taken off is a 1999.
- Training:
 - Three major classes have come through the department and all of the officers have taken ICS (Incident Command System) 300 & 400.
 - Louisiana State University came in last week and taught a Cameo class to the Hazmat Team free of charge. Cameo is a computer based program for hazardous materials response.
- Alarms Division Bucket truck
 - Vehicle is seventeen years old with rot & corrosion that is extensive but safe to operate
 - Quote: roughly \$16-\$18,000 to fix
 - Alarms is now part of General Fund Budget
 - Chief Kronenberger would like to investigate the possibility of purchasing a new bucket truck
 - New truck around \$89,000
 - Commissioner Serra recommended checking the balance and availability of funds in the CNR budget

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Summary of Wesleyan Costs
 - Commissioner Serra stated this can come off the agenda as a good job was done with the analysis

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Summary of Fire Department Budget
 - Will have a 2/10th decrease due to increase in the Grand List & via PILOT
 - Some lines were increased but honored Mayor's request of zero increase and after the zero was presented an appeal was made and asked for a realistic budget

- Two overtime lines have not been adjusted in over five years, holiday pay will increase, & CNR line will increase as approved by Council last January

10. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

- Minutes from previous meeting attached

11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Santangelo called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2015