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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
6:30 P.M.
MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
(COMMUNITY ROOM)

1. Chairman Robert Santangelo Calls Meeting to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Robert 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: Capt. John Lozefski – Administrative Commander

2. Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2018

Councilman Philip Pessina moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for December 17, 2018; Seconded by Councilman Carl Chisem. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

None

4. Correspondence

Chief William McKenna advised that he sent (via E-mail) a few Atta Boys; that next month he will have some more. He added that Lieutenant Heather Desmond also posts them on Facebook.

5. Monthly Reports

Chief McKenna explained that due Laura Tetrault (Program/Budget Analyst) being out, there were no Monthly Reports included in the PSC Packet. He went on to say that they've been doing very well in the last six (6) months. Deputy Chief Michael Timbro added that the Overtime Lines look good; and that they don't anticipate an appropriation this year.

6. Old Business

a. Animal Shelter

Chairman Santangelo said a Storage Room and a room for viewing the dogs were put in the plans; that the Storage Room took two (2) of the "guillotine kennels" away; and that (Senior ACO) Gail Petras is reviewing it again. He added that his advice, when they meet, might be to explain to them that the storage area, if it's going to fit with the overall plan, may be to get a storage shed outside the building that goes with the architecture, etc.

6. Old Business (cont'd)

a. Animal Shelter

Chairman Santangelo also stated that they're going to have a dog-walking path behind the building; and that, in moving forward, the City's going to pay \$750,000.00 for 20 years, instead of \$7,000.00 per year. He explained that the advantage of that is it saves the City from building \$4.5 million, which is what it would cost them to build the Shelter. He went on to say that he'll have more information in the near future, as they will be meeting soon. A discussion followed.

7. New Business

Councilman Pessina advised Chief McKenna that at last month's PSC Meeting he asked Captain John Lozefski about the CVH Advisory (*Committee Meeting*); that (*Sergeant*) Jorge Yepes was attending quite often; and that in the last several meetings – which occurs four (4) times per year – there was no Police representation in said meetings. He added that Larry McHugh, who chairs that Committee, wanted Chief McKenna to be aware of this. Chief McKenna said that while Sergeant Yepes is still the liaison, they're going to move with a permanent daytime officer; most likely a daytime Lieutenant, to be the representative; that Captain Lozefski did inform him; and that he (*McKenna*) did not get the ball rolling on this. Councilman Pessina asked Chief McKenna if he would reach out to Mr. McHugh, advise him of this, and get the meeting dates from him. Chief McKenna said that he would.

Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski said she received a text from Molly, regarding High Street "porch pirating", informing her that there's a food pantry, perhaps a church in the corner? That there's currently a lot of traffic – possibly 'foot' traffic – she (*Kleckowski*) wasn't sure; and a lot of packages have been stolen. After a brief discussion, Chief McKenna advised that he'll do a research on the stolen packages; that he'll contact the Health Department to see if said pantry is registered as a business. Another discussion followed; as well as a brief discussion regarding Warming Centers.

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

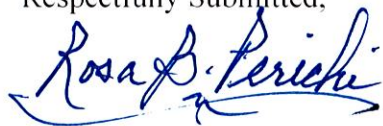
None

9. Meeting Adjourned...

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

Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: February 25, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosa B. Perichi
Recording Secretary