

**Public Safety Commission**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**April 16, 2018**  
**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.**  
**-----Minutes-----**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta  
Commissioner Carl Chisem  
Commissioner Deb Kleckowski  
Commissioner Phil Pessina  
Commissioner Robert Santangelo

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger  
Deputy Fire Chief Al Leary

**STAFF ABSENT**

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Member of the public present

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

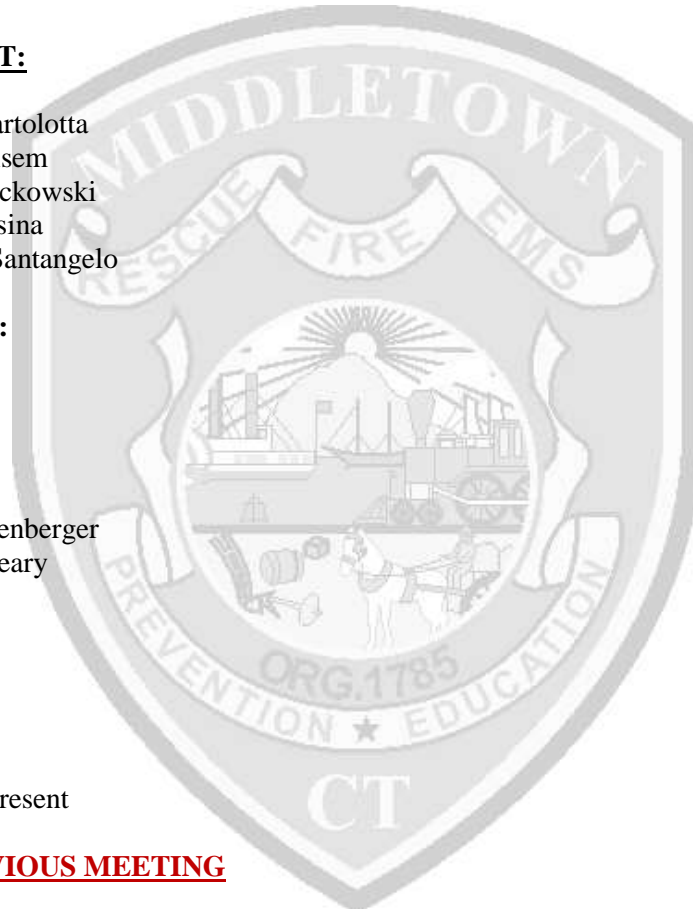
Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on March 19th. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you letter from Vincent Capece of Middlesex Hospital with regards to the response of the incident
- Thank you letter from Chief Balch of Westfield Fire for assistance with a condo fire back in February



## 6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
  - Busy – up 5% compared to the same time period as last year – fires and medicals accounted for both increases
  - Up 1.6% for the year overall
- Wesleyan – only 12 calls to campus for the suppression division - due to spring break
  - FMO had 8 hours on campus
  - Alarms has 24 requests for services
- Planning season has started
  - Events at the river, the fireworks planning meetings have started, have been attending the arcade closure and street realignment meetings
- Completed city wide hot wash for the hospital incident
  - Attended by each agency & was well received
- Assisted Town of Groton with DC oral panels
- The Deputy Chief continues to be very involved with the radio upgrade and he also attended the critique of the Millbrook Road fire back in March
- Training:
  - Concentrated on EMT refreshers - done in-house
  - Technical Rescue training done – both orientation of new equipment & review of haul systems
- City Sponsored events
  - Chief Kronenberger reported the hours and overtime paid out over the last three years for the events
    - Discussion was had about a line item in the budget for these event payouts
- Budget hearing was had as reported by Chief Kronenberger and he had a handout of the breakdown and justification of each increase of the lines

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- Alarm Division Bucket truck
  - Going to do a little work to it (add lights & mark it up to look like a city vehicle) but can go in service at any time
- Private Hydrant ordinance
  - Still on hold – waiting for new director to be appointed so it can be finalized
- Mutual Aid Agreement
  - Still entertaining changes from the other districts before finalizing one copy to present to the Council for approval
- Purchase of Marion fire engine using grant money
  - Joe Samolis will be shifting money around and will be paying for the entire truck out of CDBG grant funds
  - Standardization Committee report & Bid Waiver proposal
    - Chief Kronenberger was looking for approval to send to Finance & Government for standardization with Commissioner Santangelo listed as Chair of this commission – approval given
      - Looking to stay with Marion Fire Apparatus that we've been engrained with since 1994 – purchased Marions in 1994, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2015, and this will make seven.  
Standardizing the fleet allows us to keep every cabinet the same

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

9. **Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

- See minutes of last meeting held on May 7, 2018 as attached

10. **Other Matters Not on the Agenda:**

- None

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Santangelo called for adjournment, Commissioner Pessina moved, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ruffino  
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2018**