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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**(COMMUNITY ROOM)**

**1. Chairman Robert Santangelo Calls Meeting to Order**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Robert Santangelo, Chairman  
Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski  
Councilman Philip Pessina

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta  
Councilman Carl Chisem

**STAFF PRESENT:** William McKenna – Chief of Police  
Lt. Heather Desmond – Support Services Supervisor

**STAFF ABSENT:** Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police  
Capt. John Lozefski – Administrative Commander

**2. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2018**

Councilman Philip Pessina moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for April 16, 2018; Seconded by Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

**3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only**

None

**4. Correspondence**

Chief William McKenna advised the following:

- A Thank You letter from the Director of the DEA; that the Department conducted a big sting with them throughout a 6-month investigation, resulting in 19 arrests, and the seizure of narcotics/opioids, and \$350,000.00. He added that Detective Justin Lathrop played an intricate part in the investigation.
- An Atta Boy from a Ryan Kennedy for K-9 Officer William Maio for giving a K-9 presentation at the Middletown DSS with his dog Judge as well as with Officer Anthony Knapp's assistance; that not only did Officer Maio introduce the children to the K-9 process, he also educated them on what to do when they see a dog on the field.
- An Atta Boy from Ashley Flynn for Sergeant Brian Hubbs for his assistance in helping her parents regarding a couple of thefts from their motor vehicle in the last few months.

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**4. Correspondence (cont'd)**

Chief McKenna also spoke on the following topics:

**The Demolition of the Parking Arcade and the Traffic Pattern Plan:**

Sergeant David Godwin (*Traffic Unit Supervisor*), the Traffic Unit Officers, Captain John Lozefski, Lieutenant Heather Desmond, and others have been working on this project for months in advance prior to the actual demolition process. He added that all of the new traffic patterns and new parking spaces were measured and done to a T; that it almost became their full-time job. He went on record to say he gives kudos to the team for their many, many weeks and months of extra activities that went along with this project. A brief discussion followed.

**Revision of Ordinance No. 98-1 Alarms**

Kudos to Lieutenant Desmond for this revision; that Lieutenant Desmond worked with Kori (*Wisneski, Deputy General Counsel*) hand-in-hand to figure that out; that it will hopefully pass during this meeting and move forward to the next General Counsel Commission Meeting.

**PSC Meetings for the Upcoming Summer Months**

Earlier that day, while at the Directors' Meeting, Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger and Chief McKenna spoke about the possibility of suspending the PSC Meetings in June, July, and August; that should an urgent situation arise that needs to be addressed, an emergency meeting could always be scheduled. After a brief discussion, Councilman Pessina made a Motion to suspend the 2018 PSC Meetings for June, July, and August of this year. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

**5. Monthly Reports**

Chief William McKenna briefly went over the Monthly Reports. He added that they will be going to Finance Director Carl Erlacher and the Finance & Government Commission for an appropriation.

**6. Old Business**

a. Animal Shelter

Chairman Santangelo advised that Dr. Robert Olson (*Pieper-Olson Veterinary Hospital*) has purchased the Veterinary practice on Berlin Street and plans to build a new building and put an Animal Shelter there; that Joseph Samolis (*Director of Planning*) is negotiating with him (*Olson*); and that they're hoping to get a 20-year lease. Chief McKenna stated that he envisions a state of the art facility built by Pieper, with Police having full 24/7 access, and if they need 12 runs or 24 runs, running water, etc., that's where Mr. Samolis comes in to negotiate how all of that's run. Chairman Santangelo said that he would like to see the Animal Control Officer run the shelter. A brief discussion followed.

**7. New Business**

a. Revision of Ordinance No. 98-1 Alarms (*Attached*)

Lieutenant Desmond advised that this ordinance clarifies the language regarding the charges, the hearings, etc.; that it's also an educational tool. After a brief discussion, Councilman Pessina made a Motion to accept the revision of the Ordinance as presented by Lieutenant Desmond in collaboration with Deputy General Counsel Kori Wisneski; Seconded by Councilwoman Kleckowski. After a brief discussion, Motion approved.

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Councilman Pessina thanked Chief McKenna for having Lieutenant Paul Maturo and the two (2) Color Guards at the St. Sebastian's Feast; that they did a great job.

Chief McKenna added that the upcoming Memorial Day Parade is unfunded; that while there won't be a large Police presence in the parade, there will be a large Police presence throughout the event to ensure everyone's safety; that since the Boston bombing, that's just the way they have to look into special events. After a discussion / Q&A, Councilwoman Kleckowski said that the Council needs to be more cognizant of and do a better job for the Special Events budget.

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

Mr. Steven Clark, Grand and Pearl Street, asked for Police support during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift, asking if the Officers who walk the beat could go through Liberty Street, Pearl Street, and come back up Main Street two (2) or three (3) times during their shift, he would really appreciate it. Chief McKenna said they could extend their beats, and advised Mr. Clark that they started implementing the bicycles again. A discussion followed.

**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: September 17, 2018, 6:30 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recording Secretary