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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta
Councilman Philip Pessina

STAFF PRESENT: William McKenna – Chief of Police
Capt. John Lozefski – Administrative Commander
Gail Petras – Senior Animal Control Officer

STAFF ABSENT: Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police

2. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2019

Councilman Carl Chisem moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for May 20, 2019; Seconded by Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

None

4. Correspondence

Chief William McKenna said he's been sending the PSC the Atta Boys. He specifically mentioned the "Ball Like a Girl" event that took place Saturday, August 17th, and the positive impact it had on everyone.

5. Monthly Reports

Chief McKenna advised that he believes they gave back \$120,000.00 in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year; that Carl (*Erlacher, Director of Finance & Revenue*) was able to take that and balance their Private Duty deficit.

6. Old Business

a. Animal Shelter

Captain John Lozefski gave a synopsis of the search/steps that were taken to get where they are at the present. Senior ACO Gail Petras added that Dr. Olson had purchased the Middletown Vet Hospital; that his idea was to build a commercial kennel for the hospital, but wanted to include a section that they could use separate for the City for the impounded animals; that while it's not theirs, it's their own private space with their own entrance and separate area within the building.

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6. Old Business (cont'd)

a. Animal Shelter

Sr. ACO Petras added that currently they went from building a new building to renovating the existing one, due to funding issues. Captain Lozefski explained that they didn't have enough money to actually put up a new structure; that with a pre-payment of \$300,000.00, it would get extra space needed to make it State-compliant where they end up with a lot more space kennels, as well as areas to house animals. The possible inclusion of a sally port was also mentioned. He added if the \$300,000.00 gets paid up front, they wouldn't have to pay anything for the first seven (7) years; that they would start paying on the eighth (8th) year.

After a discussion and a Q&A, Councilwoman Kleckowski made a Motion to support this request and forward it to Finance & Government for approval; Seconded by Councilman Chisem. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

7. New Business

a. Parking – Dingwall Drive (Making it a 2-Way Street)

Councilwoman Kleckowski said her concerns have been resolved since she requested this item. A brief discussion followed.

b. Middle School – Parking, Bus Flow, etc.

Councilwoman Kleckowski explained that parents are very ill at ease about how they're going to get in, park, etc. Chief McKenna said he's going to have Sergeant William Porter speak to Principal (Cheryl) Gonzalez and/or (Assistant Principal) Dave Mierzejewski to figure this out once and for all. A brief discussion followed.

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

Councilwoman Kleckowski asked if Nino's contacted Chief McKenna; that they're having trouble with people flying through the 'cut-through' from Saybrook Road to Randolph Road, and they're afraid somebody's going to get hurt. Chief McKenna said he actually spoke to the owner (Bill Anderson); that he'll send Lieutenant David Godwin.

9. Meeting Adjourned...

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

Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosa B. Perichi
Recording Secretary