

Public Safety Commission

FIRE DEPARTMENT

October 15, 2018

MINUTES

COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Chief Al Leary

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

Members of the public present

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on September 17, 2018. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion to approve, Commissioner Kleckowski seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you letter from Run for the Fallen to both Fire and Emergency Management for participation in their event

6. **MONTHLY REPORT**

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Busy month – up 6%, most of the 6% encompasses false alarms and most of the false alarms encompasses Wesleyan's return
 - Fire Marshal's had 11.5 man hours on campus and Alarms had 15 man hours on campus – fire marshal's hours will increase conducting fire drills
 - Training:
 - EMT refresher conducted in house
 - Conducting mandated live burn training in conjunction with South Fire District in New Haven
 - Working with Communications Department on the upgrade of the radio system:
 - Met with Central Communications Direction Wayne Bartolotta and Kevin McGinty from Middlesex Hospital
 - Hospital going to hire a consultant to assist with communications and new radio system

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Private Hydrant ordinance:
 - Nothing new to report at this time
- New fire truck:
 - Final preconstruction meeting had with Marion, waiting on final documents to sign off, and truck should be delivered around July 1

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

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

- Minutes from previous meeting on October 1, 2018 as attached
 - Commissioner Chisem stated that at the meeting an update was given on the towers and communications work is being done on the Fed Ex building

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

- o None

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

12. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Monthly report:
 - o Had 199 hours of volunteer service – over 2500 for the year
 - Over \$72,000 worth of service
 - o Month activities:
 - Trees of Honor
 - September 11th Memorial Service
 - Conducted a full C.E.R.T. class
 - Run for the Fallen detail
 - Supplied lighting for the Westfield church picnic/carnival
 - Helping with lower lot light parking at Xavier High School for games
 - Assisted and helped Parking Division and moving signs for Durham
- Purchase order open for the electronics – should receive blue prints in the next couple of weeks
 - Entire EOC project should be complete within six weeks after plan approved
- Waiting on one more quote for the generator – Everett is front runner at this time
- Director Kronenberger addressed an issue brought forth by Commissioner Kleckowski with regards to an ordinance for high rise structure – Director Kronenberger stated that discussions were had in the past to require an emergency generator that would be powerful enough to control elevator service
 - Conclusion was it would not be a great idea to put that kind of financial burden on existing structures
 - Chief Kronenberger stated that he would like to see an ordinance in place for new construction
 - Commissioner Kleckowski asked if a conversation could be had with existing structure owners to at least ask about generator purchase – Director Kronenberger stated it would not hurt and that multiple city departments should be involved

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018