

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
January 22, 2019
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Chief Al Leary

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

None present

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

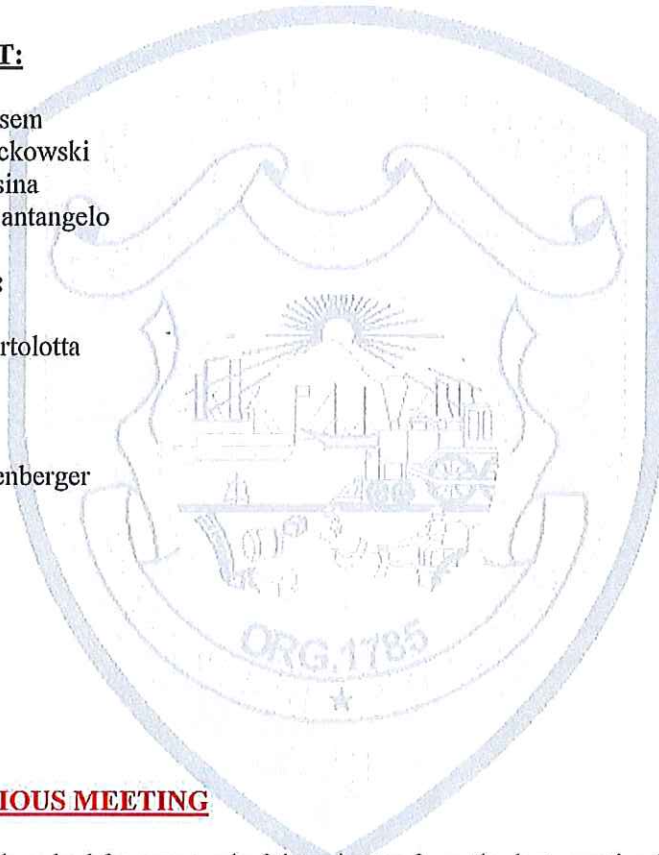
Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on December 17, 2018. Commissioner Chisem so moved, Commissioner Kleckowski seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you letter from the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce for participation with Holiday on Main
- Letter of thanks from Vinal Technical High School recognizing Firefighter Margo Ward



6. **MONTHLY REPORT**

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Two new recruits to start next week:
 - Michael Bradley from Public Works, also a Middletown resident
 - Ryan Niedmann from Thomaston
 - Projecting two more openings this summer – will probably get one more hiring off current list
 - Call comparison:
 - December to December absolutely no increase – same amount of calls exact down to exact digit
 - 2% increase call volume for the entire year
 - Decrease in Wesleyan calls for the month – only 19 but students on vacation
 - Commissioner Pessina stated that he noticed an uptick in fires between 2017 and 2018 and asked if this was normal for this time of year. Chief Kronenberger stated that it is, probably starting in October due to weather changes. Commissioner Pessina also noted that it was interesting that rescue/EMS went down and Chief Kronenberger stated that changes were made to responses a couple of years ago to doctor's offices and convalescent homes, therefore the decrease
 - Great month of training – based around vehicle & machinery rescue
 - Deputy Chief arranged and got nine cars for the training
 - Completed classroom presentation, vehicle stabilization, vehicle rescue training, as well as cutting the cars up
 - Entire department completed Sexual Harassment training
 - Toured new CHC building on 19 Grand Street – will be opening soon
 - This month's training is entered around OSHA requirements – bloodborne pathogens, fit testing

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Private fire hydrant ordinance – nothing new to report
- New engine – signed off on everything, body being manufactured now, should be ready around July

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Kleckowski wanted to give a kudos and publicly thank Chief Kronenberger with regards to a no power situation at Marino Manor. She contacted him and he got right back to her on this issue. The question was raised as to why they do not have a generator. Chief Kronenberger stated that this is an issue with various other buildings as well (both Stoneycrest towers, etc.) Discussion was had on getting an ordinance in place for new construction high-rise buildings, four stories and above, to have a generator in place

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

- No meeting held due to lack of quorum

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

- None

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

12. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Monthly report given by Director Kronenberger:
 - Correspondence:
 - None
 - Report:
 - Slow month for December – only 6 days of activity that consisted of 70 man hours, 3066 man hours to date
 - Contact hours on scene - 500% increase, mainly due to hospital incident last February
 - Another CERT class was held – volunteers still trickling in
 - EOC update:
 - Computers should be in this week
 - Generator should be in by the end of the month
 - March meeting should be held there
 - Training room all set & ready to go
 - Parking limited at this time until dirt moved off driveway
 - Administration & training will move to this facility
 - Commissioner Kleckowski asked about the Emergency Management budget
 - Director Kronenberger will present something at a later date

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2019