Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
February 25, 2019
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
-------------Minutes-------------

1. CALL TO ORDER
Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 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 January 22, 2018. Commissioner Pessina so moved, Commissioner Kleckowski seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING
   • None

5. CORRESPONDENCE
   • None
6. **MONTHLY REPORT**

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
  - January was a busy month – saw a 21% increase from the same time period last month, most were EMS calls
  - Wesleyan back on campus – increase in call volume, 28 for the month
    - Fire Marshals spent 16.5 hours on campus
    - Alarms spent 39 hours on campus
    - Wesleyan starting to spread out, adding more tax exempt properties – discussion may need to be had between the City and Wesleyan – currently have over 300 structures that are not taxed
  - Training for the month:
    - Finished vehicle rescue training
    - Rope training was done at the CFA theater at Wesleyan at their request
    - Concentrated on OSHA mandated training: fit testing, bloodborne pathogen, spirometry testing
  - Chief Kronenberger stated that there seems to be about six million dollars in state funding from bond money that has already been approved for the regional fire schools
    - Meeting was had with the Mayor, all the fire chiefs from the county, and the state delegation and presented it to them, they seemed engaged
  - Budget at the Mayor’s office – budget meeting upcoming
    - Changed way of reporting overtime section - broke down by categories as requested by commission last year

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Nothing new to report on the private fire hydrant ordinance – unable to meet with the water department, uninterested in entertaining this
- New engine update:
  - Spoke with manufacturer this week and the cabin chassis is due to the body company in the next couple of weeks – still on schedule

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

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

- Minutes of meeting held on February 5, 2019 included in meeting packet
  - Towers should be done, up and running by the end of summer as reported by Commissioner Chism
  - Install of radios to start in fire apparatus as reported by Chief Kronenberger
  - Coverage in Middlesex Hospital fantastic except for below grade but are working on this issue
  - The high school coverage is fantastic as well
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:
       - Active for fifteen days in the month of January
     - BOC update:
       - Should be completed next Friday – computers are here and are being programmed this week, generator arrived last Friday

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 18, 2019**