PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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
Councilman Philip Pessina

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta

STAFF PRESENT: William McKenna – Chief of Police
Capt. John Lozefski – Administrative Commander

STAFF ABSENT: Michael Timbro – Deputy Chief of Police

2. Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2019
Councilman Philip Pessina moved for approval of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) Minutes for September 16, 2019; Seconded by Councilman Carl Chisem. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only
None

4. Correspondence
Chief William McKenna stated that the correspondences have continued to be sent via E-mail and that seems to work for everyone. Chairman Santangelo took this opportunity to express the positive changes that have occurred during Chief McKenna’s administration; that he (Santangelo) has been a member of the PSC for 26 years, and has never seen so much positive acknowledgements from the public; that Chief McKenna and his staff have done a great job. Chief McKenna thanked him and added he couldn’t have done it without the support of the Police Personnel and the members of the PSC. A brief congratulatory, well wishes, and continued support dialogue followed.

5. Monthly Reports
Chief McKenna said they’re down $20,000.00 on the Overtime lines compared to this time last year.

6. Old Business
   a. Animal Shelter
      Chairman Santangelo thanked Captain John Lozefski and Senior ACO Gail Petras for their due diligence in this project, adding “Job well done!”
7. New Business
None

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters
Councilman Pessina thanked Chief McKenna and the Middletown Police Department (MPD) for their involvement in the Pink Patch Project (an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer). Chief McKenna said that Officer Jason Bodell – a Lateral Officer from Cheshire, CT – has participated in the 24-hour Special Olympics Penguin Plunge for the last three (3) years; and that he was the one who brought this project to his attention, in honor of a Berlin Police Officer (Aimee Krzykowski, a two-time Breast Cancer survivor), and suggested that the MPD participate in the Pink Patch Project. A brief discussion followed.

9. Meeting Adjourned...
Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski moved to adjourn; Seconded by Councilman Chisem. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary