

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
March 17, 2014
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Rob Santangelo
Commissioner Hope Kasper
Commissioner Deborah Kleckowski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Sebastian Giuliano
Commissioner Thomas Serra

STAFF PRESENT:

Acting Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger

STAFF ABSENT

None

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Members of the public present
Wayne Bartolotta

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from February 24, 2014. Motion was moved by Commissioner Kasper and seconded by Commissioner Kleckowski. All were in favor.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

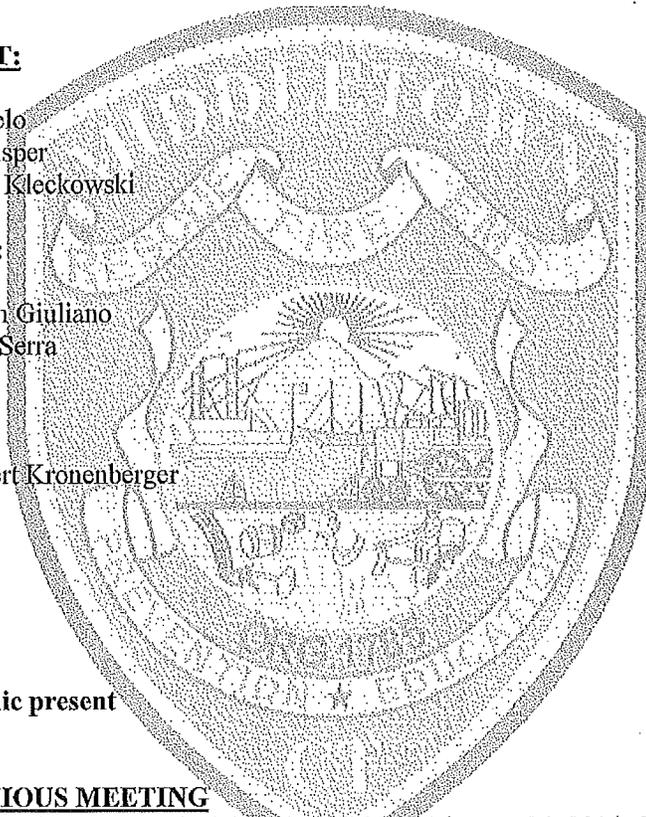
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

6. **MONTHLY REPORT**

Call Comparison:

- 327 calls for month – down from January and February
- 5 structure fires – 2 mutual aid calls to South Fire District
- Last month's Kleen Energy incident:



- All bills being paid for by Kleen Energy and all have been submitted for payment
- Wesleyan University:
 - 51 alarms calls, 22 calls were suppression, 4 calls for Fire Marshal's Office
 - Used to meet once a semester with physical plant, Residential Life, and Public Safety – has not occurred in a couple of years but they recently reached out
 - Meet last week – asking MFD to train with them both in confined spaced and hazardous materials programs within their science centers
- Formal offer has been received for the ladder truck -- still negotiating
- Working on community based exercise that will include the Board of Education
- Communications with Middletown High School
 - Commissioner Serra is very concerned with communications with Middletown High School – has been discussed at Telecommunication Meetings
 - Director Wayne Bartolotta was asked to come up and fill the Commission in on this situation
 - Police and fire have had continual problems in the building
 - When the Middletown High School building was built an amplifier was placed inside the building with antennas throughout the building so when police or fire personnel are in the building the amplifier would allow for their signals to get in or go out. Manufacturer has been out to evaluate the unit.
 - Unit was found to be working properly and upon further look by manufacturer it was determined that one of the issues is with the antennas in the building. Utility was called in to assist and has identified some type of resolution to the problem.
 - One resolution would be a \$4000 project involving the antennas on the first floor of the building -- reinstall them in various parts of the building to correct the feedback to better service the responders
 - Money may be needed to assist with funding for resolution
 - LoCip request should come before the Council for approximately \$75,000.00 – agreement was made with the Town of Cromwell to use their site off Shunpike Road, free antenna and cable that provides better service in the Newfield area and the downtown area but didn't cure Westlake communication issue. Another location is needed as well as a backup generator.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- **New Engine**
 - In process – contracts started
- **CNR**
 - Sent as a separate file – looking for support to send to Finance & Government

- **Fitness Program update**
 - MOU signed with the Salvation Army & work was started
 - Equipment is on order and should be ready for mid-April
 - Policies and procedures being written
 - No rent to Salvation Army – they offered building usage free of charge
 - Firefighters have agreed as repayment to the Salvation Army that they will be involved with them during summer programs

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business at this time

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

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

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Santangelo asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kasper moved the motion, Commission Kleckowski seconded and all voted in favour. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2014