

Fire Commission Meeting

Middleton Fire District

City of Middleton, Town of Middleton, Town of Springfield, Town of Westport

Thursday, December 19, 2013

6:00 PM

MIFD Station 1

7600 University Avenue

Middleton, WI

Commission Members Present: Ken Sipsma, Howard Teal, Dan Dresen, Julie Brunette, Milo Breunig

Commission Members Absent: None.

Officers Present: Chief Aaron Harris, Battalion Chief Brad Subera, Battalion Chief Randy Acker, Battalion Chief Scott Lindblom, Captain Mark Kampe, Captain Matt Reigel, Captain Jason Koski, Lieutenant Willie Salzmann, Lieutenant Jeremy Cushman

Others Present: John Miller, Mary Roessler

The meeting was called to order by Sipsma at 6:01 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the December 19th Agenda Posting**
 - Motion made by Teal and seconded by Brunette to approve the December 19th Agenda posting. Motion passed.
- 2. Approval of the November 21st Minutes**
 - Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Dresen to approve the November 21st Minutes. Motion passed with Breunig abstaining since he was not present at the previous meeting.
- 3. Personnel Report**
 - Harris reported that there has only been one personnel change since the last meeting, Firefighter Al Elliott retired after almost 32 years of service with the MIFD.
 - Harris also noted that after the first of the year, the MIFD will be reviewing applications to bring on a few more Associates.
- 4. MIFD Operations Report**
 - Harris reported that there have been 58 calls since the last meeting.
 - Harris noted that the year-to-date incident count is at 600, compared to last year's total calls of 611.
 - Harris reported on and showed photos of a rollover accident in the Town of Springfield that had a significant fuel leak into a ravine. The MIFD applied sand and oil dry to the spill and had fire suppression on standby.
 - Harris noted that the Graduation event was a success celebrating 20 MIFD Associates and 6 from other departments earning their Certified Firefighter II accreditation. Phil Stittleburg was the keynote speaker. Harris thanked all Officers and Instructors for their assistance.
 - Harris noted that they will be making improvements to the basement so that the TRX area can be moved into the basement.
 - Harris stated that he and Roessler have been working on getting insurance quotes and making sure the District is adequately insured for tank inspection exposures. Teal suggested possibly checking with Mike Davis to see if there is any potential saving opportunities.
 - Harris reported there will be a Hazmat Technician class held at Station 1 soon. Ted Harris will be the instructor. A grant from the Wisconsin Emergency Management was received to hold this class.
- 5. Consideration of suggested revisions to the Fire Protection Agreement. Discussion/Action**
 - Harris noted that a redlined draft Agreement was sent out to Commission members. Harris reported on a few of the suggested revisions and a discussion followed.
 - Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Teal to defer this agenda item. Motion passed.

6. Update on Pre-Alert Page and Page Delay Concerns

- Harris noted that the Pre-Alert Page Committee has not met since the last Commission Meeting as they are waiting for the equipment to arrive.

7. Approval of Monthly Bills. Discussion/Action

- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Breunig to approve the December monthly bills. Motion passed.

8. Correspondence/Communication Update

- Roessler reported that thank you notes were received from:
 - A homeowner that appreciated our response to a false alarm at her home.
 - An attendee at the graduation event that appreciated the amazing evening.
- Brunette and Teal also noted their appreciation for the graduation event.
- Brunette extended her congratulations to Battalion Chief Acker for his son's recent Firefighter II certification.
- Teal requested that Harris give a presentation at an upcoming Council meeting. Harris stated he would and that he would also like to bring a few Officers and Firefighters along.

9. Proposal of Future Agenda Items

- Update on Dane Comm (Breunig).

10. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Dresen to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

December 19th, 2013 Minutes submitted by Mary Roessler.



Mary Roessler
Secretary

Approved: January 16, 2014