

Fire Commission Minutes
Middleton Fire District
City of Middleton, Town of Middleton
Town of Springfield, Town of Westport

Date: Thursday, March 20th, 2014
Meeting Held at Station Number Two, Town of Middleton

Commission Members Present: Milo Breunig, Dan Dresen, Howard Teal, Julie Brunette.
Commission Chair Ken Sipsma was absent.

Officers present: Chief Aaron Harris; Assistant Chief Gary Gillitzer; Battalion Chiefs Brad Subera, Randy Acker, Scott Lindblom, Jesse Schluter; Captains Willis Hofmeister, Mark Kampe, Jason Koski, Matt Reigel; Town of Middleton Engineer Rod Zubella.

Acting Chair Milo Breunig called the meeting to order at 6PM.

1. Moved by Brunette, seconded by Dresen, that the March 20th Agenda posting be approved. Motion carried.
2. Moved by Dresen, seconded by Brunette, to approve the minutes of the February 20th, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Chief Harris reported that the number of personnel is down by one due to a termination of one Firefighter. The department currently totals 114.
4. Chief Harris reported that the department responded to 36 incidents since the last meeting.
5. Rod Zubella appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Town of Middleton. The Commission went outside of the station to visualize the proposed improvements to the Town of Middleton land surrounding Fire Station Number Two. Reconvening in the conference room, moved by Brunette, seconded by Dresen to conceptually approve a proposed amendment to the current lease between the Town of Middleton and the Fire District to expand the footprint of the land leased to the District by the Town, with a portion of the proposed improvements to be built by the Town and leased by the Fire District under terms and conditions similar to those of the current lease. Motion carried.
6. Chief Harris demonstrated the use of some of the Core Based Proficiency Training applications he has been developing to assist firefighters in maintaining necessary core skills individually and on a time schedule conducive to the firefighter rather than in large classes given at certain times.
7. The Commission discussed the latest shenanigans of the County 911 Committee in obstructing and delaying, over the last several years, the safety improvements needed to reduce the amount of time between an emergency call coming in to the 911 center and the alerting of the emergency personnel of the various cities, villages and towns in the county.

8. End of year figures for 2013 show the Fire District was under budget by \$72,315, in great part due to new income earned in 2013 from the sale of a fire truck and equipment and from the fitness program. Added to the fund balances from previous years, the net fund balance of the District at the end of 2013 in the operating and capital budgets of the District is \$186,000.

9. Moved by Teal, seconded by Dresen, to approve the monthly bills. Motion carried.

10. Correspondence received by the firefighters since the last meeting included a thank you and a donation of books and a magazine subscription to the station from a citizen who experienced a house fire a year ago; and a thank you note from a junior firefighter who received a large CocaCola scholarship for her college education with the help and support of the District firefighters.

11. There were no new future agenda items suggested by the Commissioners.

12. Moved by Dresen, seconded by Teal, to adjourn. Motion carried.

In the absence of Mary Roessler, minutes taken and submitted by Julie Brunette.

Approved: April 17, 2014