

Fire Commission Meeting (Virtual Meeting Via Zoom)

Middleton Fire District

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

Thursday, October 15th, 2020

6:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Ken Sipsma, Dan Dresen, Luke Fuszard, Julie Brunette, Brent Renteria-Packham

Commission Members Absent: None

Officers Present: Chief Aaron Harris, Battalion Chief Brad Subera, Battalion Chief Jesse Schluter, Captain Mark Kampe

Others Present: Mary Roessler

The meeting was called to order by Sipsma at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the September 17th Minutes

- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Renteria-Packham to approve the September 17th Minutes. Motion passed.

2. Public Comments on Matters Not on Agenda

- None.

3. Quarterly Inspection Report

- Subera reported that Weber is currently working on Pre-plans and Reigel has been working on plan reviews, tank inspections/removals, DCARL, code reviews/enforcements, driveway variance reviews, assisting Gillitzer, and personnel issues.

4. Quarterly Education Report

- Subera reported having education sessions with 391 adults and 533 children year-to-date.
- Subera reported the following for this quarter:
 - 2 Extinguisher Trainings
 - 5 Education Sessions away from the station
 - 3 Car Seat Checks/Strategic Education Sessions
 - 9 Fire truck displays/parades
 - Public education sessions with 310 adults and 260 children

5. Personnel/Operation Report

- Harris noted:
 - There were 53 incidents since the last meeting.
 - MIFD personnel count is down by one Firefighter. The MIFD currently has 102 Associates (87 Firefighters, 14 Rehab Technicians, and 1 Fire Corps).
 - Recently took the recruit class on a walking field trip to see construction sites.
 - Bomb threat at Kwik Trip in the Town of Middleton.
 - 911 Ceremony was held.
 - Lighting project switching over to LED lights for better energy efficiency.
 - Assisted the Friends of the Pheasant Branch Conservancy with prairie restoration project.
 - Assisted with an ultra high pressure demonstration in Loganville.
 - Drone task force helped search in a high speed chase incident.
 - St Bernard's vehicle accident where the MIFD secured the structure and the church.
 - Sidewalk in front of Station 1 is finishing up and workers will continue on to construct the crosswalk.
 - Concrete workers poured pilings for gazebo.

- Large prescribed burn call when the wind shifted and smoke was problematic.
- Joined the Police Department in doing a Public Service Announcement regarding not texting while driving.
- Multi-vehicle fire at Schmidt's Auto Salvage.
- Helped with #Move Over campaign to remind the public to move over for emergency vehicles.
- New Motorola radios came in sooner than expected. This is a 2021 project, unsure when they will be invoiced. Currently being programmed and installed and will be up and running by year-end.
- MIFD had \$55,000 in this year's budget to purchase a new ultra high pressure system. HMA has been a great partner with the MIFD. Due to having the high pressure ATV and three MTAC high pressure vehicles, the department will be able to eliminate and sell the brush truck. Also over the years we have been able to reduce Tenders from three to two and Engines from three to two. Ultra high pressure has been a benefit to the Fire District.

6. COVID-19 Responses. Discussion/Action

- Harris reported that two MIFD Associates tested positive, but are fully recovered. The MIFD continues to go on calls with potential exposure, but have protocols and proper PPE to protect Associates as best we can.

7. Station 1 Dedication Plaque

- The Commissioners are still deciding on exact language, so this item will be tabled until the November meeting.

8. 2021 Budget

- The Draft 2021 MIFD Budget V090920 (attached) was previously distributed. The City of Middleton is doing a salary study that won't be finished until the end of October.
- Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Renteria-Packham to approve the 2021 MIFD Budget as presented with a caveat if changes to wages in the City are approved, the Fire Commission would reconvene to consider changes to Fire District's full time wages. Motion passed.

9. Approval of Monthly Bills. Discussion/Action

- Motion made by Renteria-Packham and seconded by Brunette to approve the September bills. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Renteria-Packham to approve the October bills. Motion passed.

10. Correspondence/Communication Update

- Note of appreciation from Susan Gruber for MIFD's assistance at the Conservancy.

11. Proposal of Future Agenda Items

- None

12. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Dresen to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

October 15, 2020 Minutes submitted by Mary Roessler.



Mary Roessler
Secretary

Approved 11/19/2020