

Fire Commission Meeting

Middleton Fire District

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

Thursday, April 20th, 2023

6:00 PM

MIFD Station 1

7600 University Avenue

Middleton, WI

Commission Members Present: Julie Brunette, Leon Zinck, Joe Pichette, Randall Crow

Commission Members Absent: David Bryce

Officers Present: Captain Mark Kampe, Captain Eric Porter, Lieutenant Ethan Nelson

Others Present: Mary Roessler

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Brunette at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- Brunette – Present, Bryce – Not Present, Zinck –Present, Pichette – Present, Crow - Present

3. Approval of March 16th Minutes

- Motion made by Pichette and seconded by Zinck to approve the March 16th Fire Commission Minutes. Motion passed.

4. Public Comments on Matters Not on Agenda

- None.

5. Personnel/Operations Report

- Harris reported on several notable calls and the following MIFD activities:
 - Birthday parties/tours
 - Dog rescue on lake Mendota
 - UW Women's Hockey welcome home
 - Sonny Simon escort
 - Mary Roessler will be retiring and interviewing process has started
 - Recently sold some older equipment, those funds are put into the unappropriated fund balance to be used for future purchases.
 - Recently purchased two training props to show how live fire travels and reacts to different conditions. Middleton Fire Company reimbursed the District for one of those.
 - Recently held a live training burn summit to demonstrate ultra high pressure. Firefighters came from nine states. MIFD will be holding another live burn soon and will invite Commissioners.
 - Members completed many prairie burns last week and proceeds go to Middleton Fire Company No. 1
 - MIFD participated in the Badger Honor Flight a couple of weeks ago

6. Update on Increased Frequency of EMS Calls

- Harris showed graphs of all MIFD calls from 1999 to 2023 and compared that with EMS calls for same timeframe and the increased trend. A short discussion followed. Harris will continue to research this issue and there will be further updates.

7. Monthly Bills from April. Discussion/Action

- Motion made by Zinck and seconded by Pichette to approve the April monthly bills. Motion passed.

8. Correspondence/Communication Update

- A couple notes of appreciation; one from a recent dog rescue incident and one from the family of a fallen soldier that the MIFD honored.

9. Proposal of Future Agenda Items

- None.

10. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion made by Crow and seconded by Zinck to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

April 20th, 2023 Minutes submitted by Mary Roessler.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Roessler".

Approved, May 18th 2023