

**SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
of the City of Middletown
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom – Meeting I.D. 821 8094 8484**

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Thazhampallath (logged in at 7:11 p.m.), Giuliano, Penney; Chief Howley, Deputy Chief Trzaski, Fire Department members, and members of the public.

Absent: Commissioner Bartolotta

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Co-Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.

3. **AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART SAVER HERO AWARD**

Presented to: Richard Rearick, Middlesex Health Paramedic

Michael Nuzzi, Hunter's Ambulance EMT

Dylan Madore, Hunter's Ambulance EMT

Lieutenant Timothy Heiden, South Fire District

Firefighter Geoffrey DeFrancesco, South Fire District

Firefighter Jacob Mikos, South Fire District

Firefighter Christopher Smith, South Fire District

4. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** Co-Chairwoman Kleckowski open the Public Session at 7:11 p.m.
No one wished to speak.

MOTION to close Public Session by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

5. **CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION** Co-Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the Public Session at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION to suspend the rules by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

The Commission expressed their thanks to Deputy Chief James Trzaski for his dedication and service to South Fire District, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

6. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

A. REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 13, 2020

MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

B. SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING OF JULY 21, 2020

MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 special election meeting by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

7. **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT** was reviewed by the Commission.

A. TAX REFUNDS

MOTION to approve tax refunds to various taxpayers in the amount of \$1,555.79 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

The Commission reviewed the Tax Collector's report submitted by Tax Collector Cindy Gotta. MOTION to approve the Tax Collector's report by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

8. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS** were reviewed by the Commission.

MOTION to approve the Monthly Financial Reports by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

9. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the reports submitted by Chief Howley. MOTION to approve the Chief's Report by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

10. **DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the reports submitted by Deputy Chief Trzaski. MOTION to approve the Deputy Chief's Report by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

11. **FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the reports submitted by Fire Marshal Mastroianni. MOTION to approve the Fire Marshal's Report by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

12. **DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the reports submitted by Deputy Fire Marshal Hurlbut. MOTION to approve the Deputy Fire Marshal's Report by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

13. **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the reports submitted by Captain Fischer, MOTION to approve the Captain's Report by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

14. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

A. PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS – COMM. GIULIANO

The meeting for the month of August was cancelled.

B. BUILDING COMMITTEE – COMM. THAZHAMPALLATH

Commissioner Thazhampallath provided a brief status update and announced Common Council Minority Leader Philip Pessina has been appointed to the Building Committee as of July 6, 2020.

C. PENSION COMMITTEE – COMM. KLECKOWSKI

Commissioner Kleckowski provided a brief update of the administrative meeting regarding amendments.

MOTION to approve Commissioner Reports by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMPLOYMENT STATUS – FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY QUARTO

MOTION to move Firefighter Anthony Quarto from probationary status to permanent full-time status effective August 16, 2019 pending successful completion of the probationary period by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved.

B. DEPUTY CHIEF POSITION

The preferred City of Middletown residency was discussed. It was decided that this will initially be an internal district posting – open to SFD staff only.

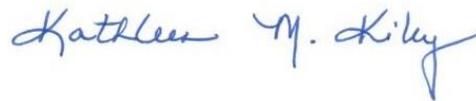
MOTION to approve posting Deputy Chief position by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Penney. Unanimously approved.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Penney. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by,



Kathleen M. Kiley

Approved 10/13/2020