

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. Present at City Hall Auditorium were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Commissioners Molly Spino, Doug Benedetto, Glenn McLeod, and Darlene Battle, Fire Chief Eric Borden, Deputy Police Chief Bart Barown, Captain Brett Johnson, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, Fleet Manager Emil Castro, and Torrington VFD Commissioners Scott Mills, and Gary Delmonte. Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Commissioner Gregg Cogswell, and Drakeville Fire Chief Mike Whittaker joined via Zoom. Police Chief William Baldwin and Commissioner Joe McElroy were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

**John Lemieux** said he has some complaints about the Torrington Police Department, however, doesn't want to take away from the Firefighters being sworn in. He asked the Board of Safety to reach out to him.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS**

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Nolan Dolecki, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Gage Abraham, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Stephanie Scoville, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Evans, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Bilts, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Michael Fraher, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

Mayor Elinor Carbone, Justice of the Peace administered the Oath of Office to Andrew Baldwin, Torrington Fire Department Firefighter.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino the Board voted unanimously to accept the Special Budget Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted to accept the Special Joint Meeting Minutes with City Council from May 8, 2023. Commissioner Spino abstained.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2023.

**POLICE SUVS PURCHASE**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board, on the recommendation of the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board, the Fleet Manager, and the Purchasing Agent, voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City to award, execute and administer the purchase of five Utility Police Explorers from MHQ of Middletown, CT in the amount of \$300,836.81. This is to be funded from the Vehicle Replacement Account, was previously approved by the City Council, and is explained in a letter from the Purchasing Agent dated June 1, 2023. Commissioner Benedetto asked what kind of lettering was going on the vehicles, Fleet Manager Emil Castro told him that it would be up to the Police Department.

**POLICE TRUCKS PURCHASE**

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board, on the recommendation of the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board, the Fleet Manager, and the Purchasing Agent, voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City to award, execute and administer the purchase of two Trucks for the Traffic Division from MHQ of Middletown, CT in the amount of \$244,742.28. This is to be funded from the Vehicle Replacement Account, was previously approved by the City Council, and is explained in a letter from the Purchasing Agent dated June 1, 2023. Commissioner Benedetto asked if there were going to be retiring any vehicles from Traffic, Mr. Castro told him that they would be retiring a Crown Victoria. Commissioner McLeod told the Board that he is on the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board and was very impressed with the presentations regarding these new vehicle purchases.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Police Chief Baldwin's report for April 2023.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to accept Fire Chief Borden's report for April 2023.

**EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS provider activity report for April 2023. Commissioner McLeod asked if the communication between Trinity, LCD, and the Fire Department was improving, EMS Manager Jeff Ganung said that it has become easier to call off the Fire Department if they are also responding, or waive them off if EMS is already on scene.

**BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Volunteer Fire Departments. Tarringford VFD Commissioner Gary Delmonte said their Car Show is August 4, 2023. Drakeville Fire Chief Mike Whittaker congratulated all the new firefighters, he also said that they have been successfully recruiting some new applicants.

**BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Deputy Police Chief Barown, Fire Chief Borden, and EMS Manager Jeff Ganung gave the latest updates from their departments.

**BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the Board of Public Safety.

**The Commissioners** Congratulated the new Firefighters for the City.

**Commissioner Benedetto** Thanked all the runners from the Torrington Police and Fire Departments that ran for the Special Olympics.

**Mayor Carbone** shared with the Board that the Board of Finance will be meeting on June 8, 2023, to set the Mill Rate and Budget Adoption. She also thanked the Police Department for looking at their vacancies and agreeing to fill them at the half-year mark.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

  
CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK