

MINUTES

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

November 13, 2012 Adjourned from November 7, 2012

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, November 13, 2012, whaving been adjourned from November 7, 2012

Those in attendance included Mayor Ryan J. Bingham, Corporation Counsel Raymond Rigat, Members of the Board of Public Safety Angelo LaMonica, Richard Zaharek, Douglas Benedetto, Darlene Battle, James Potter and Christopher Cook, Acting Fire Chief Gary Brunoli, Police Chief Michael Maniago, Officer Steven Pisarski, and Personnel Director Thomas Gritt.

Mayor Bingham called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting held October 3, 2012.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one present who wished to speak.

ADD TO AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto the Board voted unanimously to add Section B to the agenda.

TRAFFIC DEPT. UTILITY PLOW TRUCK: Initiate Bid Process

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook the Board considered authorizing a bid process initiation and potential additional expenditure for one 4 x 4 utility plow truck with lift gate for the Traffic Department pending City Council and Board of Finance approval.

In answer to Commissioner Benedetto's question, Chief Maniago said this vehicle is needed as the Traffic Department's second vehicle because the engine blew on the van they were using. It had been costing more to keep it repaired than the vehicle was worth, he said. Chief Maniago said the pickup truck they have is too small for some of the parking lots, and if it broke down, they'd have no backup vehicle.

Mayor Bingham said the Police Department used this opportunity, presented on the Vehicle Replacement Plan, to build a vehicle proposal that was more suited to the jobs that they perform. He said there was a \$14,000 difference between what was budgeted and the cost of this vehicle, but that money was found in the budget.

Commissioner Benedetto asked if the Parks & Recreation Department could do the plowing and Chief Maniago said they have too many parking lots to do so that wouldn't be feasible on a routine, regular basis.

Mr. Castro said \$26,600 was budgeted for the replacement van, and \$14,000 was added for the upgrades, a lift gate and a plow. He said it will be a one ton 4 x 4 truck with storage components.

Chief Maniago added that both Traffic Department employees go in different directions to work each day.

A vote was taken and the Board voted five to one with Commissioner Benedetto opposed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept Chief Maniago's Report for September, 2012.

OFFICER PISARSKI'S REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer Pisarski's Report for September, 2012.

In answer to Commissioner Benedetto's question, Chief Maniago said Parks & Recreation's Lynn Rategan has been selected to be the new secretary, his payroll clerk is moving on to replace Lynn at Parks & Recreation, and they will be looking for someone to fill the payroll clerk vacancy. He said Mrs. Rategan's training will begin this week.

ACTING FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Chief Brunoli's report for September, 2012.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Marshal's Report for September, 2012.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Marshal's report for September, 2012.

EMS PROVIDER REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS Provider Activity Report from Campion for September, 2012. Commissioner Benedetto said he has questions that he will save for the next meeting.

BUSINESS: DEPT. HEADS

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads.

Acting Chief Brunoli reported that Lieutenants Casper and Engle have passed their probation period and are both settling into their positions. He said the tanker shuttle drill went very well with surrounding mutual aid departments as they were able to flow 613 gallons per minute for two hours. Acting Chief Brunoli recognized Capt. Star, Training Officer Hepburn, Firefighter Ebner and Firefighter Patterson for their work setting up that drill. He further reported that the Fire Department's Open House was attended by about 500 people and he thanked all the firefighters who assisted that day, Campion Ambulance and Torrington VFD.

BUSINESS: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Volunteer Fire Departments. There was no report as all Departments were attending their own regular meetings.

BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS

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

Commissioners LaMonica and Zaharek wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Commissioner Benedetto commended Acting Chief Brunoli on the Emergency Operations Center and asked about Emergency Management Reports. Acting Chief Brunoli said he will take care of it.

Commissioner Potter asked the Police and Fire Departments to update him on their Capital Budgets, and repeated his request for a Medical Response Times report from Litchfield County Dispatch. Acting Chief Brunoli said they are still trying to determine how to create that report. Commissioner Cook asked Chief Maniago about officers in the academy and upcoming retirements. Chief Maniago replied that two are on FTO, halfway through their field training, and they have three seats reserved for the January academy class. He said they are in the process of completing background investigations for four openings with one being a certified officer. Chief Maniago said 2 retirements are anticipated, one in March and one in August.

Commissioner Battle asked for an update on the Police Radio. Chief Maniago said Kenwood was here for five days and they went on a ride-along with Police Officers to obtain firsthand knowledge of the problems. They visited all the tower sites, made adjustments to the firmware, and discovered some issues with the output signal going in a wave instead of the way it should. This could cause some of the problems, he said, and the repair process could take three to four months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session under Fire Chief Personnel, at 7:08 p.m., inviting Mr. Gritt.

OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Bingham announced a Special Meeting to be held Wednesday November 21, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium for the purpose of selecting a Fire Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC

CITY CLERK

Respectfully Submitted,
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Assistant City Clerk