

MINUTES

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

MARCH 3, 2010

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday,
March 3, 2010, in the Main Room of the Senior Center.

Those in attendance included Mayor Ryan J. Bingham, Corporation Counsel Ernestine Yuille Weaver, members of the Board of Public Safety Gerald Zordan, Richard Zaharek, James Potter, Christopher Cook, and Darlene Battle, Police Chief Michael Maniago, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Smedick, Police Capt. Todd Schaller, Fire Chief John Field, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Brunoli, Tarringford Volunteer Fire Chief Lawrence Dauphanais, Drakeville Volunteer Fire Chief Michael Maccalous, and Burrville Volunteer Fire Chief Ken Marques. Commissioner Douglas Benedetto and Traffic Officer Robert Shopey were absent.

Mayor Bingham called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

MINUTES #55

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 12, 2010.

MINUTES #61

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held February 16, 2010.

25 YRS SERVICE – DET. SILANO #71

Although she was not present, Chief Maniago recognized Detective Corinne Silano for her 25 years of service as a very valuable member of his team, a valuable member of the Detective Bureau, and a trail-blazer since 1982 who's doing a very fine job and representing the Department very well.

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS #92

Deputy Fire Chief Brunoli, on behalf of the Fire Marshal, congratulated the following poster contest winners: Ben Danne, Emily Kupcho, Cailyn Lagassie, and Sophie Spore. He explained that Emily Kupcho will go on to

compete at the State level, having won in Litchfield County. He thanked them for their participation.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC #142

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

Mrs. Denise Janelle spoke in opposition against proposed one-way traffic changes on Calhoun St. Ambulance egress, room for snow plows, property depreciation, and increased accidents are issues that would be impacted by this. She said there has been an abuse of parking space, including cars pulling up to and parking at stop signs, speed issues, and problems with snow being plowed into the street, onto fire hydrants and blocking views. Mrs. Janelle said all the problems come from people doing what they're not supposed to do.

She added that the 15 minute loading zone is a problem. Chief Maniago agreed and recommended a no parking zone.

Mr. John Falcone spoke in favor of the 15 minute loading zone, and thought one-way traffic would solve the problem. He questioned the recently installed no-parking signs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: POLICE PERSONNEL #701

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session under police personnel inviting Chief Maniago, Deputy Chief Smedick and Atty. Weaver at 6:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION #705

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to come back into open session at 7:20 p.m.

PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN #710

On a motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to hire Brandon Kelley as Probationary Patrolman for the Torrington Police Dept.

PROMOTE TO PATROLMAN C: HOYT, MAIGA, & McINTYRE #729

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Officer Jeffrey Hoyt, Officer John Maiga and Officer Jason McIntyre to Patrolman C as regular members of the

Torrington Police Department, effective February 9, 2010.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT #742

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to accept Chief Maniago's Report for January 2010 and Officer Shoppey's Monthly Communication Report for January 2010.

SOUTH CENTRAL BUS STOP #752

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to approve the installation of a bus stop within the South Central Municipal Parking Facility per Officer Shoppey's recommendation letter of Feb. 3, 2010.

Mayor Bingham said the current location of the bus stop will be used for parking after City Hall renovations are complete. The most suitable location is the South Central (Library) Lot, he said, as determined by the NW CT Transit District.

DISCUSSION: CALHOUN ST. #905

On a motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Potter, the Board discussed the Calhoun Street issue in light of Officer Shoppey's letter of February 25, 2010. Mayor Bingham said he will meet with Board of Safety, neighborhood and Police representatives to go over the issues.

Commissioner Potter asked about the three curb cuts and the overhead doors. Chief Maniago explained the no parking signs were installed to define the length of the loading zone and painting lines will be considered to delineate sidewalk from loading zone. Commissioner Zordan suggested one-way west-bound be considered. Commissioner Zaharek suggested no left turn from south-bound Main St. Commissioner Cook said he'd like to join the committee.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT #1306

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to accept Chief Field's Report, Deputy Chief Brunoli's Report, Fire Marshal's Report, and Training Officer's Report for January 2010.

Deputy Chief Brunoli reported on the progress of the Pumper truck purchase, and that the new recruits are doing well.

DISCUSSION: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS GRANT #1395

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the

Board opened up for discussion the EOC Grant. Deputy Chief Brunoli said this is for the Fire Dept. radio issues to go along with the civilian dispatch process. Chief Field said this grant is for \$450,000 for communications equipment for both Police and Fire. Mayor Bingham said there's \$850,000 coming from the Dept of Justice for capital construction.

EMS PROVIDER REPORTS #1447

On a motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Potter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Campion EMS Provider Activity Report for Jan 2010.

BUS: DEPT HEADS #1458

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

Chief Maniago said he'd like to add another canine into the Dept and explore funding options to mitigate the burden on the city, as the cost is \$6000 to \$8000. Commissioner Cook asked about the cost of the current dog. Mayor Bingham asked for a canine report at the next meeting.

Chief Field reported he is going to receive a grant for his headquarters' vehicle exhaust system.

Deputy Fire Chief Brunoli said Fox - WTIC is airing Firehouse Fridays from Torrington this Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

BUS: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPTS. #1657

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Volunteer Fire Departments.

Torrington Volunteer Fire Chief Lawrence Dauphanais reported that 1) they are working on getting a right-of-way and easement permission for a rear driveway, 2) they have received hand-held emitters for the Opti-com so they can get out of their fire station but the emitters are misaligned and non-functional, 3) they are displeased and disappointed at the discontinuance of the sirens where they had no representation at the meeting, and 3) they are working on getting the Air Pack Grant finalized along with Drakeville and the City for a bulk purchase.

Drakeville Volunteer Fire Chief Michael Maccalous reported that their building addition is coming along and they have a fundraiser comedy show/dinner on March 12th at the Elks.

Burrville Volunteer Fire Chief Ken Marques reported that they are working on a few grants for equipment, and that he has a couple of firefighters who have completed Firefighter One training.

BUS: MAYOR & MEMBERS #1793

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

Commissioners Zaharek and Potter congratulated Detective Silano and wished Firefighter Valentine well in his retirement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1879

On a motion by Commissioner Zordan, seconded by Commissioner Potter, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session under Police & Fire Personnel and Security at 7:52 p.m. inviting both Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs.

OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to come back into open session at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Anderson CCTC
Asst. City Clerk