

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone and Commissioners Darlene Battle, Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, Richard Zaharek, and Glenn McLeod. Commissioner Angelo LaMonica was absent.

Also present were Acting Deputy Police Chief Wayne Newkirk, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Traffic Operations Unit Officer Steven Pisarski, Campion Ambulance Director of Operations Fred Rosa and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) EMS and Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Rabeuf.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting held May 2, 2018.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Paul Rabeuf thanked Campion ambulance and the Torrington Fire Department for their help in preparation for a mass casualty drill at Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital on May 9th and thanked several community businesses for their participation.

Sharon Waagner stated that the City should have implemented a gradual increase in parking rates over the previous three years.

Glenn Royals expressed his frustration with the Board of Public Safety and the City's process for appointing executive level Police Department personnel.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICERS TO PD

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer James Dickey and Officer Justin Tomlin as regular members of the Torrington Police Department, having successfully completed their probationary period on June 2, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session, pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6)(A), to discuss the appointment of Police Department personnel at 6:40 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Carbone informed the public that the Board discussed the appointment of an Interim Police Chief in Executive Session. She stated that she has begun taking steps to identify an appropriate qualified candidate, and seeks coordination with the Board in order to do so. She assured the public that an Interim Police Chief would be appointed on or before June 16th, which is Chief Maniago's last day.

Mayor Carbone stated her recommendation, in accordance with C.G.S. §1-200(7), to appoint a personnel search committee for the hiring of a new Police Chief.

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the Board of Public Safety, the Mayor, and the Director of Personnel to serve as the Personnel Search Committee for the purpose of recommending a candidate to be appointed as permanent Police Chief.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Police Chief's reports.

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer Pisarski's Traffic Operations Unit report.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Fire Chief Towey's reports.

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Fire Chief Tripp's report.

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept Training Officer Shopey's report.

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Emergency Management report.

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Marshal's reports.

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS Provider Activity reports.

BUSINESS: 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.

Torrington reported that the Department has a firefighter graduating as a black helmet.

BUSINESS: DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Acting Deputy Police Chief Newkirk announced that there will be a Torch run for the Special Olympics on Thursday, June 7th and reported that Officer Fifer completed his certification to become a drug recognition expert in May.

Officer Pisarski announced that there will be a Police Explorer Car Show on June 15th.

Fire Chief Towey reported that he had a busy first month on the job and commended his crew for their response to a fire on 71 Elmwood Terrace.

Mr. Rosa thanked the Torrington Fire and Police Departments and announced that there will be a fire safety program at Walmart on June 17th.

BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS

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

Commissioner Benedetto thanked those who participated in the PAL 5K.


Commissioners Conforti and Battle congratulated Chief Towey and thanked Acting Deputy Chief Newkirk for stepping up in Chief Maniago's absence.

Mayor Carbone updated the Board on the setting of the mill rate for 2018/2019 and stated that additional cuts to the public safety budgets may be necessary. She said additional cuts may include the Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Activity League (PAL).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK