

**MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
October 3, 2018**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

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

Also present were Acting Police Chief Wayne Newkirk, Traffic Operations Unit Officer Steven Pisarski, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Campion Ambulance Director of Operations Fred Rosa, and Fire Marshal Edward Bascetta.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMPLETION OF PROBATION PERIOD

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer Joseph DeGoursey as a regular member of the Torrington Police Department, having successfully completed his probationary period on September 15, 2018.

MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 2018.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Sharon Waagner commended Deputy Fire Chief Tripp and Training Officer Shopey for their instruction of the "Stop the Bleed" training program. She also thanked Rick Dalla Valle and the Fire Department for their Emergency Preparedness course training.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, 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 the EMS Provider Activity reports.

BUSINESS: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Volunteer Fire Departments. Drakeville VFD Chief Maccalous announced that there will be an Open House event at the Litchfield County Regional Fire Training School on October 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BUSINESS: DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Acting Police Chief Newkirk reported that the Police Department applied for another DUI grant, and received a response from the state in regard to their recently submitted ballistic vest grant application.

Fire Chief Towey announced that there will be rope rescue and fire prevention training during the month of October. He also informed the Board that the Torrington Fire and Police Departments were awarded the WoodmanLife Recognition award this year. He stated a brief summary of the Firefighters Assistance Grant program and explained the importance of transitioning the Department's current telecommunications system over to the state's system. Lastly, Chief Towey discussed the Fire Department's response to a recent incident in which multiple engines went down simultaneously.

Mr. Rosa announced that the Boy Scouts will be having a pancake breakfast at Applebee's on Sunday, October 7th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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 Zaharek congratulated Officer DeGoursey on completing his probationary period and asked Chief Towey about the process for borrowing trucks and equipment from surrounding towns, in cases of emergency. Chief Towey explained that events are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and surrounding towns may send personnel with their trucks, as needed.

Commissioner Benedetto requested an update on the hiring of a new Police Chief. Mayor Carbone stated that the City is progressing through the background check and she hopes to have it completed before the Board's November meeting.


Commissioner Conforti thanked Chief Towey for his communication with the Board and commended Officers Dickey, Davies, and Richardson for their response to incidents in his neighborhood and at the Stop and Shop store.

Mayor Carbone commended Chief Towey for identifying a grant opportunity to improve the Fire Department's telecommunications system, and thanked Acting Chief Newkirk for his efforts to address some I.T. issues facing the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK