

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. The meeting was attended in person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, Police Chief William Baldwin, Police Captain Bart Barown, Interim Fire Chief David Tripp, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Darlene Battle, Glenn McLeod, Douglas Benedetto, Joe McElroy, and Molly Spino. City Comptroller Robin Stanziale and Commissioner Gregg Cogswell joined via Zoom. Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous was also in attendance. Torrington VFD Commissioners Scott Mills and Gary Delmonte were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one present wished to speak.

FIRE CHIEF

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Eric Borden as Chief of the Torrington Fire Department effective May 30, 2022.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from April 2, 2022.

PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the waiver of the City bid process for the purchase of Fire Department uniforms from Fairfield Uniform Company of Bridgeport CT, for \$14,033.90 off the State Contract #17PSX0024, being previously approved by City Council on May 2, 2022. Interim Fire Chief Tripp said that it was the same company that the department has used to purchase uniforms in the past.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted to accept the Interim Fire Chief's report for March 2022.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted to accept the Police Chief's report for March 2022.

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted to accept the EMS provider activity report for March 2022.

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. Drakeville VFD Chief Maccalous introduced Captain Tom Wilson who will be taking over his position when he moves.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Police Chief Baldwin, Interim Fire Chief Tripp, 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 members of the Board of Safety each congratulated Chief Borden on his appointment as Fire Chief and thanked Interim Chief Tripp for all that he has done. Mayor Carbone informed the Board that City Council had approved a spending framework for the ARPA funds. She mentioned that it does include a feasibility study for a Public Safety Complex, security cameras, and improvements to lighting and HVAC at the Police Department. She went on to say that the City has acquired the Armory Property, during the last legislative session, and no longer needs to lease it every five years. She also said that the motor vehicle mill rate has been capped at 32.62 for the City, which will affect the revenue for the City's budget.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK