

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

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

Also present were Police Chief Bill Baldwin, Jr., Captain Wayne Newkirk, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Fire Marshall Ed Bascetta, and Campion Ambulance EMT Mark Zarrella.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS/PINNING CEREMONIES

Mayor Carbone presented an award of recognition to retired Deputy Emergency Management Director Rick Dalla Valle for his many contributions to the City of Torrington.

Chief Towey presented Special Unit Awards to Battalion Chief Patrick Doyle, Lt. Walter Dixon, Lt. Michael Zavatkay, Lt. Edward DeLisle, FF Aaron Picz, FF Randall Patterson, FF Timothy O'Donnell, FF Scott Rodgers, FF Brian White, FF David Munson, FF Brian Ball, and FF Michael Farrell for their response to the fire at 37 Stoneridge Drive on January 3, 2019.

Chief Baldwin presented a Chief's Citation award to Det. James Crean for his successful investigation leading to the arrest of a suspect in a string of burglaries and larcenies in the area.

MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 2, 2019.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Michael Longeran and representatives from the Green T.E.A.R. campaign presented a brief overview of the campaign, which aims to promote awareness and understanding of mental health and addiction, and invited the Board to attend an event at the Warner Theater in May, 2019.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORTS

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS UNIT REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer Pisarski's Traffic Operations Unit Report. Commissioner McLeod requested an update on the Police Department's response to concerns regarding the intersection of Kennedy Drive and Tarringford West Street. Chief Baldwin stated that the Police Department and the City are looking into possible solutions for the intersection.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Chief's Reports. Commissioner Benedetto expressed his concerns regarding an increase in overtime and Chief Towey explained some of the factors driving the increase.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Fire Chief Tripp's Reports. Commissioner Benedetto requested an update on the Department's vehicles and apparatuses. Dep. Chief Tripp stated that all vehicles and apparatuses are currently in service.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Marshal's Reports.

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS Provider Activity Reports. Commissioner Benedetto questioned what types of calls the Fire Department assists with. Chief Towey explained the types of calls and how the Fire Department gets involved.

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Volunteer Fire Departments. The Tarringford and Drakeville VFD Chiefs reported that they each have two volunteers attending Firefighter Training School.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Police Captain Wayne Newkirk, the IT Director, and the Purchasing Agent, and authorize the Mayor to award the purchase of the Network Infrastructure Project for the Torrington Police Department to JKS Systems of South Windsor, CT for \$26,788.97. Commissioner McLeod questioned why the bid submitted by the recommended vendor was significantly lower than any of the other bids that were submitted. Capt. Newkirk credited the cost variance to differences in the sourcing of materials.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Chief Baldwin announced that there will be a Certified Police Officer joining the TPD. He invited the Board to attend a Block Watch meeting at Coe Park on March 7, 2019 and commended the Police Department members who volunteered and donated to the St. Jude Telethon on March 3, 2019. Deputy Chief Tripp announced that there will be a C.E.R.T. meet-and-greet event on March 28, 2019, and invited the Board to attend.


BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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. The Board expressed their gratitude to the Police and Fire Departments, and congratulated Rick Dalla Valle on his award. Commissioner Battle also thanked Chief Baldwin and Chief Towey for attending a meet-and-greet at her church. Mayor Carbone stated that the first Budget Subcommittee meeting will take place on March 11, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK