

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall auditorium on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. Attending in person were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Fire Marshal Ed Bascetta, Police Chief William Baldwin, Jr., Police Captain Bart Barown, Police Sergeant Dustin Baldis, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous, Tarringford VFD Commissioners Gary Delmonte and Scott Mills, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Gregg Cogswell, Glenn McLeod, Dustin Bingham and Joseph McElroy. Economic Development Director Rista Malanca and Commissioner Darlene Battle participated by ZOOM. Commissioner Douglas Benedetto was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Bingham, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

MINUTES: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting held March 18, 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Bingham, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting held March 30, 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 7, 2021. Commissioner Cogswell abstained.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

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

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Cogswell, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Fire Chief Tripp's reports.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT: APPROVED

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: APPROVED

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Bingham, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Marshal's report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

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

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Cogswell, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS provider activity report.

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the volunteer fire departments. Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous discussed the monthly activity report that he submitted for the months of March and April and encouraged the commissioners to ask him any questions that they might have regarding the report. Commissioner McElroy thanked Chief Maccalous for his report.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Chief Baldwin gave the following updates and announcements regarding recent Police Department activities:

- He reported on the success of Drug Take Back Day, which took place on April 24, 2021.
- He reported that all of the officers who reported positive COVID-19 tests returned to duty.
- He announced the retirement of Officer Pisarski and expressed his appreciation for Officer Pisarski's service to the City.
- He updated the Board on current staffing levels and the anticipated hiring of new police officers, explaining that 17 candidates were invited for interviews and five conditional offers of employment were awarded. He noted that the TPD still had eight vacancies, but he anticipates putting six new candidates in the upcoming Police Academy classes.

Chief Towey gave the following updates and announcements regarding recent Fire Department activities:

- He expressed his appreciation for the community's show of support on National Firefighters' Day, which took place on May 4, 2021.
- He thanked the Firefighters' Union (IAFF Local 1567) for their support with the Tim Driscoll St. Jude telethon fundraiser.
- He reported that the firefighters were healthy and the TFD was maintaining its full operational profile.
- He reported that the TFD would be supporting Friendly Hands with their walk-up food distribution event at the library parking lot on May 11, 2021.
- He informed the Board that the next meeting of the Fire Service Coordination Committee would take place at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2021 at the Emergency Operation Center.
- He reported on a possible delay with the radio equipment that the TFD expected to receive for an apparatus, due to a microchip COVID supply chain issue.

Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung reported that the new fly cars were up and running and he expected them to be on the road by the weekend.

Commissioner Bingham expressed concern that multiple TPD candidates did not show up for interviews and he asked if the TPD promotes drug disposal opportunities throughout the year. Chief Baldwin explained that the national Drug Take Back event garners national attention and people from the community dispose of medications at the TPD's drop-off location year-round, which led him to believe that the people were well informed. Commissioner Bingham also asked Chief Towey if there was a contingency plan for the delayed radio equipment and Chief Towey explained that the TFD would utilize the equipment that was already in place until the new system arrives.

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

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


Commissioners Battle, Cogswell and McElroy thanked Officer Pisarski for his service to the City and congratulated him on his retirement. Commissioner Bingham also congratulated Officer Pisarski on his retirement and apologized for a lack of decorum at the meeting on April 7, 2021. Commissioner McLeod commended the professionalism of the Trinity Health EMTs who responded to an incident at his place of business.

Mayor Carbone updated the Board on plans for the 2021 Memorial Day Parade and she commended Officer Pisarski on his retirement and for his restoration of an antique police motorcycle, which sits on display at the Bad Dog Brewery. The Mayor also announced that the City would be entering into an agreement with ParkMobil, to provide electronic and contactless payment services for metered parking. Commissioner Bingham requested clarification regarding how the new technology would impact parking enforcement. Sgt. Baldis explained that the metered parking sections of the City would be split into small and manageable zones for the parking attendant to easily look up parked vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Bingham, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK