

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, and Commissioners Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, Glenn McLeod, and Darlene Battle. Commissioners Angelo LaMonica and Richard Zaharek were 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, FF Alex Deering, and Campion Ambulance EMT Mark Zarrella.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS/PINNING CEREMONIES

FF Alex Deering expressed his appreciation for the Torrington Fire Department and the City for their support during his deployment to the U.A.E. He presented flags that were flown at the Al Dhafra Air Base, where he was deployed, to the Mayor and to Chief Towey.

Battalion Chief Patrick Doyle and the Torrington Fire Department recognized Chaplain Chip Warner for his service to the Department.

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 1, 2019.

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the special meeting held jointly with the City Council on May 6, 2019.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Sharon Waagner expressed her support for the Volunteer Fire Departments.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORTS

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

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS UNIT REPORTS

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS

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

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Fire Chief Tripp's reports. Commissioner Benedetto requested an update on an apparatus that was down, and Chief Towey reported that it was fixed and has returned to full service.

TRAINING OFFICER SHOPEY'S REPORTS

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORTS

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

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

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 reported that two fire fighters in training passed their practical exams.

Torrington VFD reported that they also have two fire fighters in training and reminded the Board about their upcoming car show.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Chief Baldwin reported that three 6th grade girls from Barkhamsted Elementary School donated approximately \$320 to the TPD K-9 program as part of a “Kindness in Motion” initiative. He also informed the Board that the TPD will be participating in the annual Special Olympics torch run on June 6th, gave an update on the P.A.L. fundraising event which took place at Edison Grill on June 4th, stated that he expects applicant interviews for TPD vacancies to begin by the end of June, and announced that there will be a D.A.R.E. car show on June 7th between the hours of 4:00 and 10:00 on Main Street.

Chief Towey thanked the Board, the Mayor, and the City of Torrington for their support during his first year as Fire Chief and provided an update on the TFD’s strategic plan.

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 thanked FF Deering and Chaplain Warner for their service to the Country and to the City of Torrington. They also expressed their gratitude for the donation made by Barkhamsted Elementary School students. Commissioner Benedetto also thanked the fire fighters’ union for putting together the cycling challenge and thanked the City staff for their participation.

Mayor Carbone provided an update on the 2019/2020 budget and reported that the City will need to cut an additional \$850,000 from the budget. She urged the public to support the Volunteer Fire Departments and updated the Board on efforts being taken to grow the Grand List.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, 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