

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

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

Also present were Police Chief Bill Baldwin, Jr., Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, and Campion Ambulance EMT Mark Zarrella.

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

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 2019.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Fred Rosa announced that Charlotte Hungerford Hospital will be hosting a fundraiser event for first responders from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on September 6, 2019 at the Woodridge Lake club house, with the goal of raising money for mechanical chest compression devices.

Mary Bagnaschi expressed her frustration regarding allegations of mistreatment and negligence toward her by the City, the Torrington Housing Authority, and the Police Department.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, 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 questioned why Utility #6 was replaced. DC Tripp explained that the vehicle was old and repairs were costly.

**TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORTS**

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORTS**

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

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORTS**

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

**TRAFFIC OPERATIONS UNIT REPORTS**

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

**EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, 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 Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Volunteer Fire Departments.

David Maccalous reported that his father, Michael Maccalous, has resigned as Chief of the Drakeville VFD, and he has been appointed as the new Chief. Chief Maccalous also reported that two new Drakeville VFD firefighters have earned their certification. Torrington VFD reported that they also have four new firefighters in training.

**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 thanked the Board for their participation at National Night Out, announced that Officer Jim Dickey resigned from the TPD, and reported on a large arrest at Prospect Street by the Detective Bureau and Narcotics Unit during the evening of August 6, 2019. Commissioners McLeod and Battle informed Chief Baldwin about the public's concerns regarding speeding.

Deputy Chief Tripp informed the Board of two incidents in which TFD fire fighters Aaron Picz and Jeremy Minard went above and beyond to help save lives while off duty. He also expressed his concerns regarding the reengineered intersection of Church Street and Riverside Avenue.

**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 commissioners thanked Michael Maccalous for his service to the City as Chief of the Drakeville VFD and congratulated David Maccalous for his appointment as the new Drakeville VFD Chief. Commissioner Zaharek thanked Chief Baldwin for the TPD's efforts to share information and public service announcements via social media regarding active shooter situations. Commissioners Benedetto and Conforti expressed concerns regarding speeding and how it can be addressed throughout the City. Commissioner McLeod thanked Chief Baldwin and Chief Towey for the leadership and community engagement. Commissioner Battle thanked those in attendance who attended her block watch.

Mayor Carbone thanked the Board for their attendance and participation during the National Night Out and expressed her interest in increasing youth involvement in the event next year. She also updated the Board on the Franklin Street project and the animal control facility upgrade.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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

ATTEST:   
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK