

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone and Commissioners Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, Glenn McLeod, Darlene Battle, Richard Zaharek, and Angelo LaMonica. Also present were Police Chief Bill Baldwin, Jr., Traffic Operations Unit Supervisor Steven Pisarski, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, and Campion Ambulance EMTs Mark Zarrella and Thomas Mahoney.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Mayor Carbone presented plaques to Commissioners LaMonica and Zaharek and thanked them for their service on the Board of Public Safety.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session with Chief Baldwin at 7:08 p.m. pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(A) to discuss the promotion of Police Department personnel.

OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

PINNING CEREMONY FOR POLICE OFFICER DELAY

Chief Baldwin presented Officer James Delay with a pin to commemorate his promotion to the position of Sergeant and Mayor Carbone swore him in.

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to add the promotion of Police Department personnel to the agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS AND PINNING CEREMONIES

On a motion by Commissioner LaMonica, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to promote Officer Matthew Faulkner to the position of Sergeant, effective November 10, 2019. Chief Baldwin presented Officer Faulkner with his pin and Mayor Carbone swore him in as Sergeant.

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to promote Sgt. Stephen Krzanowski to the position of Lieutenant, effective November 10, 2019. Chief Baldwin presented Sgt. Krzanowski with his pin and Mayor Carbone swore him in as Lieutenant.

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to promote Lt. Bart Barown to the position of Captain, effective November 10, 2019. Chief Baldwin presented Lt. Barown with his pin and Mayor Carbone swore him in as Captain.

MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 2019. Commissioner McLeod abstained.

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. No one from the public wished to speak.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept Police Chief Baldwin's report. Commissioner Benedetto expressed his concerns regarding overtime and Chief Baldwin explained that the amount of overtime was a result of the Police Dept. being short-staffed.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS UNIT REPORT

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Fire Chief Towey's report. Commissioner Benedetto expressed his concerns regarding overtime and Chief Towey explained that the amount of overtime was higher than usual due to professional development training and the live burn event that took place at the Litchfield County Regional Fire School.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT

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

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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

Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous reported that the Drakeville and Tarringford VFDs ran fire safety sessions at the St. Peter/St. Francis School and Torrington Christian Academy. He also reported that several of Drakeville VFD's SCBA bottles would be going out of service within a year. Commissioner Benedetto requested an update regarding the recruitment of new volunteers and Chief Maccalous and Tarringford VFD explained the difficulties of recruiting new volunteers. The Board also discussed the importance of the Fire Police.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Chief Baldwin reported that over 53 pounds of narcotics and drug-related items were collected during the City-wide drug take back on October 26, 2019. He also reported that the TPD seized over 70 bags of fentanyl in a narcotics arrest on November 1, 2019. In addition, Chief Baldwin informed the Board that the TPD was recognized by the State Police on October 23, 2019 for its involvement in two separate marijuana investigations, he announced that 19 individuals would be graduating from the Citizens Police Academy on November 21, 2019 and stated that the Police Union's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive would take place at Market 32 on November 16, 2019. Officer Pisarski addressed Commissioner Benedetto's concerns about tractor trailers destroying the curb and stone wall belonging to Cook Funeral Home on Summer Street. He explained that state statutes prohibit the City from banning tractor trailers or large trucks that originate from or make deliveries in Torrington. Chief Baldwin further explained that if the operator of the vehicle was found to be at fault, the victim would have the opportunity to recover the costs of repairs by filing an insurance claim.

Chief Towey reported that during the month of October there was a substantial water main break and thanked the Drakeville VFD for providing assistance during that time. Chief Towey also recognized FF Aaron Picz, Lt. Ed DeLisle, FF Brian Parks and Bat. Chief David Casper, Jr. for their exceptional responses to emergency events while on and off duty. In addition, Chief Towey invited the Board to attend another live burn at the Litchfield County Regional Fire School on November 23, 2019, announced that the TFD would be bringing the Stop the Bleed training to Torrington schools, reported that there was a propane leak at Litchfield Woods, and announced that the Christmas for Children Toy Drive would begin in December.

Chief Towey, Deputy Chief Tripp and Chief Baldwin also thanked Commissioners LaMonica and Zaharek for their service on the Board of Public Safety.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the Board of Public Safety. The entire Board congratulated Sgt. Faulkner, Lt. Krzanowski, and Captain Barown on their promotions. Commissioners LaMonica and Zaharek expressed appreciation and gratitude for their time on the Board and Commissioners Benedetto, Conforti, McLeod and Battle thanked Commissioners LaMonica and Zaharek for their service. Commissioner Benedetto also requested clarification regarding the blue line trailer at the Police Department and Chief Baldwin explained that it was to provide annual low light simulation training for Police Department personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner LaMonica, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

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

ATTEST: *Carol L. Anderson*
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CITY CLERK