

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell and Commissioners Dustin Bingham, Joseph McElroy, Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, Darlene Battle and Glenn McLeod. Also present were Police Chief William Baldwin, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Trinity Health EMT Mark Zarrella, and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital EMS Manager Fred Rosa.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION: LUCAS DEVICE**

Chief Towey thanked Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for their donation of two LUCAS automated CPR devices. CHH Vice President of Operations John Capobianco spoke on behalf of the hospital and Fred Rosa demonstrated the advantages of the LUCAS device over manual CPR.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2019.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, 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 McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Police Chief's report. Commissioner Benedetto expressed his concerns regarding overtime. Chief Baldwin explained that the escalation in overtime was due to several vacancies and provided an update on the hiring and training of new police officers.

**TRAFFIC OPERATIONS UNIT REPORT**

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Battle, 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 the Fire Chief's report. Commissioner Benedetto expressed his concerns regarding overtime and Chief Towey explained that shift coverage was the main driver for the increase. Commissioner Bingham requested an update on the TFD application process and Chief Towey reported that Torrington and the State are continuing to market the application process to potential candidates.

**DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

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

**TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

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

**EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT**

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

**BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the volunteer fire departments. Drakeville VFD announced that the Tree Burn event was rescheduled to January 18, 2020. Chief Maccalous also reported that the Department may have two guys going to fire school at their own expense and stated that he is trying get used air packs to replace ones that are going out of service.

**BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Bingham, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Chief Baldwin reported on efforts to bring the TPD back to full staffing, provided an update on the fight against drugs and overdoses in Torrington, including a large arrest that took place on January 2, 2019, and commended the dispatchers at Litchfield County Dispatch for their efforts to successfully locate a call for an alleged stabbing. Chief Towey commended the firefighters who participated in the Christmas for Kids toy drive and reported that the next Stop the Bleed training will be offered at Forbes Elementary School.


**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. Commissioners Battle, Conforti and Bingham wished everyone a Happy New Year. Commissioner McElroy thanked the TFD, TPD, CHH, and Trinity Health for their dedication and service to the City, Commissioner Battle thanked the TFD for their response to a call by her neighbor, and Commissioner Benedetto thanked Chief Baldwin for his work with the P.A.L. program. He also thanked CHH for donating two LUCAS devices to the TFD. Commissioner Conforti announced that he will be retiring on April 10, 2020 and will be more available for meetings and City events. Commissioner Benedetto expressed his concerns regarding multiple vehicle collisions with the home at 398 Migeon Avenue and questioned whether anything could be done to protect the property owner. Mayor Carbone stated that she would have the Engineering Department take a look at the problem.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

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

ATTEST:   
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK