

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall auditorium on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. The meeting was attended in-person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, Interim Fire Chief David Tripp, Police Capt. Bart Barown, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Douglas Benedetto, Darlene Battle, Joseph McElroy, and Gregg Cogswell. Commissioners Glenn McLeod and Dustin Bingham attended via Zoom. Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous and Tarringford VFD Commissioners Gary Delmonte were also in attendance.

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 Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board members who were attending in person voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. (*Zoom attendees were not connected to audio until 6:38 p.m.*) There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

**MINUTES: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board members who were attending in person voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 2021. (*Zoom attendees were not connected to audio until 6:38 p.m.*)

**SEARCH COMMITTEE: FIRE CHIEF**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the entire Board voted unanimously to appoint the Board of Public Safety, the Mayor and the Personnel Director to serve as the Personnel Search Committee for the purpose of recommending a candidate to be appointed as permanent Fire Chief, in accordance with C.G.S. §1-200(7). Mayor Carbone explained the process.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Police Chief's reports for July and August 2021. Commissioner Benedetto noted the increase in overtime and Capt. Barown explained that the increase was due to a number of fatal accidents, vacation time, replacing injured officers and being short staffed.

**INTERIM FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Interim Fire Chief's reports for July and August 2021. Int. Fire Chief Tripp explained the cause of a broken windshield.

**TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORTS: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Training Officer Shoppey's reports for July and August 2021.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORTS: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept Fire Marshal Bascetta's reports for July and August 2021.

**EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS: APPROVED**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS provider activity reports for July and August 2021.

**BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the volunteer fire departments. Drakeville VFD Chief Maccalous and Tarringford VFD Commissioner Gary Delmonte gave their reports.

**BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

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

Police Capt. Barown, Interim Fire Chief Tripp and EMS Manager Ganung gave the latest updates from their departments.

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

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

Commissioner McElroy thanked the Fire Department and Volunteers for their work on the Main Street fire.


Commissioner Benedetto noted recent complaints about traffic enforcement.

Commissioner Cogswell recognized Mary Ann Barbieri's efforts on National Night Out.

Mayor Carbone spoke about the proposed spending plan for ARPA funds, including approximately 3 million for radio upgrades, as well as HVAC improvements, a feasibility study for a possible public safety complex and grant funds for the volunteer fire departments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:   
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK