

Approved by the Board of Public Safety
Date: March 2, 2022
Vote: Unanimous

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall auditorium on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. The meeting was attended in-person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, Personnel Director Jaime LaMere Esq., Interim Fire Chief David Tripp, Police Chief William Baldwin, Police Capt. Bart Barown, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Douglas Benedetto, Joseph McElroy, Glenn McLeod, Gregg Cogswell, and Darlene Battle. Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous and Torrington VFD Commissioners Scott Mills 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 McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one was present who wished to speak.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from October 6, 2021.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept meeting minutes from November 3, 2021.

COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer Caitlin Fay as a regular member of the Torrington Police Department after completing her probationary period with the Department on December 22, 2021.

COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer David Kiesel and Officer Matthew Belonick as regular members of the Torrington Police Department after completing their probationary period with the Department on February 5, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 6:35 p.m., to discuss personnel matter (PD Disability Retirement) pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6)(A). They were joined by Chief Baldwin and Atty. LaMere.

Commissioner Battle arrived at 6:37 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Cogswell, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

POLICE RETIREMENT

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to permanently retire Officer Anthony Pietrafesa effective February 3, 2022, on half pay, in accordance with Article XXIV Pensions, Section 10 of the City's current contract with the Torrington Police Union Local #442 and Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORTS: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Police Chief's reports for October, November, and December 2021.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Interim Fire Chief's reports for October, November, and December 2021.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORTS: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Cogswell, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept Training Officer Shoppey's reports for October, November, and December 2021.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORTS: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept Fire Marshal Bascetta's reports for October, November, and December 2021.

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS provider activity reports for October, November, and December 2021.

DRAKEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department reports from September, October, November, and December 2021.

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the volunteer fire departments. Drakeville VFD Chief Maccalous stated that the department had applied for the AFG Grant and was able to get nine air packs, eighteen bottles, and now could get ten individuals through Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 training.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Chief Baldwin, Interim Fire Chief Tripp, and EMS Manager Jeff 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 McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the Board of Public Safety. Members congratulated the newly appointed firefighters and thanked the volunteer firefighters and other departments for doing a good job.

Commissioner Cogswell asked the Mayor for an update on the Yankee Pedlar property, Mayor Carbone stated that they have a plan in place if there was ever an emergency. Commissioner Benedetto asked Chief Baldwin if there were any updates on the PAL Center, Chief Baldwin stated that they are continuing to look for locations, however it is a slow process.

Mayor Carbone updated the Board regarding the US Treasury's Final rule for the American Rescue Plan Funding. It contains a standard allowance for up to \$10,000,000 in lost revenue. She stated that there will be an item on Council's agenda to approve the new Animal Control Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

Carol L Anderson