

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone and Commissioners Darlene Battle, Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, Richard Zaharek, Angelo LaMonica and Glenn McLeod. Also present were Police Chief Michael Maniago, Fire Chief Gary Brunoli, Deputy Police Chief Christopher Smedick, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Pepler, Traffic Officer Stephen Pisarski and Campion Ambulance Director of Operations Fred Rosa.

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

#### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting held August 2, 2017.

#### **OPEN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one present who wished to speak.

#### **POLICE OFFICER APPT: Tyler Otis**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Officer Tyler Otis as a regular member of the Police Department, having completed his probationary period June 29, 2017.

#### **POLICE OFFICER APPT: Brian Cugini**

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Officer Brian Cugini as a regular member of the Police Department, having completed his probationary period July 5, 2017.

#### **REPORTS**

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to accept Police Chief Maniago's Report.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session under Fire Personnel at 6:34 p.m., inviting Chief Brunoli and Deputy Chief Pepler.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

#### **DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL PROMOTION**

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to promote Firefighter Philip Hearn to Deputy Fire Marshal effective September 10, 2017.

Deputy Fire Marshal Hearn was pinned by his wife and Mayor Carbone administered the Oath of Office.

#### **REPORTS Continued**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept Fire Chief Brunoli's Report.

#### **PPE PRICE INCREASE**

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to increase the previously approved price of PPE from \$1989 per set to \$2139 per set. Chief Brunoli explained that the company created a better jacket after the previous approval, and that both he and the committee recommend this jacket for firefighter safety. Commissioner McLeod asked to be included in demonstrations so he can know what he's talking about.

#### **REPORTS Continued**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Fire Chief Pepler's Report.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Battle, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Emergency Management Report

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

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner LaMonica, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS Provider Activity Report.

**BUSINESS: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Volunteer Fire Departments. No business was presented.

**BUSINESS: DEPT. HEADS**

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

Chief Manaigo reported that two new-hires will graduate from the Academy on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will be assigned to the Patrol Division in the Field Training Program. Lt. Rouleau has graduated from the 10-week Command Officer Development Course. He noted the pictures and documentation of recent drug arrests, and commended the Patrol Division, the Detective Division and the Narcotics Unit, acknowledging their good work and dedication to the community. He said the Body Cameras are right on schedule.

Chief Brunoli reminded the Board that the Fire Service Coordination Committee will meet next Wednesday night in Drakeville at 7:00 p.m. He thanked the donors and firefighters who collected \$16,850 for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. Chief Brunoli said Deputy Fire Marshal Howe received a \$1500 grant from Thomaston Savings Bank to be used for Stovetop Fire Stops suppression canisters. He said emergency preparedness information was posted on the website, along with links for donations to emergency relief.

**BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS**

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.

All Commissioners congratulated Deputy Fire Marshal Hearn and Officers Otis and Cugini.

Commissioner Benedetto expressed concern about the Traffic Officer using a jackhammer near the Courthouse. Chief Maniago said the work needed to be done, and there was a retirement in Traffic Staff. Mayor Carbone explained the current hiring freeze. Chief Maniago said he will prioritize the work and use the resources he has.

Commissioner Conforti expressed his faith in both Chiefs to get done what needs to get done until a budget is set.

Commissioner McLeod thanked the Chief for his phone call.

Commissioner Battle expressed her appreciation to the Chiefs for their support of the City and citizens.

Mayor Carbone thanked the Chiefs for their help with Anti-Blight Ordinance revisions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC  
CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, MMC, MCTC  
Assistant City Clerk