

**MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
January 2, 2019**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone and Commissioners Glenn McLeod, Richard Zaharek, Douglas Benedetto, Robert Conforti, and Darlene Battle. Commissioner Angelo LaMonica was absent.

Also present were Police Chief Bill Baldwin, Jr., Captain Wayne Newkirk, Fire Chief Peter Towey, and Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 5, 2018.

COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept Officer Jason Richardson as a regular member of the Torrington Police Department, having successfully completed his probationary period effective December 22, 2018.

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.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS

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

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Fire Chief Tripp's Reports.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORTS

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORTS

On a motion by Commissioner Conforti, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Police Chief's reports.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS UNIT REPORT

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

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

PSA REASSIGNMENT

Chief Towey provided an executive summary of the Primary Service Area (PSA) assignment for Emergency Medical Services within the City of Torrington and explained the process for reassigning the PSA with the pending sale of Campion Ambulance to Trinity Healthcare. The Board discussed the possibility of reassigning the PSA to the City of Torrington.

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of interest to the Office of Emergency Medical Services (O.E.M.S.) advising the O.E.M.S. of the City's interest in being reassigned the PSA for Emergency Medical Services within the City.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

On a motion by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Conforti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize the City to award the bid for Class B uniforms for the Torrington Fire Department (Bid #FUB-022-122018) to Fairfield Uniform Company of Bridgeport, CT for an estimated budgeted amount not to exceed \$24,188 with funding from account #022-5208.0000 (Uniform Allowance); pending City Council approval on January 7, 2019.

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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

Chief Maccalous reported that the Drakeville VFD is collecting Christmas trees to be burned at an upcoming fundraising event.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

Chief Baldwin reported that Officer James Hoyer resigned from the Torrington Police Department and accepted a new position with the UConn Police Department. He also stated that the Department is applying for a distracted driving grant and expects to add three new officers to the Police Force, including two that began Police Academy training on Monday, December 31, 2019. Commissioner Benedetto requested that future employment interviews be held in the evening to allow Commissioner LaMonica and himself the opportunity to attend.

Chief Towey thanked the fire fighters and others who donated to the Christmas for Kids toy drive. Deputy Chief Tripp thanked the Board for their support in 2018 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

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.


The Board congratulated Officer Richardson on successfully completing his probationary period and thanked Fred Rosa for his service to the City. Commissioners McLeod and Battle thanked the Police Department for the opportunity to participate in its low-light training exercise.

Mayor Carbone informed the Board that she will be meeting with the City Treasurer Dan Farley to discuss the allocation of funds for the construction of the new animal control facility.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK