

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. Present at City Hall were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Police Chief William Baldwin, Police Captain Bart Barown, Fire Chief Eric Borden, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Glenn McLeod, Douglas Benedetto, Joe McElroy. Commissioner Molly Spino joined via Zoom. Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous, Tarringford VFD Commissioners Scott Mills, and Gary Delmonte were also in attendance. Commissioners Gregg Cogswell and Darlene Battle were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Sharon Waagner voiced her opinions on the Police and Fire Budgets and spoke about bringing back the pension plan for the Police Department.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Special Budget meeting minutes from May 4, 2022.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from May 4, 2022.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Police Chief's report for April 2022. Commissioner Benedetto wanted to know the results from the grants for distracted driving and DUIs, Captain Barown let him know that the grant allowed the force to have an additional two officers Friday and Saturday over the Holiday weekend dedicated to DUI stops. Commissioner Benedetto asked about all the unpaid fines from the department and if boot letters had been sent out, Chief Baldwin let him know that they are in the process of collecting the fines.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Interim Fire Chief's report for April 2022.

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT: APPROVED

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS provider activity report for April 2022.

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Volunteer Fire Departments. Drakeville VFD Chief Maccalous said that the department has received a donation of newer extraction equipment from Pleasant Valley Fire Department and has passed on their old equipment to Tarringford Volunteer Fire Department. He also said that this was his last meeting because he is moving to South Carolina. Tarringford VFD Commissioner Gary Delmonte shared that the Tarringford VFD annual car show will be held on August 12th.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Police 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. The Commissioners Welcomed Fire Chief Borden and Thanked Chief Maccalous for his service to Drakeville Fire Department and support to Tarrington Fire Department. Mayor Carbone shared that the Budgets had been approved by the Board of Finance, however, they still need to cut an additional \$262,000 from the City Budget.

ADD TO AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner McElroy, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to add the item *Purchase 10 Body Cameras* to the agenda.

PURCHASE 10 BODY CAMERAS

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 10 body cameras (as part of the Police Accountability Bill) from Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale Arizona, in the amount of \$25,042.85, to be funded through the Asset Forfeiture Account, pending City Council approval. Commissioner McLeod asked Captain Barown if everyone on the force had a body camera now, Captain Barown let him know that with the purchase of the 10 additional body cameras the officers won't have to share anymore and that the department will have a few spares. Captain Barown assured him that all patrol officers have body cameras.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK