BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
ADJOURNED FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM / ZOOM
September 13, 2022

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. Present at City Hall were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Police Chief William Baldwin, Police Captain Louis Gonzalez, Fire Chief Eric Borden, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Douglas Benedetto, Molly Spino, Joe McElroy, Gregg Cogswell, and Darlene Battle. Commissioner Glenn McLeod was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one from the public was present who wished to speak.

Commissioner Battle arrived at 5:33 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Regular meeting minutes from August 3, 2022.

POLICE INTERCEPTORS
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to utilize State Contract #12PSX0194 and purchase two Utility ½ cage Police Interceptors for $48,780.65 per unit plus $7,230 per unit radio up-fit for a total cost of $56,010.65 per vehicle for a total cost of $112,021.30, from MHQ Municipal Vehicles, of Marlborough, MA to be paid from the vehicle replacement account, as further explained in the Purchasing Agent's letter dated September 1, 2022, pending City Council approval. Commissioner Benedetto asked if they are looking for electric vehicles, Chief Baldwin let him know that right now the infrastructure is not in place for the electric or hybrid vehicles, however, it is something that the department will be looking into down the road.

POLICE UNIFORMS
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board on the recommendation of Lt. Thomas Rouleau, Training Officer Nicole Santiago, Chief William Baldwin, and Purchasing Agent Pennie Zucco, voted unanimously to award the contract to the Fairfield Uniform Co., of Bridgeport CT at the annualized estimated cost. Funding for these purchases is budgeted in the Police Budget uniform allowance line item, $42,000, pending City Council approval. Commissioner Benedetto asked if it was a different company that the department was previously using, Chief Baldwin explained that the department was using a different company for uniforms and that Fire Department is currently using this company for their uniforms. He went on to say that they were having problems with the service from the New England Uniform Company. Commissioner Benedetto also asked if this company was a better price and quality of uniforms, Chief Baldwin said it was the same quality and roughly the same price.

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 report for July 2022.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS: APPROVED
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Chief's report for July 2022. Commissioner Cogswell asked what kind of training they have in place for electric vehicle fires, Chief Borden explained that they will be having more training coming as there have been more and more reports of electric vehicle fires.

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORTS: APPROVED
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to accept the EMS provider activity report for July 2022.

BUSINESS BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
On a motion by Commissioner Cogswell, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to table (postpone) business by the Volunteer Fire Departments until October 5, 2022, as none were present.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS
On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Police Chief Baldwin, Fire Chief Borden, 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 Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the Board of Public Safety.

Commissioner Battle thanked everyone for coming out to the National Night Out.

Commissioner Cogswell wanted to recognize the Fire Department and Police Department for the 9/11 Ceremony.

Commissioner Benedetto welcomed David Koscuk the President of Trinity Health. He asked if the Fire Department could get a loaner boat from another Fire Department, Chief Borden explained that working with a local Fire Department if there is a water rescue would be fine until the Department could acquire a new boat. Commissioner Benedetto also asked if there was a speed limit on the bike trail for electric bikes, Chief Baldwin let him know that he wasn't sure but would get him an answer.

Commissioner McElroy welcomed the President of Trinity Health. He also said that the City did a great job with the 9/11 Ceremony.

Mayor Carbone thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their participation in the 9/11 Ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST: Carol L Anderson

CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK