

**MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
JANUARY 14, 2009**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers.

Those in attendance included Mayor Ryan J. Bingham, members of the Board of Public Safety Gerald A. Zordan, Richard L. Zaharek, Douglas J. Benedetto, James E. Potter, and Christopher H. Cook, and Corporation Counsel Ernestine Yuille Weaver, Deputy Police Chief Michael Maniago, Traffic Officer Robert Shoppey, Fire Chief John Field, Deputy Fire Chief Jaye Giampaolo, Torrington Volunteer Fire Chief Lawrence Dauphanais, Drakeville Volunteer Fire Chief Michael Maccalous, and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Vannini.

Commissioner Robert C. Zordan, Police Chief Robert Milano, Burrville Volunteer Fire Chief Roger Rougeot, and Director of Operations at Campion Ambulance Fred Rosa were absent.

Mayor Bingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES #075

On a motion by Commissioner Gerald Zordan, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 2008.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC #125

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

PROMOTION: Giordano and Bascetta #132

On a motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the board voted unanimously to promote Officers Michael Giordano and Nicole Bascetta from Probationary Patrolmen to Patrolmen and to accept them as regular members of the Torrington Police Department effective 1/14/09.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT #155

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept Chief Field's Report for December 2008.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT #193

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the board voted unanimously to accept Deputy Chief Giampaolo's Report for December 2008.

Deputy Fire Chief Giampaolo discussed the need for apparatus acquisition, that Engine #2 and #5 are past their life expectancy and their pumps fail tests. Engine #1 and #3 are approximately ten years old and the Ladder Truck is out of service more than it's in service. Giampaolo asked for permission to lease/purchase. Mayor Bingham said there is no availability of funds at this time.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT #839

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the board voted unanimously to accept the Fire Marshal's Report for December 2008.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT #848

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept the Training Officer's Report for December 2008.

INCIDENT REPORT #854

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept the Incident Report for December 2008.

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FIRE DAMAGE REPAIR #862

On a motion by Commissioner Gerald Zordan, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the board, with the exception of Commissioner Benedetto, voted to authorize "up to" \$8,000.00 from Contingency to repair the fire damage that occurred at the Northend Station, and refer the matter to the City Council and the Board of Finance.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT #1302

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept Chief Milano's Report for December 2008.

COMMUNICATION REPORT #1312

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept Officer Shopey's Monthly Communication Report for the month of December, 08.

Commissioner Benedetto questioned the backlog of unpaid parking violation fines. Deputy Chief Maniago said he is trying to get a temporary shared work agreement in place and that overtime funds will only be used to staff the patrol shifts, provide funds for the Detective Bureau to conduct their investigations, and for our community relations office which has a variety of programs that would otherwise fail.

A discussion was held regarding the substitute parking meter attendant, parking ban notifications, and police response to snow plow driver complaints.

PURCHASE MOBILE REPORT WRITING SYSTEM #1671

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board, with the exception of Commissioner Benedetto, voted to accept the Council's request to waive the bid process and purchase the Mobile Report Writing System from Accucom Consulting, Inc., which has been developed to work specifically with the Records Management System from Hunt Computer Design LLC, for the purchase price of \$32,275.00. (Approved by City Council on 12/15/2008.)

PURCHASE THREE VEHICLES #1782

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board, with the exception of Commissioner Benedetto, voted to accept the Council's request to accept the quotation from Northwest Hills Dealership to purchase three vehicles for a total of \$41,100.00. (Approved by City Council on 12/15/2008.)

A discussion followed regarding the purchase of cars when we are in dire need of fire apparatus. The option of painting the cars, the need to keep up appearances, and the use of asset forfeiture cars was discussed.

EMS PROVIDER ACTIVITY REPORT #2035

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept the EMS Provider Activity Report from Campion for December 2008.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT #2053

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to accept the Emergency Management Coordinator's Report for December 2008.

BUS: DEPT. HEADS #2062

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads.

Deputy Chief Maniago said the Sidewalk Inspector has been provided the proper tools & training to do the job. He thanked the members of the Burrville Fire Dept. for allowing the Police Dept. to store their Crime Scene Van in the Burrville Station and thanked

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Charlie Marciano for his help with this.

Chief Field stated that he brought the Expedition for the Commissioners to look at. He reported the Fire Marshal was injured on the job and will be out for an extended period of time, and the Fire Marshal's staff is to be commended for keeping the office running. The Fire Service for the City had a busy month in December. Chief Field pointed out Tarringford Volunteer Fire Dept. deserved recognition as they had 51 calls for service in December.

BUS: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPTS. #2230

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the board voted unanimously to consider business by Volunteer Fire Departments.

Tarringford Volunteer Fire Dept. reported that they had 350 calls in 2008.

Drakeville Volunteer Fire Chief Michael Maccalous reported their Engine #37 is out of service.

BUS: MAYOR & MEMBERS #2285

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to consider business by Mayor Bingham and members of the Board of Public Safety.

Commissioner Benedetto thanked Sgt. Zeller for his years of service in the Police Dept. He's been a great asset and is wished the best in his retirement. He expressed concern about Fire Apparatus' accessibility down Water St., and questioned the Police Dept. second Captain being on the first shift.

Commissioner Zaharek suggested community involvement in Fire Prevention

Commissioner Potter remarked that Police Dept. overtime is still excessive.

Commissioner Cook thanked the Torrington Volunteer Fire Dept. and commended everyone for their efforts to save the City some money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, PERSONNEL #3440

On a motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the board voted unanimously to go into an Executive Session under Personnel at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: CAROL ANDERSON

Recording Secretary

OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Potter seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to go into Open Session.

Commissioner G. Zordan made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Benedetto to add to the agenda by 2/3 vote, to hire a probationary firefighter. Unanimous

JOB OFFER: RANDALL PATTERSON

On a motion by Commissioner G. Zordan seconded by Commissioner Zaharek, the Board voted unanimously to offer Randall Patterson a firefighter position, with a start date of February 2, 2009, upon completion of required testing, including medical and psychological evaluation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. made by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner G. Zordan.

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