

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Roll call of Commissioners:** Cruz, Williams, Farrow and Roach.

Also in attendance: Captain Manuel Cotto (Department Clerk), Attorney Linda Cronin, Lieutenant Bradford Seely and Sergeant Joel Carley.

**1. Call to order – Roll Call of Commissioners:**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance - none (no flag on Zoom)
- b. A moment of silence was made for retired Police Officer William Sopek who passed away on July 30, 2023.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board unanimously voted to approve item 1c.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board unanimously voted to approve item 1d.

**2. Reports:**

**a. Chief of Police:**

None

**b. Union:**

Lieutenant Bradford Seely was in attendance, he announced the Union and the City came to an agreement on the new employment contract and it is in effect. The Union is also preparing for the annual golf tournament in honor of retired deceased Officer Terrance Lambert. Lieutenant Seely finished with a Q and A with the Board.

**c. Internal Affairs Quarterly Report:**

None

**d. Clerk's report on the status of pending matters:**

None

**3. New Business:**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board unanimously voted to add the Jim's Auto request letter to the agenda.
- i. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board voted unanimously to bring back Jim's Auto to the Bridgeport Police Abandoned Tow list contingent on the bonding information is provided to the Department Clerk.

**4. Old Business:**

- b. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board unanimously voted to table the item.

**6. Correspondence:**

- a. None

**7. Letters of Appreciation:**

- a. None.

**8. Widow's Pension:**

- a. See below.

**9. City Engineer's Office:**

- a. **A request of the City Engineer's Office to approve the following traffic request:**
  - i. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- b. **A request of the City Engineer's Office not to approve the following traffic requests:**
  - i. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision by the traffic engineer.
  - ii. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted to uphold the decision by the traffic engineer. Commissioner Cruz voted in the opposition.
  - iii. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision by the traffic engineer.

**Adjournment 1823:**

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

**THE BOARD RECONVENES AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE POLICE RELIEF FUND**  
**“Plan-A”**

Roll call of Commissioners: Cruz, Williams, Farrow and Roach.

1. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to approve a widow’s regular pension request.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Willaims, the Board voted unanimously to approve a widow’s regular pension request.

**Adjournment:**

**On a motion by Commissioner Willaims and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:34 PM.**

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