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**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**February 20, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM**  
**SECOND FLOOR, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**(Due to Snowstorm on February 13, 2024)**  
**MINUTES**

At 6:04 p.m. the Board entered its regular session for Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Present were Colonel Bradford Connor, Chairman Charlie Benson, Vice Chairman Mike Gilbert, Clerk Jim Paolucci, Assistant Solicitor Kerry Rafanelli, and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito.

1. Call to Order – Board Chairperson
2. Roll Call – Board Clerk (See above)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

1. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

**ACTION:** No action was taken, as there were none to report this evening.

2. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend retirements and resignations; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

**ACTION:** No action was taken, as there were none to report this evening.

At 6:05 p.m. the Board entered Fire Executive Session.

At 6:07 p.m. the Board entered Police Executive Session and Sealed the minutes of the Fire Executive Session.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) matters of personnel - job performance, character, or physical or mental health, regarding: Steven Taft, application for disability retirement pension benefits. Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session concerning Steven Taft, application for disability retirement pension benefits.

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve his service-related disability pension at 66 2/3 percent, effective Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Vice Chairman Benson seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

Board Business Police Department - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action  
and/or Vote:

1. The police session minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 to be submitted for approval.

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Colonel Bradford Connor recommended the following appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments:

Effective Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Probationary Officer Matthew P. Maloney will be elevated to the rank of Third-Class Officer.

Effective Friday, February 23, 2024, Third-Class Officer Maxwell C. Poupart will be elevated to the rank of Second-Class Officer.

Effective 0700 hours, Monday, February 19, 2024, the following assignments/transfer will take place:

Detective Ryan M. Palmer assigned to the Frist Platoon, Detective Division.

Detective Oliver M. Pinheiro assigned to the First Platoon, Detective Division.

Officer Jackson A. Acciaioli from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division to the First Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Colonel Bradford Connor recommended the following retirements and resignations:

The Board considered the retirement request of Detective Scott Chanthaphouvong effective Friday, June 28, 2024, with a pension percentage rate of 50.000 percent.

Detective Chanthaphouvong was sworn into the department on Sunday, June 27, 2004. His last physical working day will be Thursday, February 29, 2024. He wishes to utilize 344.00 hours of vacation time, 100.00 hours of holiday compensatory time, 100.00 hours of Kelly days, 96.00 hours of regular compensatory time, 8.00 hours of personal time, and 8.00 hours of miscellaneous compensatory time. Therefore, his last day on the books utilizing time will be Thursday, June 27, 2024. He would like to receive monies for the remaining hours that are due to him, which are 78.00 hours of holiday compensatory time, 28.00 hours of Kelly days, and 4.75 hours of regular compensatory time.

He understands that should he use any accumulated time between the above date and the date of his last physical working day, the hours will be deducted from his payout. He also understands that due to an audit by the Department of Labor, his paycheck dated Friday, March 8, 2024 will be withheld (See attached memo dated October 10, 2010). He requests the monies owed by his H.S.A. in the amount of \$1,955.98 be deducted from his last paycheck dated Friday, July 5, 2024.

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

The Board considered the retirement request of Detective Patrick E. McGaffigan effective Tuesday, March 26, 2024, with a pension percentage rate of 70.508 percent (with the purchase of six (6) months of military time – DD214's attached).

Detective McGaffigan was sworn into the department on Sunday, March 24, 1996. His last physical working day was Tuesday, February 13, 2024. He wishes to utilize 96.00 hours of regular compensatory time, 99.00 hours of holiday compensatory time, 8 hours of personal time, 8 hours of miscellaneous compensatory time, and 5.0 hours of holiday compensatory time overage. Therefore, his last day on the books using time will be Monday, March 25, 2024. He would like to receive monies for the remaining hours that are due to him, which are, 284.00 hours of vacation time, 101.0 hours of holiday compensatory time and 98.00 hours of regular compensatory time.

He understands that due to an audit by the Department of Labor, his paycheck dated Friday, March 8, 2024, will be withheld (See attached memo dated October 10, 2010). He requests the monies owed by his H.S.A. in the amount of \$2,933.97 be deducted from his last paycheck dated Friday, March 22, 2024. He

is also requesting the amount of \$441.75 to repay his pension for unpaid military time be deducted from this paycheck as well as the purchase of six (6) months military time (approximately \$9,547.18).

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

The Board considered the retirement request of Detective Gilda T. Fortier, effective Friday, June 28, 2024, with a pension rate of 50.000 percent.

Detective Fortier was sworn into the department on Sunday, June 27, 2004. Her last physical working day will be Thursday, February 15, 2024. She would like to utilize 516.00 hours of vacation time, 97.50 hours of holiday compensatory time, 66.50 hours of regular compensatory time, 24.00 hours of personal time, and 8.00 hours of miscellaneous compensatory time. Therefore, her last day on the books utilizing time will be Thursday, June 27, 2024. She wishes to receive monies for the remaining hours that are due to her, which are 31.50 hours of holiday compensatory time.

She understands that should she use any accumulated time between today's date and the date of her last physical day working, the hours will be deducted from her payout. She also understands that due to an audit by the Department of Labor, her paycheck dated Friday, March 8, 2024, will be withheld (See attached memo dated October 10, 2010). She requests the monies owed by her H.S.A. in the amount of \$1,955.98 be deducted from her last paycheck dated Friday, July 5, 2024. Should her last paycheck not fully cover the H.S.A. deduction, she understands she will owe the difference and will make a check payable to the City of Warwick.

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

The Board considered the resignation of Officer Bruce D. Law, effective Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Officer Law was sworn in as a member of the department effective Friday, December 21, 2018, and therefore, under the provisions of City Ordinance Sec. 52-78 entitled, "Resignation or discharge prior to retirement", subsection [a] which reads, "Any member or officer of the permanent police department who shall resign [or who shall be discharged after a proper hearing] prior to the completion of ten years of service shall forfeit all claims to said fund, except that he/she shall be entitled to a refund of the total amount of the deductions made from his/her salary under this article without interest."

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

All licenses are subject to receipt of all required paperwork, all State and Local permits, and compliance with all stipulations, rules and regulations as required by the Board of Public Safety.

1. Holiday Sales (New) Depot RI 2, LLC  
d/b/a Miniso  
400 Bald Hill Road, Suite 118

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Second Class Victualer (New) 2Sisters4Good  
d/b/a Light on the Bay  
6 Bay Avenue

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending city and state taxes. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending city and state taxes. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Live Entertainment (Inside) Liliana Teixeira  
Warwick Hotel Associates  
d/b/a Crowne Plaza Hotel  
801 Greenwich Avenue  
January 1 – December 31, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

4. Outside Seating Warwick Hotel Associates  
d/b/a Crowne Plaza Hotel  
January 1 – December 31, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

5. Outside Seating Presto Strange O  
334 Warwick Neck Avenue  
January 1 – December 31, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

6. Live Entertainment (Inside) Lori Eaton  
Tri-City Elks, Lodge #14  
1915 West Shore Road  
January 1 – December 31, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

7. Private Detective (Renewal) Milton Shull  
MTS Investigations

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

8. Private Detective (Renewal) Ryan Robison  
Ryan R. Robison and Company

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

9. Arts & Crafts Rui (Ray) Ferreira  
Generations Getaways  
Crowne Plaza  
March 17, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending BCI check. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending BCI check. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

10. Vendor (General) Karen Tombs-Harling  
The Holistic Highway  
Crowne Plaza  
March 17, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending BCI check. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending BCI check. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

11. Vendor (General)

Alanna Bruno  
The Well Traveled Soul  
Crowne Plaza  
March 17, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending BCI check. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending BCI check. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

12. Game of Chance/Raffle

Jennifer Huff  
Scituate Rotary Club  
Being held at 650 Bald Hill Road  
March 1, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

13. Game of Chance/Raffle

Reverend Roger Gagne  
St. Peter's Church  
Being held at the Church  
March 1-31, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

14. Game of Chance/Raffle

Kasha Hanflik  
Girls on the Run Rhode Island  
Being held at 444 Quaker Lane  
March 8, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

15. Game of Chance/Raffle

Jocelyn Cobb  
Save One Soul Animal Rescue League  
Being held at 150 Gray Street  
March 23, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

16. Game of Chance/Raffle

Patricia Burton  
Warwick Vets Drama Club  
Being held at the School  
March 27, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

17. Game of Chance/Raffle

Jennifer Gruslin  
MENTOR, RI  
Being held at 3003 West Shore Road  
April 1-30, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Benson, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

18. Game of Chance/Raffle

Nancy Ellen Dyer  
RI Feline Rescue  
Being held at 37 Hillard Avenue  
April 1-30, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

19. Game of Chance/Raffle

Jonathan Grantham Hirons  
Rhode Island Friends of NRA  
Being held at 62 Hagerstown Road  
June 1-30, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

20. Game of Chance/Raffle

Reverend Richard Narciso  
St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
Being held at Valley Country Club  
November 3, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

21. Bazaar

Debbie Wood  
We Be Jammin Events  
Being held at the Crowne Plaza  
May 4, 2024  
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

22. Block Party

Solar Cannabis Co.  
65 Meadow Street  
March 30, 2024  
12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Benson: Do they have any police detail or anything?

Colonel Connor: It's a, there's no street there, so they're not affecting any streets. They're in the parking lot. They're using their indoor garage area, and they'll have food trucks outside. I don't think we would need it.

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building, fire, and traffic. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, and traffic. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

23. Parade (Walk)

Nicole DelVecchio  
American Foundation for Suicide Prev.  
Paws for Prevention Dog Walk  
Being held in City Park  
May 11, 2024  
Rain Date: May 18, 2024

**ACTION:** Colonel Connor recommended approval pending Parks and Recreation approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending Parks and Recreation approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 6:15 p.m. the Board re-entered Regular Session and sealed the minutes.

**POLICE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Board Business - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote; Possible Motion(s) to convene into Closed/Executive Session; The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (3) regarding matters of security – Applications pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 11-47-11 and City of Warwick Ordinance Article IV, Division 1, Sec. 6-72: Concealed Carry Weapon Permit. Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote from Executive Session concerning the following Applications:

a. Applicant 1 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (**RENEWAL - EXECUTIVE**)

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

b. Applicant 2 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (**RENEWAL – EXECUTIVE**)

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

c. Applicant 3 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (**RENEWAL – EXECUTIVE**)

**ACTION:** Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 6:25 p.m., this meeting was adjourned.



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**James Paolucci, Clerk**