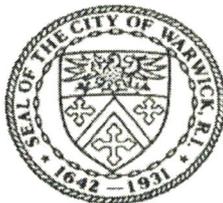


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POLICE and FIRE DEPARTMENT – JOINT SESSION

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM
WARWICK POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

AGENDA

At 7:40 p.m., the Board opened its joint session with the Warwick Fire Department. Present were Deputy Chief Michael J. Babula, Chairwoman Leslie Walaska Baxter, Vice Chairman James Paolucci, Clerk Thomas McGovern, Solicitor Kerry Rafanelli, and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito. There was no one present from the Warwick Fire Department.

1. Assistant Solicitor Diana Pearson to advise the Board on the status of the retirement of the Medical Consultant to the City of Warwick's Medical Panel.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Assistant Solicitor Pearson was not in attendance. She did, however, advise Solicitor Rafanelli as to the status.

Deputy Chief Babula: This is pretty straight forward. Dr. Simon, who has been the medical advisor of the Board of Public Safety for many years, has decided to retire from that position.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay.

Deputy Chief Babula: We obtained a legal opinion from Diana. Her opinion is that the Board does not have a requirement for a medical advisor, and so, as far as I know, we only have one of those retirement actions going on right now. This is the first one in four years. I'm not aware of the Fire Department.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: Fire has, I think she said three coming down the line.

Deputy Chief Babula: Fire has three.

Chairwoman Baxter: That we'll see?

Deputy Chief Babula: Eventually, yes.

Chairwoman Baxter: I was going to say, because we haven't seen any in a long time.

Deputy Chief Babula: We haven't done on in like six years.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: I think she said they have two or three coming down the line.

Deputy Chief Babula: We have one that's just beginning the process; but she says that we don't need to have an advisor in order to go through the process.

Chairwoman Baxter: Yeah, because we have the Board that has three doctors on it.

Deputy Chief Babula: Exactly.

Chairwoman Baxter: And they're all unanimous all the time.

Deputy Chief Babula: And no advisor has ever actually disagreed with the three doctor medical panel at Kent; but it is very, very useful to have a medical advisor for opinions, to clarify certain medical things, and on at least two occasions I can remember in the last eight years he was very helpful in serving as a liaison with this neutral board at the hospital. It's my understanding that the Mayor has a specific physician in mind, and after checking with him we'll submit him to the Board for your potential approval.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay.

Deputy Chief Babula: So I was to brief you on Diana's legal opinion, which is that we can continue forward with our pending actions, and whether or not you choose one is up to you, but my opinion is that it's pretty useful to have.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, yeah, I guess if they present us with one then we'll have one.

At 7:45 p.m., this session was closed.

ACTION: This item was informational only. There was no action necessary.



Thomas P. McGovern, Clerk