



CITY OF ANSONIA
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting – November 9, 2010

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Stephen Blume. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1- absent
Robert Duffus, D1 - present
Jason Bender, D2 - absent
Peter Danielczuk, D2 - present
Joseph Jeanette, D3- present
John Marini, R3- present
Robert Beall, D4 - present

Jerome Fainer, D4 - present
Spero Jordanides, D5 -absent
Pasquale Pietrangelo, D5 - absent
Scott Nihill, D6 - present
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present
David Knapp, D7- present
Stephen Blume, D7 - present

President Blume declared a quorum of 10 present, 4 absent.

At this time, Mayor Della Volpe swore in Alderman Danielczuk.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 12 and the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2010 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Public Session

Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

In view of what's happened lately in the papers about the police, I'd like to mention to the Chief, we had an incident at our condo today, Officer Cota showed up promptly, very polite, very professional and I don't think that the police get enough credit for when things do go right. As a taxpayer and president of the association where it happened I want the Chief to know that he has people that are professional, polite, really did a great job with our issue and thank you.

Michael Joyce, Millo & Macbroome Engineers, Cheshire, CT

Our firm was hired by the City of Ansonia to support to assist them with the certification of their levy system. The levy certification is something that FEMA had required for all of the levy systems across the country. Mostly following Katrina, it's always been a requirement for the cities to take care of their levy systems. It became a point of contention after the Katrina incident and caused FEMA to really start being watchdogs over the levy systems. We've initiated that certification effort and we're coming to completion on the first section, which is shared by Ansonia and Derby since that is one common flood protection system. As part of that, you are required to formally adopt an updated operations and maintenance manual. In addition to the construction documents prepared by Army Corps originally, the City was also given and signed a contract with the United States of America, and on March 31 of 1967 under Mayor Doyle's administration, to give the United States assurances that they will operate and maintain the flood control system in accordance with a levy manual - the operation manual. That manual is dated 1973, under this contract, under the FEMA certification we're required to update that - include new provisions that come with increased knowledge over the years through Army Corps procedures, new contact information. The crux of the manual is being ready - it's maintaining the levy systems. I'm sure you've seen Army Corps reports that have come through as they document different things regarding your levy system.

What we've done to date - and this document has been updated, originally it was just a typed document, we've made it electronic so that future updates can be more easily accommodated by the City or consultant, whatever the City chooses in the future - being electronic it's easy to update contact information, update emergency preparedness plans, much easier as you evolve over time with this document.

I'd like to present this document in its draft form for formal adoption by the administration with the understanding that there will be revisions as we go through the FEMA review for certification. We brought this information together and provide this to you not only in a paper document but also in electronic format through .pdf at the completion of the project so you have it to post on your website, provide it to different municipal officials, provide it to emergency preparedness and Police and Fire Department and also to Public Works and distribute as needed.

I'll be happy to answer any questions. As you can see, it's a large document. It explains A through Z on how do you take care of the levy.

A portion of it consists of the original as-built documents that go along with the construction of the levy system. Like I said, we've done the updates through section one. Additional updates will come back before you as we advance through different phases of sections two and three which are the east or left bank of the Naugatuck River and also the Riverside Drive section, which

will be coming in the next year. I'll provide you with my phone number, in case anybody has any questions.

It talks about recommended personnel available at times of flooding. It's an important document as you go through your budget process. Whether you identify different people and different committees who collectively form a flood team. This is no different than the document you have in place today. Same recommendations they had before apply now with a few different measures. You're given updated levy manual maintenance guidelines that are current to date that you can use with these operations as well. CDs will be distributed; we'll give you as many as the City needs to distribute to it's personnel.

Alderman Sharkey stated, the levy system is 44 years old. It was built in the mid-60s. What is the state of the test borings you did there?

Mr. Joyce replied, so far we did section one, from Division Street along the western bank up to Pershing Drive. It's a driller's nightmare, which means the stuff is very hard. They didn't find any inconsistencies. They had a lot of historical information they used from Army Corps as well. Part of our efforts, as part of the certification, are stability analysis, seepage analysis, and settlement analysis. We found no significant issues regarding any of those. We'll do an re-analysis of the embankment protection - we'll make sure the rip rap on the bank is sized appropriately. That checks out to be okay. We did an inspection of the drainage and toe drain systems. Aside from some municipal connections that have sediment issue, you can imagine over 40 years of road sandings and sweepings, the toe drains are clear. Some repairs are being made, and that system of piping is in good shape.

President Blume thanked Mr. Joyce.

Valerie Scofield, 105 Howard Avenue

Good evening. I was here a couple of months ago and a few years ago complaining about the same thing. The recycling vendor comes to the middle school - I'm right across the street from the middle school - it comes any time they feel like it. They come in the wee hours of the morning. I was here a couple of months ago and I was told to contact Mr. Schryver, which I did. I spoke with him on a couple of occasions. I left messages on a couple of occasions. I went to the Mayor's office a couple of times after nothing was done. Not only is the recycling truck coming every Wednesday morning at 4 and 5 a.m., with the noise and the banging. It wakes you up. I had the same problem five years ago; I spoke with Mr. Schryver. He somehow was able to stop the garbage trucks from coming every day in the wee hours of the morning.

Not only does the recycling truck come, but again, the Thurston Food truck which is the trailer, comes at 5 a.m. I went to the Mayor's office and was told

that she spoke with whomever is in charge, and was told that they do that for safety reasons. That is not true. Because not only does the Thurston truck come, but I can name 10 other trucks that come to the middle school throughout the day, refrigerated trucks, all kinds of trucks. They come through the day so I don't see where there's a safety issue. In fact I've gotten no response again from Mr. Schryver so I don't know what is happening, so I'm back here again. My question is, who is in charge?

President Blume stated, we looked into it. We had Mike Schryver go up. We were told the same thing. It's not the recycling people, it's the food truck for the school, Thurston, that is the problem now.

Mrs. Scofield stated, not only the food, but the recycling also.

President Blume stated, we were assured that they don't come at that time in the morning.

Mrs. Scofield stated, I promise you they come. I'm just telling you. I promise you, because I'm up out of my bed with the banging and the noise. My question is, who is in charge and who cares about us? Who cares about the community?

President Blume stated, we can handle the recycling and the garbage. The Board of Education has to handle the food truck and the deliveries. I'll have Mike Schryver look into it again - the recycling truck - and it will be stopped. I thought it was just the food truck. The Board of Education will have to address the food delivery truck.

Mrs. Scofield stated, which he did. Mr. Schryver told me he spoke with whomever is in charge of the food truck and was told that they do that for safety reasons. I mean, we have a noise ordinance and the City seems to be the biggest violator of the noise ordinance than anybody else. But if they spoke to the Board of Education and they're continuing to do it, then who is in charge? Who puts the rules? Who is in charge of the noise ordinance? What else can be done about it, because frankly I'm tired of it, I really am.

President Blume stated, I thought it was settled. So we'll do it again. I will personally call Carol Merlone, the Superintendent of Schools, and see what we can do about that food delivery. When I did check with them I was told it had to be delivered at that time because they had to get the food in before the kids came in.

Mrs. Scofield stated, I'm telling you, I see the trucks. I'm 25 feet away from where the big trailer trucks park - all kinds of trucks - at all hours of the day. So safety issue is not an issue. The Thurston food truck comes at 4 a.m., at 5 a.m., 5:30 a.m., 6 a.m. It wakes you up and then they're there for about 40 minutes and the whole time the engine is running; my house is vibrating, and I have headaches. So I'm back here again. It's not true that it's a safety issue. It

couldn't be because if it's a safety issue then you'll have to stop all of the other refrigerated trucks from coming. Thank you.

Jeff Devine, 12 Arlene Drive

Congratulations Mr. Danielczuk.

This is a popular one, I know you've heard it a bunch of times, and I've called myself. We're going on four months now with Ford Street. Let's get it paved. Thank you.

Ken Plavnicky, 15 Mountainview

I got a complaint about one of the Aldermen, Alderman Sharkey, about the ax the tax group. In no way for the record ax the tax group did want to take any funds away from education. And he was quoted in one of the papers saying that he's glad that ax the tax didn't get involved in it. Just for the record so me and my group wanted you to know that it is not true that we want to take away any funds. I have children in the education system. There's no way I want to take any money away from education.

Number two. I just got this article today. Maybe the Mayor or the Chief can advise me on it. At the football game, is it necessary to have 10 officers, Lieutenants and Detectives on duty?

President Blume asked, who said 10?

Alderman Nihill stated, Mr. Plavnicky, there's never been 10 officers.

Mr. Plavnicky stated, okay, I'll read what the Chief said. The article does say that at times there are 10 to 12 Police Officers on Nolan Field. And that's the Chief saying that.

Chief Hale asked, what article is that?

Mr. Plavnicky replied, the Valley Independent Sentinel.

Chief Hale stated, I didn't say that.

Mr. Plavnicky asked, want to see the article?

[Several people are speaking at the same time - inaudible.]

Chief Hale stated, excuse me. It's my decision. It's my decision alone by State Statute and the City Charter how many officers are to provide security at outdoor events including football games. We've had the same number of officers at these football games for the past several years. That has not increased. Furthermore, and the reason why we did increase it several years

ago was we had a number of issues. We were having assaults, fights and vandalism throughout the parking lot during the games. We didn't have enough Police Officers to man this crowd. That field system - it's a beautiful field, but it's wide open. Our primary function is public safety. We're also pointing people toward the gates so they're actually coming through and paying, because on the north side there are places you can literally walk through.

I had a meeting before the season began - myself a lieutenant, the Superintendent of Schools and the Athletic Director. It was very clear from that meeting what the staffing would be throughout the season. Some games would have more officers than others.

My job is public safety. It's my responsibility and I'm the one who assigns those officers and I will continue to assign them. We have not had 10 to 12 at a game. I don't know where that quote came from, because I didn't give it. We don't have 10 to 12. The Naugatuck game hasn't been played yet. Naugatuck just suffered a loss so we don't know how that's going to be. We're going to talk to the Board of Education. The Derby game - we added an extra officer and were called by the school system to add more beyond that. We didn't go as far as they were requesting because it was short notice and we didn't think we needed that many at that game.

Mr. Plavnicky asked, so almost 10 officers is needed at a game like that? In your opinion?

Chief Hale replied, I don't know yet. We haven't evaluated that yet. We're not there yet.

Mr. Plavnicky stated, I think we need a new P.A. system rather than putting all the overtime toward the officers. There's plenty of other things they could use, you know? I mean, can't the guys call for backup if they need more?

Chief Hale replied, that's fine if the rest of, if the shift isn't doing anything else through the City. But we can't count on that. If there's a major accident or something else going on somewhere else in the City, and they're not available, then those officers at that field are on their own. So until we figure out a system to maybe enclose the place a little better during a game so a lot of the teenagers running around through the baseball infield and outfield - it's wide open. At times officers felt like they were babysitting because there were teenagers out there unsupervised. So that falls on us. So when those teenagers start keying cars and wrecking windows and there are fights and there are assaults, in the parking, and we're chasing them all over the place, I'm adding cops and that's just the way it's going to be. It's my decision and that's the way it's going to be.

Alderman Danielczuk stated, it goes by how many people you expect too. If you're expecting 10,000 instead of 1,000 people you're going to need more officers.

Chief Hale stated, the attendance is not like it used to be when I was in high school 30 years ago. But the Thanksgiving Day game - there could be a huge crowd at that game. Again, they were going to be undefeated, but Naugatuck lost a game. That does play into it. That may reduce the crowd. We haven't spoken to the school on that yet.

Mr. Plavnicky stated, the article says that half the cash is going to the Police budget. That's a lot of money.

Chief Hale stated, I don't know what they do with their gate money. That's not my responsibility. My job is public safety.

Mr. Plavnicky stated, half the money is going to you at the Police Department.

Chief Hale stated, but the Officers are being assigned there for a reason. They're being assigned there for a reason.

President Blume asked three times if any member of the public wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

Public Official Session

Mayor James Della Volpe

This Thursday is Veteran's Day. The City of Ansonia will be holding a service at 11 a.m. in Veterans' Park next to City Hall. Everybody is invited and welcome. Attendance will include school children from all of our grammar schools - they'll be reading essays that they've written. Hopefully we'll have a nice crowd. It continues to get bigger each year in honor of our Veterans and the sacrifices they have made.

Secondly, on Friday, December 3rd at 6 o'clock we'll have our Christmas Tree Lighting. This year they're going to start at Farrell Parking Lot and march from there, the fire engine and Santa will come down and meet the Ansonia High School Chorus.

The Train Station is completed; they put new paint on it, a new roof, gutters, floor, and railing. The only thing they haven't done yet is put new paving around the station itself, and new lighting. That will be another segment that will happen in the spring - it's going to be shut down for the winter.

Starting January 8th - I've met with our Librarian and the Library Board. I have received a lot of comments about the Library not being open on Saturday. Starting January 8th we will open the Library from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. It's very

beneficial to the citizens of Ansonia and we're looking forward to those Saturday hours.

The ATP Palmer Building will be completely paved as of Saturday. That means all of the contamination has been removed from the site and right now it's being stored at a place in Derby and from there it will be moved out of town. That will mean it's clearly finished. I've asked Corporation Counsel Blake to contact the attorneys and the realtors that are interested in buying the building. We're looking forward to it being sold as quickly as possible.

I'd like to thank Helen Jenkins from 26 Beechwood Road for donating an American flag in memory of her husband, Sergeant Thomas Jenkins of the United States Air Force. She left it in my office and asked the City to use it at its discretion. That's a great gesture on Mrs. Jenkins' part. I'd like to thank the Jenkins family for doing that.

Also, you have a late resignation tonight. As you know, the Republican Registrar of Voters, Hazel Hummel, is not feeling well and she has resigned from her position. I would just like to thank her for her years of devoted duty to the City, and I'd like to send our thoughts and prayers out to her and her family, who are going through a very trying time right now.

Finally, I'd like to go to the resolution tonight in front of you regarding salaries. I'm hoping that you'll approve them. These are the non-union salaries that we've been working on for the last few months. A lot of time and effort has gone into it and a lot of adjustments have been made. There had been some movement where people have not received raises, some people have had their raises reduced. We asked for concessions, we asked the union and the non-union. The union received their raises back in July. We've been discussing this for several months now. It has a lot to do with personnel rules and regulations of the City of Ansonia, which was written in 1979 and amended in 1983. I've also asked the Salaries Committee and the Personnel Committee of the Board of Aldermen, Corporation Counsel Blake and our labor attorney to immediately start revising these rules and regulations and bring them up to date so that we can change some of the language that is in here guaranteeing some raises and benefits that are given out.

We've reviewed each position, one by one. There will be written reviews, written evaluations with department heads and for their personnel. The unions after long negotiations that we started several years ago have incorporated all written evaluations into their union contracts so now we're on the road for complete accountability. I'll ask that the Board vote favorably for that resolution. If you have any questions, I'll entertain them.

President Blume thanked Mayor Della Volpe.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

There are three items for Executive Session - dealing with a zoning matter, a real estate matter, and a workers comp matter.

President Blume thanked Corporation Counsel Blake.

Chief Kevin Hale

On December 1st the winter parking begins. This year it will be the even side of the road from December 1st through March 31st of 2011. There are streets that are exceptions to that. North State Street, for instance, stays on the same side. Those rules, if they're not already on the City's website, will be on there. Again, it's the even side for the entire winter from December 1st through March 31st.

This Saturday at Stop & Shop and Big Y we'll be having our annual DARE Program Stuff A Jeep. Last year we filled up four Jeeps and collected \$1,000 in donations and gift cards for the holiday season. I would encourage you to stop down and say hello.

President Blume thanked Chief Hale.

Joseph Miller - Comptroller

We're still working with the outside auditors. We're pulling all their requested information.

President Blume thanked Mr. Miller.

Randolph Carroll - Historical Commission

I'd like to give an update on the Fountain at the Library. Phase 1 is done; it cost \$8,200. We are working on phase 2. The problem we're having now is when the tower was pulled down the street by kids vandalizing it the plumbing inside was completely broken. I tried to snake it myself to see if we can get the plumbing redone. It was originally done on a pond, a spray underneath the library; we're not going that route. We were going to do it with a retention pond in front of, just like they did in Derby for the walkway fountain retention pond so the water circulates. Right now I'm trying to find pro bono - a plumber to snake from the lion's mouth down as far as he can to see if that's still a viable way to do it. Otherwise the Historical Commission would like to just put a pump with a fountain in the trough. I met with Michael Schryver and requested all of the Belgian blocks that were taken away the trees from the north end. The blocks were used as ballasts and then they were used in the

north end around trees. They will be surrounding the fountain and Michael Schryver will put the electricity in for the pump and the fountain, whichever way it goes, and maybe some lighting because the flagpole has to be lit. Phase 2 will be the pump, retention pond, however we can do it. Winter is coming and I'll report back to you when we finalize what Phase 2 will be.

President Blume asked, where will the water come from?

Mr. Carroll replied, the only way to do it is either fill the trough, which is the way the Historical Commission is looking at right now, fill it so that it always has water in it so the water is circulated. If we can get the retention pond which is \$2,000, and I've raised that money already, there would be a 50-gallon retention pond in the bottom, the pump would be in there. It would come up through the mouth of the lion and recirculate from the trough back into the retention pond and be recirculated. It would be on a timer so it wouldn't be running night and day. That is how we hope to do it - I have a lot of investigating to do.

Committee Reports

Alderman Joseph Jeanette - Anti Blight Committee

Alderman Marini and I met with the Anti Blight Officer - we are looking into revising some Charter sections in the next year or so. We're going to be meeting every month if anybody wants to come to a meeting and voice their opinion, that would be great. Also, we want to look at giving the Anti-Blight Officer more enforcement powers.

Alderman Marini stated, Alderman Jeanette and I really think Mr. Tanner is doing an outstanding job. Everything we've heard seems to suggest that he is on top of his caseload. Nothing but positive things are coming from his work, except possibly the people he finds in violation. It seems that he is the individual that we needed and he is on top of things. In terms of what we can do to help him, he mentioned a system that other towns use called Municipal Citations - it gives the Zoning Officer the ability to issue a ticket rather than just relying on the legal process. There are pros and cons to everything, but we think it's something worth looking into. If we're going to do it, we should start now as any change to the Charter is going to take a referendum, six or more months to put in to place. We hope that by the time he's ready to do it we'll have it in place for him to carry out. Research still needs to be done and we're hoping to update the Board.

Alderman Jeanette stated, we're looking for some ideas from other Aldermen and anyone who has any suggestions - we want to get a grip on this and clean up Ansonia.

President Blume stated, perhaps we can do this through ordinances instead of Charter changes.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Finance Committee - Alderman Gene Sharkey

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Jerome Fainer - Ansonia Rescue and Medical Services Committee

In October 2010, ARMS was dispatched to 221 calls, transported 144 patients, stood by with the Fire Department 20 times, and collected \$47,347.30.

Alderman Danielczuk MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Gene Sharkey - Fire Committee

All Fire equipment has undergone pump certifications - those are good for the next year. This month they will undergo all of the DOT checks.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Robert Duffus - Ansonia Community Center

Alderman Duffus stated, I would personally like to thank the Mayor as well as Eileen Krugel, Frank Michaud and Mike Schryver, help at Ansonia Community Center. They've done a really great job helping out and picking us back up on our feet.

President Blume stated, you've done a good job too.

Alderman John Marini - Economic Development Committee

The committee is enthusiastically getting together a business survey that they're planning to get out to businesses in Ansonia. They have a draft copy of that now and are planning on finalizing it at the next meeting at the beginning of next month.

We're very happy to have Eileen Krugel working with the group to come up with different ways to revise the City's website as it relates to doing business in Ansonia.

President Blume stated, I was at the meeting; it's moving along very well. Good job - thank you.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman John Marini - Board of Education

I've been making an effort to go to the Board of Education meetings the past few months in sort of the hope of opening up the lines of communication between our Board and them. I just want to make sure that as we go into the next budget process we avoid as many hurdles as possible. One of the issues that was presented was the school system's pressing need for new roofs, in particular at the Middle School. It's certainly no small matter; it's going to be very costly - they're talking over \$1 million for just one school. It's also something that's inevitable. Take a look at the infrared scans that the Board of Education's Building Director has done. You can tell that there is water infiltration, there is a dripping problem, and it's a problem that could be a disaster if not drastic. In an effort to head it off at the pass, the Board of Education member Bill Nimons brought up an interesting solution to look at - refinancing the City's outstanding bonds to see if we could possibly get a savings that could be put toward another bond issue. Our increased bond rating only makes this more interesting to look at. It's certainly encouraging to see commissions working together to address problems before they become a bigger concern down the road.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Beall. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

President Blume stated, I know Mr. Miller has been involved in the bonds. Before this even came up I met with him in his office about three months ago, and he does this, it's part of his business. He watches the market, and he pulls out the bonds to refinance. He has the numbers and he's well into this. We can use Mr. Miller's research for this endeavor. Thank you.

Alderman Gene Sharkey - Prendergast School Fence

Alderman Sharkey stated, I'd like to make reference to the fact that in the past month the Prendergast School had a dangerous situation - a fence along the recreation field that was in jeopardy of falling. The fence was unsafe, unsecured, and I happened to read in one of the local newspapers that the City of Derby just a week before had settled a suit for \$75,000 due to an unsafe condition at Bradley School and a child was seriously hurt. The principal of the school when I happened to be there one day asked me if I wanted to take a look at it. I immediately called Mike Schryver, and the Mayor, and the head of maintenance Mr. Evans and the Superintendent of Schools. All of the people I just mentioned, we met onsite. We have the equipment - pay loaders and municipal employees and so forth, and it was deemed appropriate - we sent the equipment up and it was only there one day, we took one section of fence down - the whole dangerous thing - and the Board of Education got Walsh Fencing and they came up and secured the rest of the fence that was there, gave the ties

and equipment, and the Board of Education people did it. I'd like to make mention that when City agencies such as the Board of Education and Public Works and the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor's office all work together - you'd be surprised what we can accomplish and it didn't cost anything.

The Board of Education had gotten a price on it. If they did it themselves and had Walsh Fence come in to do it, it would have been \$16,000. They did not have the money in their budget, so the children were not able to use the space because they were told they had to stay away from it. Instead, through everybody working together we eliminated a possible lawsuit - a liability - and restored a place where the kids could play.

Alderman John Marini - Community Recognition letters

Alderman Marini stated, I'd like to share some positive news coming out of the 3rd Ward and around the 3rd Ward. First, to touch on Randy Carroll's report, of 40 Fourth Street, he's been very closely involved with renovations and refurbishment of the Public Library that's located in the 3rd Ward. I think following up Alderman Sharkey's comments about education, and the fencing issue, and my own comments about the roofing issue, it's just another example of how to plume people together for the greater good, even during times when the economy isn't that good. Randy had previously raised a total of about \$20,000 - private donations, State grants, and City donations, all together, to restore a clock on our public library, and now has an ongoing effort to restore the fountain. It's \$8,000 coming from a variety of sources, private donations and grants, and donations from the City, and I think he's setting an example for private citizens and people on commissions that good work can be done, even in the face of a budget crisis, if we're thinking creatively and bringing people together. I think the Board should acknowledge his contributions and give him a citation or at least a letter of recognition that the City understands that he is contributing positively.

President Blume stated yes, he does a fine job. Thank you.

Alderman Marini stated, Kathleen Adamczyk of 31 Hill Street was recently appointed by Governor Rell to the State Commission for Family Support Council. She's an individual who advocates for children with disabilities. I had the pleasure to meet her when I was running for office, and we discussed her founding of the North Star Parent Resource Group. Her work revolves around children with disabilities. She is also a job coach for the Ansonia district. The recent appointment by Governor Rell to the State Commission should not go unnoticed by this Board. Again, I think a letter of recognition and encouragement that says we recognize her efforts to the community both here in Ansonia and throughout the State and congratulations on her recent appointment.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to send her a letter; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Municipal Reports / Annual Reports

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman Beall. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Tax Refunds

Alderman Nihill MOVED to grant the refunds for the month of October in the amount of \$6,240.18 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Claims

10-10-767 John Ehrnfelt - Damages to truck
10-10-768 Karen Saldi - Damaged tire
10-10-769 William Fitzgerald - Damaged tire

Alderman Fainer stated, I have no problems with 2 and 3, but the first one, I would like to see more investigating done on this item before that is paid. It's a claim for \$8,000 worth of damage and now I read further into it and it says it was hit by a City vehicle. I talked to Mr. Schryver before and he said none of his vehicles did it. The car's book value is only \$5,000. Before that is paid I'd refer it to Corporation Counsel Blake - I'd like to see if there was a police report. That's a lot of damage.

Alderman Sharkey stated, also, in regard to numbers 2 and 3 - #2 has nothing but a post it note with the person's name and address on it. Anybody could go and damage a wheel someplace and say they were driving down an Ansonia street. There's no police report - there's no backup other than a bill and a post it note. We need to investigate these claims.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, when I get these I send them out to the insurance agency, and they do investigate it. They don't just pay the claims; that is what we pay our insurance carrier to do.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to refer the claims to the Claims Committee and Corporation Counsel Blake; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I'd like to add to that the fact that Ford Street - I was on the phone today with the State DOT - they assured me that by the end of Saturday Ford and Beaver Streets would be paved. They had two extensions, they had a 45-day period. This is through the stimulus money. They had two 14-day extensions and that time period is ending this week. There were only two milling pieces of equipment within the State that were being used. It also should be noted that we should put all claims, if possible, against Cocchiola

Construction because they're the ones responsible for this. As far as the driveways and aprons go, up on Ford Street we've sent Public Works to each and every family that has called and we've made a temporary adjustment to their apron so it would be an easier run into their driveway. Many residents were thankful for the job Public Works has done.

President Blume stated, I've called the Mayor's office myself just about every week. The Mayor has been involved in this. Ford Street is terrible. It wasn't in our hands. The State gave the extensions and it was all part of the stimulus money. We had no control. We didn't hire the people; we couldn't fire the people.

Communications and Late Communication

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept all of the communications, dispense with the reading, and place them on file. If an Alderman wishes one read or acted upon, the communications will be brought up individually in their order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Beall. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #1

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Tkacs - 17 Hodio Drive - Zoning Violation

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #2

From: John W. Betkoski, II
Re: Regional Water Authority

President Blume stated, we had sent him a letter addressing our needs to reduce the amount of money that we're paying for these hydrants - the fire hydrants. We got a letter back from him. He did as much as he could. It's kind of out of his hands because the Department of Public Utility Control doesn't control the Regional Water Authority. So, we're not stopping, we are proceeding and we're going to try a different avenue.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the communication; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill.

Alderman Jeanette asked, why isn't Regional Water regulated by the Department of Public Utility Control?

President Blume replied, because they're not a full public agency. All the cities that belong to Regional have members that are on the Board. So let's say there are 100 members. We have three. We have three votes, especially in something like this. So it's very difficult for us to get the other communities to say, "Oh,

okay, you are paying too much so we're going to spread that out amongst all of our other towns." They don't want to take our burden. So it's very difficult for them to do anything about this.

We're going to end up going to the Securities Administration - the stock securities - and see who is gaining profit from this and who has made their money from this. If you go on the web you can see some things there already, and the amounts that people have made. I think we have to look further into that. Then, I would ask this Board if we get nowhere with that, that we just pull the plug and stop paying and let's go to court. We'll have Mr. Miller put it in escrow, \$600,000. We've paid for four years now - that's \$2.4 million. When we're paying \$600,000 and New Haven is paying \$250,000. We're going to pursue this other avenue with the Securities Administration, stocks, to see if we can expose what's happening with this. If not, I don't want to spend a lot of money, but after 10 years we will have spent \$6 million and New Haven will have spent \$2.5 million. It just seems ridiculous.

Alderman Duffus asked, why don't we stop now?

President Blume stated, I'm trying this one avenue. We've tried as best we could. We've already paid them for the year so before we make another payment we're going to try the Securities Administration and then if that doesn't work out then we'll end up in court. If you guys decide we need to go to court... This is just a tremendous amount of money for a little city like this. They can't just shut us off because the mains feed the homes. You can't shut them off. We're not looking to hurt anybody or take anything away from anybody but it just boggles my mind.

Alderman Marini stated, it seems that the rate is unfair. The suggestion of stopping payment and using the escrow account seems very attractive right now. It's very important to make sure we have our ducks in a row, that we have our facts straight before anything happens. We have research to do and to make sure our position is fully backed up. We mentioned there are some resources out there and I think this Board has to have an understanding first, including myself, of exactly what the history is, and what the details are. When we're confident of those facts, taking a step light that might be the right thing to do. We need to do our homework before we put ourselves out there.

President Blume stated, and we have. Tom Clifford represents us on that Regional Board. I have all of the information. I would like to try this one more time. If we litigate this, the special attorney for water is expensive. It will be expensive if we have to take this to court. That's why I backed off. We're going to try to exhaust everything we can do; try to embarrass these people and expose them for what they made. If that doesn't work then we'll bring everything to the Board and see where we go.

Alderman Marini stated, in the letter, one thing that was mentioned and it was maybe an underhanded shot on their part mostly, it mentioned the appeals

period from the initial merger. I wasn't on the Board at that time; I'm not exactly clear what transpired, why the appeal wasn't taken, what was the rationale? Do we know, at that time was there a rationale or basis for appeal?

President Blume stated, I'm not quite sure. I know the Mayor and Corporation Counsel and Derby Mayor at the time were...

Mayor Della Volpe stated, in 2006 they had a public hearing here in July. We spoke out against the rate increase and the merger that they were proposing, knowing that it would affect us. That's all we could do at that point. Then we found out about the merger, and about the rate increase. It went through and Department of Public Utility Control allowed it. I don't know if they allowed it because they don't have oversight. A lot of discussion went into it and that's where we are. Our state legislators were at the public hearing and also objected to the rate increase. There was no mention at that point in time that there was going to be a waiver on the Regional Water Authority's part saying that we're not going to raise your rates for five years. That came out afterward, after we continually argued against the fact that the rate increase was unfair. They said they will lower our rates until the other towns get to where we are.

President Blume interjected, which will never happen. It's been four years, nothing's happened. It'll be 10 years and nothing will happen. Maybe they'll have one rate increase. They have to come a long way to make this \$400,000 \$600,000. That's an awful lot of rate increases.

Also, before the session ended for the State Legislature we had our representatives try to piggyback a bill to open this and have this investigated. These people are so powerful that lobbyists assembled for Regional and they killed it. They wouldn't let it come out of committee. We were this close to having that vote go before the Legislature. I couldn't believe it. The people that know what they did, and it was wrong. It actually shows right there that they were afraid to let this come out. I got phone calls, you've got to come up here, the place was, people were all over the place stopping it. They stopped it; they killed the bill that it was piggybacked on - they wouldn't let it out. Something's wrong.

Alderman Knapp stated, maybe that's all the more reason to go public. I don't think these folks are going to want to have their names in the paper.

President Blume stated, I mentioned it before. And if you go on the web, my son Matt sent me something, there are some names there already. The figures are wrong - the figures are too low - but this one made \$7 million, this one made \$2 million... They didn't make \$7 million and they didn't make \$2 million; they made millions and millions and millions and millions.

Alderman Sharkey stated, the rate increase was granted to Birmingham Utilities. It was opposed when Birmingham Utilities looked for the rate increase. The rate increase was granted several years later when Birmingham was bought out.

So the City of Ansonia did go on record as being opposed to the rate increase, and then they were handed a bill after Department of Public Utility Control granted the rate increase. The City of Ansonia was handed a bill and had to pay the increased rate fee. Then several years later, Birmingham Utilities was sold out to Regional Water Authority. So these people are saying now, you should have complained about it back then. We did complain about it back then but were told by Department of Public Utility Control even then they were granting it anyway. It's not like it wasn't addressed and everything back then was exhausted.

Alderman Marini stated, and they certainly need to be called out on that if you're saying we had the opportunity to intervene - it says intervene in the docket - but they're saying apparently chose not to.

President Blume stated, that's a lie.

Alderman Sharkey stated, all they're saying is they granted it to Birmingham, that we didn't appeal it then. We were told there was nothing we could do. They just granted it. I believe the Mayor at that time went to Hartford opposing that Department of Public Utility Control grant an increase to Birmingham.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I think they're referring to and what you're reading from is the fact that we didn't appeal the fact that they were going to bring the other cities up to where we are at this point in time. We didn't appeal that. We didn't. We appealed the rate increase. We didn't appeal the inequity of what they were doing to us to begin with. So that is misleading.

President Blume stated, when Birmingham sold to Regional, there could have been other bidders. Nobody bid because the price was so high. We thought maybe Aquarion would come in, but nobody was interested. Nobody would pay - the amount was unbelievable. There were reasons the amount got to be that high that we'll get into. They built up their assets, the base, they bought companies - it was ridiculous to drive to service these companies, so why would you buy them way up in the corner of northwestern Connecticut? To build up their assets. They knew they were going to sell. That's all. And everybody on the Board, that's insider trading. Everybody on that Board knew the place was going to be sold. No one else bid on it, I believe, except for Regional. Members of the Birmingham were also members of Regional, on the Board. Anyway, we're on it. We'll try this last approach to the Securities Division and we'll write this thing up and come back.

Alderman Marini stated, if we have an action for violation of a Securities law, that's certainly a different set of time limitations, that I believe we're probably still in. So it's certainly something to take a look - do we have the facts to support that? If so, it's not just a complaint to raise but maybe an action.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #3

From: Jack Zanfardino

Re: 4 Howard Avenue - Evergreen Restoration Co., LLC

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #4

From: David Geloso - ARMS

Re: EMS Mutual Aid Agreements

Alderman Fainer explained, these are generic mutual aid agreements with all of the Valley towns. Corporation Counsel Blake reviewed it. If we have people available and they need mutual aid we give it to them. If we need it they give it to us.

Alderman Danielczuk MOVED to accept the agreement and authorize Mr. Geloso to sign the agreements on behalf of the City of Ansonia; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Salvatore Digiorgi

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Resignations and 1 Late Resignation

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the resignation of David Knapp from the Inland Wetlands Commission and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Duffus MOVED to accept the resignation of Jason St. Jacques from the Zoning Board of Appeals and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the resignation of James Fainer from the Board of Aldermen and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Late Resignation

Public Session on Late Resignation

President Blume asked three times if any member of the public wished to address the Board. There were none.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Hazel Hummel as Republican Registrar of Voters for the City of Ansonia, and to send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Danielczuk.

Alderman Danielczuk stated, through all the years that I've been involved in government, Hazel has been there. She has done a tremendous job for the City. It's so sad that she got sick. It's unfortunate. She is a true asset to our community and she did an excellent job for many years.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Appointments

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read aloud Mayor James Della Volpe's appointments as outlined in his letter of November 4, 2010, as follows:

Board of Library Directors

Alderman Marini MOVED to appoint Joanne M. Czeczot of 37 Morningside Drive, appointment to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12/31/2012; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Inland Wetlands Commission

Alderman Nihill MOVED to appoint Jeffrey Gould of 39 Platt Street, replacement appointment, term to expire 4/1/2012; SECONDED by Alderman Sharkey. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Alderman Knapp MOVED to appoint Joseph A. Jaumann of 183 Wakelee Avenue, replacement appointment, term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolutions

Resolution #1

Re: Salary Resolution for Non-Union Personnel

[A copy of the full text of the Resolution is on file in the Office of the City Clerk]

Alderman Sharkey noted that this item had been placed on the table last month, and he MOVED to remove this item from the TABLE; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Marini stated, Mr. President and members of the Board, I hate to make myself the most unpopular person at City Hall but I must voice my opposition to this resolution. There is no doubt in my mind that our City employees have worked hard. I want to let them know that their service is greatly appreciated, but now is simply not the time for a salary increase. As I'm sure you know, economic conditions outside of City Hall remain weak. The U.S. unemployment rate is at 9.6. Here in Ansonia, that rate as of October, 2010 is 11.1 percent. Job growth in Ansonia was last estimated at -3.25 percent. There is no prospect of raises for many of our working residents. Those that have a job consider themselves very lucky to be working and the main concern is to remain working and to remain providing for themselves and their families. Meanwhile, we're in the grip of not only higher taxes under our new budget but also an immense raise on sewer rates - \$285 in extra fees at a minimum. This has an impact on all residents, and particularly those who aren't working, who are on fixed incomes such as seniors or the disabled. I also mention that a quick search on the Internet would reveal 104 properties being sold in foreclosure in Ansonia, which certainly alone bears witness to the impact that our current economic crisis is having on the residents. Now, tabulation of the cost of these raises places it somewhere between \$8,000 up to \$10,000, depending on the hours and the days that are worked by the hourly employees and per diem employees. That's money that we could use for upcoming budget, it's money we could put back into our infrastructure, costs that we know will be facing us head-on in the future. It's money that simply could be set aside for rainy day or for an emergency. Given everything that our taxpayers are going through, I believe that an increase at this time is simply irresponsible. I fully understand that there is a parity issue; there is an equity issue between the non-union employees and the union employees. I understand that. But this resolution does little to address the underlying problem. The underlying problem is that no City employee should be guaranteed a raise. The expectation is not in existence in the real world, it's non-existent in the private sector. It shouldn't be existing here in City Hall. I wish, certainly, everybody could be afforded a raise, but that's not the reality we're in. I'm very encouraged to hear that there are steps being put into place for the first time to have a formal review and evaluation process. Certainly that's encouraging. The Mayor should be commended that this is being put into place. It's the first time I believe in any administration that there would be a formal review process. I'm very pleased to see that going forward. But until

that's put into place, and really regardless in this economic condition, a salary increase is simply [inaudible].

Alderman Sharkey stated, I may be making myself very unpopular with the people. But as a member of the Salary Committee we looked at each and every one of these increases that we're talking about. Let me for the record say that I am someone living on a fixed income. I didn't receive a raise this year because I'm retired, and I'm not going to get one next year. However I intend to pay my taxes and try and live on less money than I would like to live on. Looking at some of these raises, we have people that are working and some are only getting a dollar a day increase. Some are getting \$1.50 a day increase. Some people haven't received raises since 2007. When we asked these people for concessions they gave us back their raises at a time that they already had their raises. I just feel that if we were looking in a new budget, looking going forward, I probably would take a very close look at raises. As a member of the Finance Committee we're going to take a very close look at raises next year. But these raises are already funded in the City budget. The fact that we have already granted everybody else in the City that's under a union contract, we granted them raises. What we're doing is we are singling out one small group and telling them, we're sorry that we negotiated raises for everybody else but you don't get a raise, okay? This would put a stop to the fact that everybody would be on the same page. I think all we're trying to do is reduce an inequity that's out there right now. I am by no means looking to throw money or spend money or give money away with this sort of thing. I think the Board of Apportionment and Taxation looked carefully at that when they were putting the budget together, and they anticipated these raises.

Going forward, when we sat as a Salary Committee we looked very carefully and there were some people we did reduce their salaries, we reduced what was here and saved thousands of dollars at our meeting in trying to bring it back to a reasonable thing. John mentioned, I think, going forward, I think you used the figure of about \$12,000. Last month we were talking in the range of \$21,000. We really tried to do our due diligence this month and reduce them down. I too will look very skeptical or very closely when we get into our budget process about where we're going forward. All we're trying to do is reduce the inequity that we presently have. Some of the people we were talking about, if I'm not mistaken our ambulance drivers - if we don't bring them to the point where they're equal to the other towns we're going to lose these people and we're not going to be able to draw upon those people at 2 o'clock in the morning. I'm not talking about our volunteers, I'm talking about the people we're asking to come in and man shifts. We've got to make it comparable to what they're making in the other towns or they're not going to come here.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to adopt the resolution; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus.

Alderman Marini stated, to follow up, I certainly agree with Alderman Sharkey that inequities should be resolved. I believe we are heading in the wrong

direction. I think the answer is to head down a slippery slope and more increases is to pointedly renegotiate union contracts, renegotiate them down to realistic levels. In addition to that the Mayor has called on us in his State of Ansonia report to be fiscally responsible and show fiscal restraint. It's hard to be fiscally responsible. No one ever said it's easy. This is particularly the reason why it's not easy. It's always sort of the most inopportune time when it comes time to be fiscally responsible. I advocate that this Board adhere to the Mayor's call to be fiscally responsible, draw the line here, and get to hard work renegotiating contracts that need to be renegotiated back down to real-world amounts. As far as equity issues that relate to other towns, I think that's a separate issue, it's a little bit of a red herring here. We're taking a look as making sure that payment in the City is fair, and I think it's a side issue to take a look and make sure we're actually paying a wage that will attract employees to Ansonia rather than another town. I think we need to draw the line here, and we need to be fiscally responsible.

Alderman Danielczuk stated, I've looked at the increases and knowing the Salary Committee I think they put their best foot forward to grant as little as they felt needed to be. The Mayor spoke earlier that the last time the Personnel Rules and Regulations were updated it was in 1983. He recommended that we start looking into that. Probably within the next year or two, doing that, we could address more of this problem. For now, and I just added up quickly, I don't think there's a lot of money here yearly, it might be just a little bit more than \$10,000 - it's not that much and the Salary Committee did a great job as they always do. I think we should consider doing what the Salary Committee recommends.

Alderman Duffus stated, to me I find it unreasonable for you to try to separate the market value of the workers and the ambulance drivers and say that it's not really a possibility that someone would seek a higher wage in another City. That's real. If you're not making enough to feed your family you've got to find a job that's going to do that. So if you need to sit down and make a separate argument that's unrealistic and unfair.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8 Yes, 1 No (Marini) and 1 Abstention (Fainer).

Unfinished Business

Alderman Marini stated, I would like to request an update on the video recording committee.

President Blume asked, has there been a meeting?

Alderman Beall stated, no, there hasn't been a meeting. I will get to you Tuesday - we can shoot for next Monday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

New Business

Alderman Marini stated, a brief update. I've been speaking with the Mayor and also some representatives from the Historical and Conservation Commissions about the graffiti on the retaining wall that faces Olson Drive. It sort of is the main entrance to our City. Most people know it as the graffiti that features the phrase "Why Lenin?" It's been many years since his assassination and it's pretty obvious that an answer to that question is not forthcoming. It's certainly going to be no easy task to clean it up. Not only would there be a cost associated with it but almost certainly if we were to take an action to get rid of it some wise guy would go out and try to do it again. It's basically garbage lining the entrance of our City and that's unacceptable. I'm in the process of trying to work with different boards, and I certainly want to work with anybody from this Board, to put together a comprehensive plan to eliminate it and to figure out into the future how we would be able to prevent it. It's not something I think can be done overnight, or even in the next six months possibly, but I'd like a plan put together. I am having, and I talked to the Mayor about this, a free estimate to be performed by a company out of Wallingford that performs graffiti removal, has contracts in New York City and several places in Connecticut. They've agreed to come out and do a free estimate, just give us a baseline, what will the actual cost be to take it down properly first.

Then we need to take a look at possible ordinances specifically that deal with graffiti. How we would be able to properly light the area or at least let people know there will be consequences for doing it again and try to figure out ways to monitor it. I just want to let the Board know that's something I'm trying to take a look into.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, John and I have met in the past, Public Works has covered over the graffiti. Unfortunately it has reappeared. As I mentioned earlier, the State will put in new lighting by the train station. That seems to be the only access to the floodwalls - through that floodgate. Hopefully with the new lighting and pavement, and we'll see what John gets as a free estimate. Public Works is well aware of the issue. We'll see what it costs. We'll work together with John and the other commissions to see what we can come up with.

Alderman Fainer stated, when Target came in they cleaned up that wall.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Alderman Knapp MOVED to enter Executive Session on the following items:

1. Communication #1 - Tkacz - 17 Hodio Drive - Zoning Violation
2. Communication #3 - Jack Zanfardino re: 4 Howard Ave., Evergreen Restoration Co., LLC
3. Communication #5 - Corporation Counsel Blake re: Salvatore Digiorgi

and invited Corporation Counsel Blake and Mayor Della Volpe to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers, and for Item #2 Mr. Zanfardino and Mr. Hooker in addition; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 9 p.m. Alderman Knapp MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Items from Executive Session

1. Communication #1 - Tkacz - 17 Hodio Drive - Zoning Violation

Alderman Knapp MOVED per the recommendation of Inland-Wetlands to allow the remediation recommended by South Central Conservation at 17 Hodio Drive with the condition of the prepayment of a \$10,000 bond a \$500 administration fee; SECONDED by Alderman Beall. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

2. Communication #3 - Jack Zanfardino re: 4 Howard Ave., Evergreen Restoration Co., LLC

******NOTE TO FILE******

This item was amended at the February 8, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen - Page 6, Communication #8

Alderman Danielczuk MOVED to allow \$125,000 for the tax warrant on the delinquent taxes at 4 Howard Avenue to be paid by Evergreen Restoration Company, LLC; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.

Alderman Nihill asked, when is it going to be paid?

It was agreed to be paid by November 20th.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Blume).

3. Communication #5 - Corporation Counsel Blake re: Salvatore Digiorgi

Alderman Danielczuk MOVED to authorize Counsel to negotiate a settlement in the workers compensation matter of Salvatore Digiorgi; SECONDED by Alderman Sharkey. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 1 No (Fainer).

Adjournment

Alderman Duffus MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen