



**CITY OF ANSONIA
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Meeting - September 14
2010**

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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- present
Robert Duffus, D1 - present
Jason Bender, D2 - present
James Fainer, D2 - absent
Joseph Jeanette, D3- present
John Marini, R3- present
Robert Beall, D4 - absent

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

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

President Blume stated, before I open the meeting this evening, I have a petition I would like to circulate to the Board and to the audience concerning the exorbitant price that we're still paying for fire hydrant service. It says, "*We the undersigned respectfully request that Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control immediately open proceedings to investigate the unfair transactions between the former Birmingham Utilities and the South Central Regional Water Authority.*" Sign it if you'd like to, and thank you.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2010 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Public Session

Joan Radin

First of all I'd like to thank the Public Works for doing the nice job they did on Church Street, but evidently they don't do any other streets in town because I'm on Jackson Street

and my street is just as dirty and just as messy as it has been. Do I have to come and just mention each road that needs to be fixed, or can they actually look?

The other thing, I was approached by a couple of my customers and they said that they didn't like the way that the snow was removed last year. They said having the snow removed on one side of the street leaves the other side of the street a mess the whole two or three months. It makes it very hard for the people that are on that side of the street. So if you can find it in your hearts or whatever it is to talk about it and discuss it, I know people were upset about not using the alternate, which I think is great because at least it keeps the street clean most of the time.

The other thing, Ed Norman isn't here but I think he's doing a great job with the Block Watch. I happen to be one of his captains. I see signs all over and they did a great job catching the drug people on Hall Street.

I don't know how jobs are circulated in the City of Ansonia but obviously nobody hears about them before anybody gets them. I've heard there've been some job changes and I don't know how they go about doing that.

I know I brought it up before and I understand that the people were taken off but I need to know if Mr. Androski works for the City of Ansonia or he is just a consultant for the water department or the water WPCA. Because if he is just a consultant he should not be on the City of Ansonia's insurance. I know his whole family was before. I understand they've been taken off but I understand he still is. I don't think that if you're a consultant for the City of Ansonia that the City of Ansonia should be paying your insurance premiums for you and your family.

The other thing I want to find out, maybe somebody can find out, maybe you can find out and let me know later, I picked up the accounting things from the City for the month and also for the year. One of the things that I don't understand and I heard a few years ago that it was being done and I don't think it should be done because everybody else has to pay their own co-pays but I understand the City of Ansonia if you turn in your slip for your co-pay whether it be at the doctor or the pharmacy you get the money back. I don't know of any insurance place or any place, any business, that does that. I know it was being done a few years ago. I do not know whether it's continued now. But on this for the month of July I got a report here from Mr. Greski and it says BOE Co-Pays Payable \$148,440. I don't know what that means. It also said underneath it, City Co-Pays Payable \$12,522. Now if you look at the paper and you people have it, the year I believe that the total amounts, the Board of Education Co-Pay Payable is \$1,034,750.70. I would like to know where that money is going and if we're paying back co-pays why are we paying back co-pays. There is also above it for the City Co-Pays Payable, and I don't know what that means. Mr. Greski isn't here I don't believe tonight to ask. Co-Pays Payable \$190,000. We need that money for our taxes, to take care of our town. If a person we are paying people's total family insurance and I don't think any business is doing that. The City of Ansonia is a business but they are paying premiums for the whole family. The worker does not have to pay any bit of it. I think there is something wrong with that and we should look into their contract. Thank you.

Alderman Sharkey stated, as far as I know that co-pay that's being done, the Board of Education and the other one is money that's coming into the City that's coming from the

members of the Board of Education and it's coming from City employees. They have to pay a certain percentage I'm sure. Mr. Miller will look into it. But before that's written up wrongly in the paper tomorrow I'm almost positive and in fact if you need to, the Chairman of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation is sitting here and I think he'll agree that's money that comes into the City and not goes out of the City.

Mrs. Radin stated, but I want to know, what I'm asking you is, I said, I know for a fact that people are taking the receipts that I give them on their co-pays and they're presenting them to someone in the City and they're getting their money back.

Alderman Sharkey stated, I've never heard of that.

Mrs. Radin stated, well I did. And I know it's happening.

Alderman Sharkey stated, that one where it says Board of Education co-pay, that's money that people are paying in. I think that can be documented and that could be found before all of a sudden it's written up in the paper that we're paying out \$1.3 million to people. That's money coming in, not going out.

Mrs. Radin asked, what is it a co-pay on?

Alderman Sharkey stated, I'm going to have Mr. Miller look at it.

Mrs. Radin stated, thank you.

John Nolan

I have a couple of ideas to bring money into Ansonia. I know the economy is tough. A lot of shoreline towns are using tourism to bring dollars in. You have Gillette Park with their [inaudible] area, you have other parks around the area that charge admission. I got a couple ideas watching the Olympics. They have this sport called curling which is very popular in Canada. We can start it here in Ansonia by Colony Park and charge admission and even charge a registration fee to get players, professional players, to play the game. You can bring people in from all over the place to watch this; it's a very popular sport. In addition to that you can probably have field hockey when the ice is too thin to use the ice for hockey. During the spring and summertime you can do some warm weather games like horseshoes for example. When I was a kid growing up in Ansonia we had a horseshoe league back in the 50s and 60s. We did very well.

It's something to think about. Tourism is a tool that everybody is using nowadays to bring the dollars in. Sports can draw a lot of people in.

You think about it, okay? Thank you.

Philip Tripp, 57 Eagle Street

This is my first time here speaking before the body. As an Iraq Veteran I'm always heartened to hear the Pledge of Allegiance – it just makes me feel good. There is something here on Main Street that is extremely distressing to me. Just down the street, right next to Eagle Hose Company firehouse there is a very large American flag that is ripped, torn and

flying upside down. It's been like that for over a month now. So when I started knocking on doors at the firehouse, they told me it belonged to Farrel Corporation. I went down to Valley EMS, knocked on some doors down there. They also told me that this large flag on a large wooden flagpole right next to Eagle Hose Company does belong to the Farrel Corporation. So I'm here to ask if somebody in Ansonia government could go down to Farrel Corporation and ask them to either fly their flag right or please take it down. That's number one.

President Blume stated, we have a new blight officer and I'll send him.

Mr. Tripp thanked President Blume. He continued, second item, I was speaking with Mr. Marini last night and it's not his area. But as I mentioned, I'm in the North Street, Eagle Street, Middle Street, Brook Street neighborhood. I know it's not Mr. Marini but it's probably right next to him. Who might that be? [Addressing Alderman Bender] Sir, a pleasure to meet you. I understand there is a Zoning Board of Appeals thing, I was here last night. I'm going to take two minutes to put it before the Board of Aldermen just so the general public is aware of it.

A company named Pension Services, LLC out of Easton Connecticut, they don't even have a street address, they listed a P. O. Box there - they want a variance on a piece of property - 10 North Street - that they very quickly acquired last year. They were very eager to jump on this piece of property. They're looking to subdivide the lot - some might call it a two-lot parcel of land. They've applied for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have gone through the neighborhood with my good friend Joe Arnonne across the street. I have over 50 signatures here of people that are opposed to it. This is something, they're trying to claim hardship, but hardship is something that is not self-imposed. Hardship must not be self-inflicted. Considering the property was purchased before plans to build were even approved, this hardship is not inherited but self-inflicted. Building a new house will increase runoff and cause drainage issues for many homes downhill going toward Beaver Street. We feel, over 50 people feel the quality of the neighborhood will decrease. Traffic through the area will increase. There is already a parking problem in that neighborhood. Over 50 people, and I only had one day to go get signatures because it was posted very late before the Planning and Zoning meeting. The notice on the front of the property was posted on Thursday night in the dark of night before the Monday night Planning and Zoning meeting. I just want to put that in front of the Board of Aldermen and let you know there is concern in the neighborhood about that - over 50 people and growing are very concerned. Joe Arnonne is very upset and a lot of senior citizens that live in that neighborhood have lived there all their lives are very upset about it. Gentlemen and ladies thank you for your time.

President Blume asked, did you submit that petition to them?

Mr. Tripp replied, they didn't have a quorum last night.

President Blume instructed Mr. Tripp to submit the petition to the Town and City Clerk Mrs. Bottone so they will have it for their next meeting.

Alderman Marini stated, some of the residents in the area had asked me to come down and take a look. I have to say to the Aldermen, it does look like the density there is very, very

thick and overburdened as it is. Taking a look at the lot it almost seems ridiculous to think that a duplex could be inserted into that area. That is my two cents. I'm sure as you take a look yourself – it does look to be a concern.

Valerie Scofield, 105 Howard Avenue

I was here about three years ago before the Board concerning the emptying of the trash cans at the Middle School. I live right across the street from the Middle School. I complained last year and they gave me Mr. Maffeo, who did take care of the problem for me. After several meetings with him he took care of the problem where the dump trucks were not coming at 5 o'clock in the morning. That took care of that. But now as of the last few months there is another dump truck that's coming for the recycling. They're coming on Wednesday mornings approximately 5 o'clock, 5:30, 6 o'clock, whatever time they want to come. I called Mr. Schryver, who is in charge now, a couple of months ago. I've had no response yet. I called there on the 8th and left a message with Tom for Mr. Schryver to call me so that we can discuss this and take care of it, but until now I still have no response. I decided I'd better come here to the Aldermen's meeting so I don't have to go back to the newspaper. I went through a whole lot last time I was here, so I hope this can be settled as soon as possible because it's quite disturbing.

I also have asked him, because I have notes back from three years ago where I called everybody – I document everything. One thing I asked was that on Fridays, if not other days, have the dump truck please come after 2 o'clock p.m. on the Fridays to pick up the garbage - otherwise the garbage stays there sometimes the entire weekend and in the summertime you can smell it. It's not very pleasant in the summer and we live there. There are more senior citizens besides myself that live in that area. It would be very, very helpful if someone would tell them please, especially on Fridays, to come after they dump the school lunches trash so that we don't have to look or smell that stuff for the whole weekend. That would be very much appreciated.

One more thing that I'd like to bring up is that again this year, we have a noise ordinance here in Ansonia, I find that the City is the biggest violator of the Ordinance. They come to paint the sidewalks, the streets, the crossing for the schools, 12:30 at night, 1 o'clock in the morning. All of a sudden you hear this noise, and I jump up and look out the window, again they're there. They've been doing it for the last three years. Why is that being done? Why are they coming that time in the morning? Who cares about us? That's what I want to know. Who is overlooking this? It shouldn't be, we have a noise ordinance. Except for an emergency this should not be. That is what I'd like to present to the meeting tonight in hopes that these problems will be taken care of.

President Blume asked Mrs. Scofield to leave her phone number with Eileen and Tara. He stated, they will get hold of Mike Schryver and will contact you so this will be taken care of.

Mrs. Scofield thanked President Blume.

Todd Scofield, 105 Howard Avenue

That is my mother that finished speaking. Basically we're going through the same issue. I'd like to bring up a few others myself. Number one, is there some type of ordinance where the

people that own or rent property in this town have to maintain it at a certain level? Grass is cut, garbage is put in garbage pails, the night before only the garbage should be placed, not during the whole week where raccoons and birds and cats can rip it up. Is there some way where after these people that violate these can be spoken to and handed some kind of warning or fine or something, because I constantly pick up my garbage, which is other people's garbage that comes onto my property, so now it becomes my garbage. It's kind of annoying.

I've been keeping my street clean the best I can – my mother has a corner property – two sides to the street – so not only am I doing one, I'm doing the other side of the street. There are a lot of kids, and I know it's not too much of their fault – sometimes they drop pencils and papers. Also, the condition of the school. There are times in the summer the weeds are so high they're up to my knees. I go past the school at the top of the hill here in Ansonia and that school is immaculate at all times. I'm wondering, what's the difference between that school and the Middle School over here on Howard Avenue.

I also have an issue with a neighbor that has a half-dozen cats roaming around the streets. Can something be done about that?

Last but not least, the same issue my mother has – these people have no respect for senior citizens. You've got kids flying through the neighborhoods, still the same group of family with mopeds, mini-bikes, cars, as though there is no stop sign there. A few times the police have come after we called them. For the most part a lot of times they have not come.

And signs – I'm part of the community committee for my block area. We've been speaking with the City about putting signs on our particular streets which they have not reached yet. I look around at the surrounding areas and they're there. I'm hoping something can be done about that. Thank you.

President Blume stated, we do have a full time blight officer now.

Mr. Scofield stated, I called him but he hasn't gotten back to me yet. I called him about two weeks ago.

President Blume stated, call him, he's downstairs every day full time.

Mr. Scofield stated, I work every day and I don't have time to track people down and ask them to do what they're getting paid to do already.

President Blume stated, call and leave him a message about where the problem is. We'll tell him about the problem and he'll make it there.

Mr. Scofield thanked President Blume.

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

First of all I'd like to thank Phil for his service to our country and I'll personally call Mr. Burns at Farrel Corporation tomorrow morning to make sure that flag is taken care of.

In regard to the prescriptions, on July 1st we changed our prescription coverage to save the City \$160,000. There are some co-pays that are being reimbursed at the City level, but I don't think Ms. Radin is referring to the Board of Education if I'm correct. In regard to the co-pay reimbursement. You wrote out the reimbursement slips. Was it the City or was it the Board of Education?

Mrs. Radin stated, I don't know anything about the Board of Education, the few I have, I don't know. I do know some of the City workers did.

Mayor Della Volpe continued, since we've done that the unions have filed grievances against the City and prohibited practice and unfair labor charges because we changed it to save the City money and save the taxpayers money.

Ms. Radin asked, do you still have to pay them back?

Mayor Della Volpe stated, as we go along in the process we have to. If you understand labor and labor law...

Ms. Radin stated, I understand labor law. That's why I don't have a union.

I'd like to congratulate Amy Casciello for being Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010. She is a product of the Ansonia School System, we're very proud of her, and I think the Board of Aldermen should send her a congratulatory letter.

The City is working closely with the United Illuminating Company to put new lamp posts on Main Street. We're looking to fit the old fashioned old style lamp posts. Public Works is going to install it. We're going to have to wire it. We got the money through a grant so it's not going to cost the City any money. We'll have new lamp posts for Main Street.

Next, the bulk pickup is scheduled for September, October and November. I'd ask the Aldermen to monitor your wards. Please contact the new Zoning Enforcement Officer. He's been overwhelmed since he came on board. He now has over 60 active cases since he started three months ago. Every time our office receives a call for the Zoning/Blight Officer, we give him the information, he's going out, he's being very aggressive. We're getting more and more attorneys involved. I don't know if that's good or bad. We're going to court more often. We're trying to clean up the City and we're being very aggressive about it. I need the Aldermen's help, if you see it in your particular ward please contact our office or the Zoning/Blight Officer.

The City has received \$300,000 in a Small Cities Grant for the rehabilitation of housing units within the City.

October 2nd is our Harvest Festival. It will be held between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. here on Main Street.

On Saturday, September 25th Lanza's is holding a Benefit Block Party for the two Bridgeport Firefighters that were killed in the fire in Bridgeport. We're going to block off Tremont Street to Bridge Street. It's going to go from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. but at 8 p.m. everything will be moving inside and we'll open up the street. We've contacted all the businesses and the Police Department has been down there talking to everybody. I think it's a good benefit and hope that the Board of Aldermen support it.

Our State legislators were able to get some emergency funding for the replacement of the antenna systems at ARMS. Unfortunately we broke down recently. With the legislators' help we were able to get the new antenna system up and running so that we would have coverage for our emergency medical services.

We received an Energy Efficient Grant and we're able to put a new heating system here in City Hall. That should be completed within the next two weeks.

The Stimulus money that we had received – the paving started on Ford Street and will also include Beaver Street. The City will be doing paving on Jackson Street and Prospect Street with the LOCIP funds that we receive through the State.

The Riverwalk signing will finally occur Friday and we'll finally get a shovel in the ground next week. Work is going to be started on the Riverwalk. This has been a long time coming - seven years in progress. We're finally here and we're looking forward to the Riverwalk.

Just recently we had a real true hero in Ansonia. A teenager by the name of Patrick Coyle saved the life of a 14-year-old that collapsed after a long-distance run. Patrick was serving with the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet program and I think it would be advisable that the Board invite Patrick to the next Board meeting so that we can hear his story and honor him also.

Tonight in Vermont three officers from the Ansonia Police Department are being honored, Philip Landona, Bernard Oksenberg, Edward Magera for their service in the fire at the North End where they pulled Laura McMichael, the 81-year-old who is in a wheelchair, out of a burning house. We're proud of the officers.

I'll entertain any questions the Aldermen have.

Alderman Sharkey stated, why don't you quickly outline for the record what the City's policy is on trash.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, they only have a 24-hour period it can be put out. They do get fined if we're notified and we call the police. Now that we have a full-time Zoning/Blight Officer, hopefully he'll be able to hand out tickets himself. But like I said, he's been overwhelmed since he came onboard. It's been very difficult only having a part-time Zoning Enforcement Officer here for four hours a week, and the gentleman lived in Milford. Our full-time officer lives here in Ansonia. Wherever he drives he stops. He's been very aggressive. We do have a 24-hour policy. You should let the Mayor's Office or the Police Department – I know they've given out tickets in the past and will continue to do so now.

President Blume thanked Mayor Della Volpe.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

I received an e-mail today from our labor counsel regarding Peter Lovermi, who had filed an action regarding the Sergeants examination. He lost in Superior Court – it was the second time he lost about being able to be placed as a sergeant. The appeal period has lapsed. Labor Counsel is closing the file. The Police Department can proceed with the Sergeants' examination.

On the property off of Hodio Drive we have a date of December 17 for court – that's the one that abuts the Nature Center.

We have other matters on the agenda – Communication #4 – this has been going on for about 25 years. We finally got the homeowner to assist us and give us an easement to fix O'Neil's Court flooding problem. Thank you.

President Blume thanked Corporation Counsel Blake.

Detective Sergeant Patrick Lynch

School started two weeks ago without any issues.

Due to the diligence of the Neighborhood Crime Watch on the west side we were able to investigate and initiate a case on the house on Hull Street where a search warrant was served and two individuals arrested.

In regard to the Lanza's benefit for the firefighters and the Harvest Festival, there will be some street closures. Due to the Maple Street bridge being closed it will force us to have to turn the one-way on Tremont the opposite way during those two events to facilitate traffic coming around. It will be posted and there will be Police Officers to facilitate a smooth flow of traffic.

On September 25th the Drug Enforcement Administration is sponsoring a "Drug Take Back" at the ARMS building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Citizens are urged to bring their old or unused prescriptions to ARMS to be properly disposed of.

Alderman Jerome Fainer stated, I went out to dinner tonight at a local restaurant on Bridge Street. The owner asked me about a planned no parking on Bridge Street due to the construction going on. He said the Police Commission is talking about 7-9 and 3-5 there will be no parking on Bridge Street between West Main and Main Streets.

Sergeant Lynch stated, I will speak to the Chief about that when he comes back.

Mayor DellaVolpe stated, it's only in discussion – there are no plans to implement it just yet – it's just in the discussion phase. I'll see John myself.

Joseph Miller – Comptroller

You have my report in front of you. The months of July and August were busy, ending one year and starting the current fiscal year. The Finance Department and Senior Center will be holding a reverse mortgage workshop for the seniors. We were told by a lot of senior citizens this year, more than normal, that they can't pay their taxes. So we'll have a reverse mortgage seminar or workshop at the Senior Center to explain the process to them. Mrs. Radin, I will respond to you by the end of this week.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Alderman Gene Sharkey

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

Fire Committee – Alderman Gene Sharkey

We all know there was a major fire in Seymour on Saturday. The City of Ansonia sent five pieces of equipment and four companies there. We were well represented and all of the officials in Seymour thanked us for our services.

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

Alderman Jerome Fainer – Ansonia Rescue and Medical Services Committee

We had 245 dispatches. We transported 178. For the fiscal year we had 1,587 dispatches and 1,090 transports.

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 - Economic Development Committee

We had a pretty active month – we had a tour with the Connecticut Office of Film, Television and Visual Media that seemed to come off very well. It lasted most of the day. We toured sites such as Copper and Brass, Farrel, the Opera House, and hopefully in the end we've made lots of good contacts for the City. I really have to thank Mayor Della Volpe for stepping in and helping the schedules come together and acting as an excellent tour guide.

We're pressing on with some of our additional objectives - a business survey to get out there and record important information from our businesses in order to help them and track new investors. Also, there is interest on the committee to put together some sort of tax incentive plan with the new budget that's going to come up next year. We hope to work inside the

committee and with our Executive Director Claude Perry on putting something together with the Board of Apportionment and Taxation in the coming months.

In addition to that, we're very happy to see the Small Cities Grant being granted for the first time in about a decade – that's for housing rehabilitation. That's something that myself, our former Chairman Jim Prestiano, and Claude Perry felt very strongly about for awhile. I know it couldn't have been done without the support of the Mayor's Office and Mr. President, yourself too. Housing rehabilitation and improvement in the neighborhoods is exactly what needs to happen.

We've been working with Eileen Krugel and Rich Bshara in making changes to the City website to make it business climate friendly, so that a business owner or investor outside of Ansonia can come to our website and learn about our business climate and make direct contact with us.

President Blume thanked Alderman Marini.

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

President Blume stated, just one note, there was no quorum again. I was instrumental in this with you, we put nine people on the board. Is there a problem? Do we need to increase the number?

Alderman Marini replied, there is a replacement for Jim Prestiano on tonight but I don't think it has direct bear on the quorum problem. I also note that last night at the Zoning Board of Appeals there was also no quorum for the second month in a row. I'm seeing it as a City-wide thing. I really do think we might want to look into something – I don't know if a resolution would be the proper step, but something really needs to be said to remind people of the importance and trust we place in people that are on boards. A lot of people think, well, I missed one meeting, there are other people to fall back and they'll make it if I'm not there. A lot of times that's not the case, and everyone's thinking the same thing. So you have a lot of good people on Economic Development and I'm sure Zoning Board of Appeals who unfortunately are, unintentionally, causing a bit of delay. This might be a position for us to step in and remind, in a good-natured way, the importance.

President Blume stated, we'll look into it, thank you.

Municipal Reports / Annual Reports

No action.

Tax Refunds

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to grant the refunds for the months of July and August in the amount of \$14,774.76 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Claims

08-10-764 Barbara Gilson
08-10-765 Joseph Casanova

Alderman Bender MOVED to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel Blake and the Insurance Carrier. SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

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

Communication #1

From: Mayor James Della Volpe

Re: Clifford Reappointment to SCC Regional Water District Policy Board

Alderman Fainer MOVED to reappoint Thomas P. Clifford III to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District Policy Board; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #2

From: Chairman John Finnucan, Board of Public Works

Re: Bid Award for New Roof at Ansonia Police Department

Alderman Sharkey MOVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Public Works, to award the bid to DiGiorgi Roofing and Siding, Inc. – the low and local bidder – at a cost of \$12,236; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #3

From: Attorney Thomas Welch
Re: Easement for Yankeeegas

Alderman Sharkey explained, this entails an easement for Northeast Utilities for Yankee Gas at the parcel of land next to where we have the towers on Wakelee Avenue at the intersection of Exit 19. It's something they have to do there and it's on City property.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to approve the Grant of Easement as presented between the City of Ansonia and Yankee Gas Services; and authorize Mayor James DellaVolpe to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same, subject to receipt of a favorable 8-24 referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission; SECONDED by Alderman Jerome Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #4

From: Attorney Thomas Welch
Re: Easement for Rosaria and Antonio Spadaro

Alderman Sharkey explained, I'd like everybody to be aware that there is a serious drainage problem on O'Neils Court and this has been years in the making to get to this point. Mr. and Mrs. Spadaro finally are agreeing to allow an easement to be placed across their property.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to approve the Temporary Construction Easement and Drainage and Maintenance Easement and Agreement between the City of Ansonia and Rosaria and Antonio Spadaro, and to authorize Mayor James Della Volpe to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same, subject to receipt of a favorable 8-24 referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Appeal of Tax Assessment for Target Corporation

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #6

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Ronald DeGregoria, Worker's Compensation

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #7

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Donation of Land from Ernest and Joan Trefz, 20 Woodbridge Manor

Alderman Fainer stated, my advice is that we do not accept this offer – we will just be paying the tax bill on this property. I don't think it's good for the City. It's only a small lot that's not part of any open space.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, the taxes are current. It appears that this street was supposed to go up a little farther and this lot is in the middle of the woods. The road doesn't even extend to it.

Alderman Jerome Fainer MOVED not to accept the donation of land at 20 Woodbridge Manor; SECONDED by Alderman Jordanides. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #8

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Environmental Land Use Restriction Subordination Agreements for 153 Main Street and 497 East Main Street

Corporation Counsel Blake explained, this is a part of the clean up of the alleyway between the ATP Building and the Palmer Building. These are restrictions that the EPA have put in place. This has been years in the process to get to this point. We finally have the agreements – let's get them signed and get these buildings sold.

President Blume stated, the remediation has started over there already. They're taking out the contaminated ground. This has been a very, very long process.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the Subordination Agreements and supporting Resolutions with respect to Environmental Land Use Restrictions concerning 153 Main Street and 497 East Main Street, and authorize Mayor James Della Volpe to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same, subject to the receipt of a favorable 8-24 referral by the Planning and Zoning Commission; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communication #9

From: Mayor James Della Volpe

Re: Kolakowski Appointment to Valley Transit District Board of Directors

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

Communication #10

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Approval of Hiring Contractor for Construction Engineering, Inspection, Surveying and Administration for Ansonia Riverwalk Project

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to hire Mr. Fred D'Amico as the City's Contractor for Construction Engineering, Inspection, Surveying and Administration of the Phase I Project

of the Ansonia Riverwalk, State Project No. 002-127, Federal Project No. H124 (004); and further, authorize Mayor James Della Volpe to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate same; SECONDED by Alderman Jerome Fainer.

Corporation Counsel Blake noted that Mr. D'Amico is the City Engineer.

Alderman Sharkey stated, it is also very cost effective – it was put out to bid and Mr. D'Amico came in with a bid that was \$150,000 cheaper than one of the other bids received. He is familiar with the project. It made no sense for us to look at the other people.

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

Late Communications

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

Late Communication #1

From: Comptroller Joseph Miller

Re: Bid Award for the 2009-2010 Audit

Public Session

President Blume asked if any member of the public wished to speak on Late Communication #1. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

Alderman Jordanides MOVED to award the bid for the Audit of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to the low bidder, Michaud and Accavallo in the amount of \$41,000; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resignations

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read the three resignations aloud.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the resignation of Tara Kolakowski from the Board of Aldermen and send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the resignation of Christine Boulay from the Cultural Commission and send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Sharkey. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Marini MOVED to accept the resignation of James Prestiano from the Economic Development Commission and 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.

Appointments

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read aloud Mayor James Della Volpe's appointments as outlined in his letter of September 9, 2010, as follows:

GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to appoint Tara Kolakowski of 14 Farrel Drive, term to expire 11-30-2011; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Alderman Marini MOVED to appoint Patrick Henri of 16 Harris Road, Prestiano replacement, term to expire 02-28-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Sharkey. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolutions

Resolution #1

Re: Personal Services Agreement (PSA) between the City of Ansonia and the State of Connecticut DEP for the fulfillment of the America the Beautiful Grant Program

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Robert Beall and Jerome Fainer of the Fourth Ward and Alderman Stephen Blume of the Seventh Ward introduced the following Resolution:

Department of Environmental Protection's
America the Beautiful Urban Forestry Grant Program

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia, through the City of Ansonia Board of Aldermen meeting held and convened on September 14, 2010, received a grant from the

State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, America the Beautiful Grant Program to assist planting and maintenance of trees under the urban forestry project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, James T. Della Volpe, is empowered to execute the Personal Services Agreement (PSA) between the City of Ansonia and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut for the fulfillment of the America the Beautiful Grant Program.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to adopt Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolution #2

Re: Granting of Easement to Yankeegas on Wakelee Avenue

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Stephen Blume, James Fainer, Jerome Fainer, and Pasquale Pietrangelo of the 7th, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wards, respectively, introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, YankeeGas Services Company having a principal place of business at 107 Selden Street, Berlin, Connecticut currently has a regulatory station located on Wakelee Avenue in Ansonia, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, YankeeGas Services Company is anticipating rebuilding the existing regulatory station and is requesting a permanent easement from the City of Ansonia as part of this upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, YankeeGas Services Company is seeking a permanent easement from the City of Ansonia as set forth in the proposed grant of easement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia Board of Aldermen finds that the grant of that easement to be in the best interest of the City and for the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Ansonia shall review the easement pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Ansonia hereby grants an easement to YankeeGas Services Company on the westerly side of Wakelee Avenue in Ansonia, Connecticut as more described in the grant of easement and that the Mayor of Ansonia is empowered to sign said easement on behalf of the City of Ansonia upon favorable approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Ansonia pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to Adopt Resolutions 2, 3 and 4; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolution #3

Re: Entering into Temporary Easements with the Owners of 161 O'Neil's Court

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Stephen Blume, James Fainer, Jerome Fainer, and Pasquale Pietrangelo of the 7th, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wards, respectively, introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The City of Ansonia is correcting a drainage problem in the vicinity of 161 O'Neil's Court; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Ansonia to obtain a temporary construction easement and a drainage and maintenance easement of Rosaria Spadaro and Antonio Spadaro, owners of 161 O'Neil's Court, Ansonia, Connecticut in order to correct the drainage problem;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ansonia Board of Aldermen hereby approves entering into a temporary construction easement and drainage and maintenance easement with the owners of 161 O'Neil's Court and that the Mayor of Ansonia is authorized to sign any and all documents including the temporary construction easement and a drainage and maintenance easement in order to complete the aforementioned renovations. Upon a favorable approval of the City of Ansonia Planning and Zoning Commission under auspices of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to Adopt Resolutions 2, 3 and 4; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolution #4

Re: Subordination Agreements – 153 Main and 497 East Main Streets

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Edward Adamowski of the 1st Ward and Gene Sharkey of the 7th Ward introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia is the owner of properties located at 153 Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut and 497 East Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia wishes to subordinate its rights and interest of two Environmental Land Use Restrictions to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut with respect to these two properties as more defined in two Subordination Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia desires that the Subordination Agreements be reviewed by the City of Ansonia Planning and Zoning Commission under the auspices of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ansonia approve the two Subordination Agreements containing Environmental Land Use Restrictions with respect to properties located at 153 Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut and 497 East Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut upon a favorable approval of the City of Ansonia Planning and Zoning Commission under the auspices of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24. Furthermore, Mayor James Della Volpe is authorized to execute the two Subordination Agreements on behalf of the City of Ansonia.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to Adopt Resolutions 2, 3 and 4; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolution #5

Re: Authorizing a Temporary Committee to create a video recording policy for Board of Aldermen meetings

RESOLUTION

Alderman John Marini of the 3rd Ward introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia recognizes the importance of maintaining an open and transparent government; and

WHEREAS, voluntary openness on the part of government increases public confidence by promoting a culture of openness and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the acting President of the United States, Barack Obama, has stated that "Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in Government" in his presidential memoranda dated January 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the video recording of Board of Aldermen meetings will afford Ansonia residents the convenience of directly viewing the activity of their public officials in the event they cannot attend a scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting; and

WHEREAS, the availability of video recorded Board of Aldermen meetings will increase public awareness of the issues facing the City of Ansonia, and thereby foster greater public participation in government; and

WHEREAS, modern technology provides unprecedented cost-efficient means of making video recorded Board of Aldermen meetings available to the public, including local access television, the internet and DVDs; and

WHEREAS, the video recording of Board of Aldermen meetings can be accomplished in a manner that is not disruptive to the meetings; and

WHEREAS, the video recording of Board of Aldermen meetings can be accomplished without additional budgetary appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut legislature, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-226, has granted the public a right to video record public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. A temporary committee will be chartered to create a "Video Recording Policy" for Board of Aldermen meetings. The policy will set forth details concerning recording of meetings, and the manner such recordings will be made available to the public.
2. The "Video Recording Policy" will be drafted in accordance with this Resolution, and Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-226, and will be subject to approval by the Ansonia Board of Aldermen.
3. The "Video Recording Policy" must be approved by the Board of Aldermen by no later than the Board of Aldermen meeting scheduled for December 2010.
4. The video recording of Board of Aldermen meetings will commence no later than the Board of Aldermen meeting scheduled for January 2011.

Alderman Marini stated, this is a resolution pursuant to our discussion at our last meeting. In support of videotaping Board of Aldermen meetings, which I feel is an extension of a courtesy to the residents of Ansonia to make it easier to view their public officials in action. Residents who may be unable to make meetings, be unable to keep up with what their elected officials are doing. I think it's in the interest of open and transparent government to do so and I think considering all the new technology it is possible to do so at minimal cost. I put forth the resolution to form a committee to look into the exact manner of the videotaping and the exact manner of disseminating the videotapes to the public – whether they be on file with the Clerk or extend it in another manner such as public access television or even the Internet.

Alderman Marini MOVED to adopt Resolution #5; SECONDED by Alderman Jordanides.

Alderman Fainer stated, I have no problem with the videotaping. There are too many things that have to be answered. I would rather see the President of the Board of Aldermen or the Mayor appoint a committee. Who is going to do it, what will it cost. In lieu of this resolution I'd go along with appointing a committee, you guys get the answers and come back to us. I have a list of questions. You've got timelines on here...

Alderman Marini interjected, in order to sort of address the concerns I think the ideal cost is zero. The ideal cost is nothing. However, obviously, we can't ever vote on something before we have things set. This resolution is setting forth the creation of a committee to explore how it can be done and how it should be recommended. Of course the target is to do in line

with what the resolution recommends. The resolution recommends no extra budgetary appropriation for it. The timelines I put forth in there is sort of the same thing with how we set our budget, although we didn't know the ins and outs we put a timeline to make sure it gets done. The burden is on the committee to look into it and figure out how to deliver it, how we want it, which is no extra expense and the most feasible way possible. It says in the resolution that it's subject to this Board's approval.

Alderman Fainer stated, I think in lieu of the whole resolution, just form the committee.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to TABLE the resolution and empower the President of the Board of Aldermen to form a committee; SECONDED by Alderman Bender.
A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Unfinished Business

President Blume stated, I have one item I'd like brought up – the request from the Gridiron Club regarding handling the refreshment stand for the Ansonia High School home games.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to remove from table Late Communication #2 from the July 13, 2010 meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Bender. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Late Communication #2 (July 13, 2010 Board of Aldermen meeting)
From: Chairman Al Smith, Ansonia Recreation Commission
Re: Concession Stand Oversight

Alderman Fainer MOVED to grant the Gridiron Club the Concession Stand rights to all Ansonia High School Football Games played at home; SECONDED by Alderman Bender. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

New Business

None presented.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:05 p.m., Alderman Sharkey MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. Appeal of Tax Assessment for Target Corporation (take action if necessary)
2. Ronald DeGregoria, Worker's Compensation (take action if necessary)

and invited Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake and Mayor Della Volpe and Chairman of Board of Apportionment and Taxation to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Pietrangelo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 8:29 p.m., Alderman Bender MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Pietrangelo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Action on Executive Session Items

1. Appeal of Tax Assessment for Target Corporation

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to proceed with the stipulated judgment in the Tax Assessment Appeal of Target Corporation; SECONDED by Alderman Bender. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

2. Ronald DeGregoria, Worker's Compensation

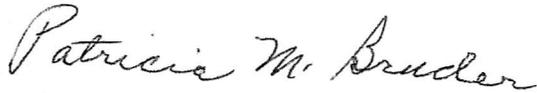
Alderman Adamowski MOVED to proceed with the recommendation of Counsel in the workers compensation case of Ronald DeGregoria; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia M. Bruder".

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen