



CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Regular Meeting – June 14, 2011

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 (7:08)
Jason Bender, D2 - present
Peter Danielczuk, D2 - present
Joseph Jeanette, D3- present
John Marini, R3- present
Robert Beall, D4 - present

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

President Blume declared a quorum of 11 present, 3 absent.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10 and Special Meeting of June 2 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Public Session

President Blume asked three times if any member of the public wished to address the Board.

Jeffrey Damon, Derby Avenue, Derby

I've got a dispute over a tax bill. I recently went to Motor Vehicle and they find that I owe a tax, an automobile tax from 1998. When I disputed it, it was \$137. When I disputed it she raised by 313 percent to \$429. When I disputed it again she raised it to \$803.

Now, I paid this tax and I assume everybody I talk to said they were looking for a canceled check that said I had paid it. But if you pay it and you want a Department of Motor Vehicle release, then you have to pay in cash. That's what

I assume I did. I got a registration document from the Department of Motor Vehicles which I had to go through great difficulty to get - they made it very difficult. They showed in 2006 I did not owe this tax. Then why do I still owe it, why do you still say that I owe it? There's still a hold at the Department of Motor Vehicles and I didn't owe it in 2006 and I haven't lived in the City of Ansonia.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake stated, if you can give me the information, I'll talk to the Tax Collector on this and get back to you.

Mr. Day stated, I've already talked to the Tax Collector.

President Blume stated, he's the Corporation Counsel. Turn the papers over to him if you would so he can resolve this.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, if you want to wait, I'll go make copies right now.

Randy Carroll, 40 Fourth Street
President, Liberty Pines Condominiums

Good evening. I hope you guys support the Graffiti Ordinance. Our condominium spent \$24,000 on a fence around Gatison Park, our property. So far it's been spray painted with graffiti three times. We've spent over \$300 taking the graffiti down. People in the complex hope that you do support it. The Police were called. You know, we're not asking for a kid to be arrested but you know, if he's going to be threatened with a hefty fine he might give it a second thought on going and spraying a 12-foot section of the fence. Thank you.

Joan Radin, 198 Wakelee Avenue

I'd like to thank you for, well, John came up to the store and the problem on Church Street evidently had been taken care of just before I came to the meeting. So I would like to thank you for taking care of it right away.

I have a question. One of my neighbors was in to my store the other day and last winter the house next to her - we're not sure, it's been empty, the woman died. Her children moved all the stuff out; had a tag sale. We're not sure whether it's sold - there was a "For Sale" sign on it - there's no foreclosure sign or anything on it. Now the grass is up about 2.5 feet. All last winter no one cleaned the sidewalks, and you know how much snow we had last winter. My sidewalks are cleaned every snowstorm. The woman living on Wakelee Avenue couldn't get to the doctor's - she walks - and she had to walk out in the street for her appointment down the street. She called City Hall and she was told it was not their responsibility, but they didn't tell her whose responsibility it was. There is also a house for sale a couple doors down on the same street and the

grass there is about a foot high. I mean, it's fine. I don't care. Somebody has to be responsible for the property. If it's the realtor, if it's the owners, whoever it is. I don't know where this house across the street, I don't know what level it's at, whether it's a bank that owns it or if it's in foreclosure or if the family still owns it, but nothing has been done there in over a year. There have been no sidewalks cleared. Like I said, all winter we had so much snow as you well know, and nothing was done. People had to walk out in the street in order to get by the house. I would appreciate it if someone could look into that, whether it's the Blight Officer or the City or something like that.

The other thing I have that I'd like to remark on is the fact that our Library is going to be closed. It's open from 9 to 4 five days a week. I have had a customer in today and she said she happens to be in very dire straits with her family and they do walk over to the Library and use it for reading. Her children are in school. Right now they don't have a TV, they don't have a lot of things, so they do use the Library. They use it for the computer, they use it for reading and everything else. She is just one of many I'm sure in this town. I think it's wonderful that it's open from 9 to 4, because the seniors, it gives them a place to read the paper because they're too expensive to buy, and it gives them a place to do a little socializing. I know the other libraries in the other towns, I've been to the one in Derby, the one in Stratford where they have programs where they bring in things and they bring in, I've met an author, I've met an Irish author, I've met teachers from different schools that have come there and given speeches and had group things. I don't know what they charge. We have nothing like that in this town and I think it's a shame that we're taking away the little that we do have for something, which is like the Library. I mean, what about the kids that all summer long have to go and read books. They have to scholastic, they have to read so many books for the summer. Where are they going to get them if the Library's closed at 4 o'clock and it's closed Saturday? I know this for a fact because when my grandson was growing up, he and I were at the Library a lot at night because I work until 6 o'clock. So I mean, why are we doing this to take away this little bit that we have in this town that's something for people to go to, to see the books, to read. We're all not computer people, I'm not. I'm not an electronic person. I like to read and I like to read with a book in my hand. I'm sure there are many people that do. So please give the Library back some of their hours. Give us back some intellectual things in this town so people can learn. Thank you.

[Alderman Duffus arrives at this point 7:08 p.m. 12 present]

David Geloso, 12 Coe Lane
Acting Chief, Ansonia Rescue and Medical Services

The other night, we had a Commission meeting and I forgot to ask this question being that everything that was going on. There had been interviews done for a combination paid staff supervisor and a director, which would combine my job and the acting supervisor's job. I have been getting several inquiries as to what

the status was. I know that the Personnel Director responded to those because they were forwarded to him. Is there any progress on that?

President Blume stated, that will be handled tonight under appointments. The Personnel Director called me, but we had the appointment - the appointment had been made. When the Mayor appointed him, then we sent it in.

Mr. Geloso stated, okay.

President Blume stated, that just happened in the last couple of days.

Mr. Geloso continued, in relation to that, I was wondering if the Chief, as is listed in the Charter, can have two assistant chiefs and if so, it would make a full commission and also would give that one person, because you're combining two jobs, it would give him two assistants to help out with whatever the load is on the organization. Right now it has been myself and that's it. Jared's been helping out and some of the other guys have been helping out.

In order to put things together, I think it would be good that we do similar to what the Fire Department does. They elect a Chief from within their organization - the volunteers come together and they vote in a Chief. I think that would be a good thing - the Charter allows for that - two assistant chiefs, so you'd have the Director/paid Staff Supervisor and two assistants that could sit on a commission and have a balanced voice.

President Blume stated, sounds good, we can discuss that at the next ARMS Commission meeting. That's good.

Mr. Geloso stated, that's all I had. Thank you.

Michael Egan, 103 Benz Street

There are a couple of issues I'd like to bring to your attention. You are probably already aware of them but for your consideration. Recently it was reported the Derby Superintendent of Schools was seeking to combine with Ansonia to reduce expenditures. The Board of Aldermen should take control of this and accomplish this to reduce our taxes. At this time, the Education system as it is takes a disproportionate amount of the City budget. This should have been accomplished back in the 80s when Bill Menna requested it when he was Mayor, but it failed. Twelve years ago, again it failed. Don't let the Ansonia Education system fail again. The Education people appear to be more interested in their job security than in a good education system that will cost the taxpayers less. For these reasons the Board of Aldermen should take the lead in the effort to regionalize the school system.

Another issue that recently has been talked about is the walkway. Derby has done an outstanding job with their Riverwalk, with their greenway. One area they do not seem to be able to control is dog poop, although trying to control it

without any success. The only thing that would work is a ban on people with dogs. It's a shame because of a few. Some try to clean up behind their pets, do half a job. The only thing that would work is a ban on people with dogs. Others have extended leashes for their dogs or no leash at all or multiple dogs. All this presents problems for those walking or jogging on the walkway. Is this going to be a walkway or a bikeway? I would suggest that if we're thinking about a bikeway that it would be better designed on the streets in Ansonia rather than on a walkway. Walkway is just a sidewalk. Posting a lot of signs are pretty meaningless unless there's a legal issue for them I don't know about that. We don't post signs on the other sidewalks. Few people read them anyways. Their main purpose seems to be giving the graffiti people another place to leave their marks. The only sign I suggest is "No Dogs Permitted". Thank you.

Ken Plavnicky, 15 Mountainview

I have a question for Alderman Marini. Alderman, is there anything going on with the projects? I haven't heard anything. Is that on it's way to be crumbled or what?

Alderman Marini replied, well Ken, as far as I know, the information on that, I...

Alderman Knapp interjected, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman...

Mr. Plavnicky interjected, I was talking.

Alderman Knapp continued, point of order. When you ask a question, you address the Chair...

Mr. Plavnicky stated, I'll address Alderman Marini...

Alderman Knapp continued, you address the Chairman and the Chairman...

Mr. Plavnicky stated, relax.

Alderman Knapp continued, ...will forward your question.

[Multiple speakers]

Alderman Knapp stated, Mr. Marini, would you please inform him of the proper procedure and how he is to address the Board? Thank you.

Alderman Marini explained, the proper procedure under Robert's Rules is that any speaker, including the members of this Board, have to address the President of the Board. He is the conduit. Now of course, the Aldermen are free to respond to your questions as they hear them, but you must address the President of the Board. That is the proper decorum...

Alderman Knapp stated, thank you.

Alderman Marini continued, ...it's a respectful decorum, that's the way it needs to be.

Mr. Plavnicky stated, okay.

Alderman Marini stated, and you can address your question...

Mr. Plavnicky interjected, okay, Mr. President, I have a question for Alderman Marini please.

President Blume stated, certainly.

Alderman Marini stated, to my knowledge, to answer your question, as far as I know, the application has not yet been submitted from the Housing Authority to the State, and I am not aware of what the hold up is at this point.

Mr. Plavnicky asked, is anyone aware of anything?

Mayor DellaVolpe stated, I can address that. There was a consultant that was working on it, and the Housing Authority terminated his contract. They have since gone out to bid, they've come in with a new consultant, you know, a new contract for a new consultant. They've hired him. That person's going, that company is going through the process of putting together a demolition plan which they submit to the State. So it should be happening some time this summer.

Mr. Plavnicky stated, good. Thank you. [And addressing Alderman Knapp]: Idiot.

Alderman Knapp stated, what?

President Blume asked three times if any other 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 say that our office has received many compliments on the playing fields in the City this summer. I often get so many complaints about the conditions, but this year Public Works has done a tremendous job. I'm sure the rain had a lot to do with getting the fields greener and we're very happy about that.

I would also like to ask the subcommittee on Community Property Sales and Land Trust to hold a meeting on a proposal from the Ansonia Copper and Brass

in regard to their administrative building and also, Joe Jalowiec has approached me in regard to some property on Elm Street. I'd like to have that subcommittee please hold a meeting so we can discuss what proposals come up.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in Clean Up Day in Ansonia. We went up to Liberty Park and Liberty Street and Gatison Park. We had a lot of volunteers from Big Y, the Ansonia High School Football Team and the Ansonia High School Human Relations, and also residents from the Liberty Pines Condominium Association that were there with us helping. They did a tremendous job, we did a great clean up that day and I'd just like to thank everybody.

Graduation is this week. At Mead, Prendergast and Assumption I was able to address all the students that were graduating from the DARE classes. I will also be addressing the Middle School, the High School and Emmett O'Brien later this week.

I also would like to tell you that we have ongoing discussions with the City of Derby, the Mayor's Office and the Chairman of the WPCA in regard to the regionalization of our WPCA Facility. As you all know, ours is going to be opening up within a couple of weeks and we have the capacity to handle Derby's if they decide to come with us. They're in the process of doing a study, 20-year study, and it will be shortly mandated to build their own facility. It would be best if we worked out an agreement where they come to Ansonia. We're working with DEP on this also.

I'd like to discuss the resolution that you have in front of you tonight. I have a prepared statement so if you'd bear with me.

During the last several years, Ansonia has quietly and methodically put in place a local energy program that is helping our City in many ways. It has been a strong success. The program has consisted of several parts and tonight's resolution on this possible project would represent an important step in that continuing program.

First, we put together our energy consumption out to competitive suppliers and, with the guidance of our energy consultant, Michael Scorrano, we are able to save many thousands of dollars annually by taking advantage of the competitive marketplace. We estimate that over a five-year period, Ansonia has saved more than \$150,000 as a result of this effort. These savings were achieved at no out-of-pocket cost to our government and have helped us to keep taxes stable.

Secondly, our consultant is now completing a comprehensive energy audit of all of our municipal buildings including our schools. That audit will examine our energy usage building by building and will include recommendations as how to improve efficiencies, use energy smarter and to avoid waste.

Again, this audit was conducted at no cost to our City as we successfully applied for and were granted a Department of Energy grant for its completion.

It is our intention to use federal and state incentives, including new incentives authorized by the passage last week of a new energy bill by the legislature that will enable us to upgrade our energy systems with payback financing over a defined period of time.

We hope to have the audit results this month. Then, using these grant monies from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and private financing, we are near completion of our first solar energy project which will include the installation of solar panels on the roof of Ansonia High School. This 200-kilowatt project will lower our school system's electric bill and begin our steady march to becoming a green energy City.

Again, this project is being accomplished at no cost to our taxpayers and through a purchase agreement between the investors and the school system wherein the school agrees to consume this lower cost power over a defined period, the revenues from that agreement are used by the investors to pay the capital and operational costs of the project. This is smart business as well as smart energy.

Tonight, I urge passage of this resolution so that we can undertake an effort to determine if our City can become greener, smarter, and independent in our energy usage. Taking advantage of our status as the first Connecticut community to enact an Energy Improvement District (EID) ordinance, we could use the clean and green power generated at such a facility to power every municipal building in Ansonia as well as having some left over that might be sent at a lower cost to local non-profit institutions and also to our businesses.

Our Energy Board, led by Frank Tyszka, after careful study and analysis of the benefits of such an endeavor to our environment, local budget and business and community reputation, has recommended that we proceed.

Like all of our energy initiatives, this project must meet five fundamental tests before we proceed:

1. It must make Ansonia greener;
2. It must save money;
3. It must reduce our carbon footprint;
4. It must reduce our dependence on foreign energy, and
5. It must not cost money to our City taxpayers.

I urge passage of this resolution so that we can further analyze this proposal and take advantage of federal energy tax grants set to expire at year's end.

We have an opportunity to become one of the most innovative and greenest local communities, which will help give our community reputation, attract business investment, save us money and create local jobs.

[Applause rang throughout the forum].

One other thing, the Renaissance Faire is opening at Warsaw Park this weekend. It goes for three weekends.

We're still in negotiations with our contracts. The last two sessions had been canceled - the union's attorney was on trial and our attorney was on trial. We have dates set up for the end of June and the middle of July.

Alderman Sharkey stated, one of the projects that Mayor Della Volpe mentioned was putting solar panels on the High School roof. We're very glad that did happen. The School Building Commission was actually looking into putting solar panels on the other three school buildings, but we were under a time constraint - we were notified in April that all the paperwork if we wanted to repair the roofs, had to be done in June and filed before July 1st. So we did not have the opportunity to put them on, otherwise we probably would have put them on the other three buildings too.

President Blume thanked Mayor Della Volpe.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

I got notification this week that the Town of Seymour has approved the Police Assistance Agreement regarding sharing private duty officers. It will be at no cost to the City. We're just waiting for the Mayor to sign it and then we will publish it before it goes into effect.

Attorney Ludlum is here to represent the City in a matter of Belko v. Magera. He is going to meet with us in Executive Session.

There are two agreements - one is regarding CMED, it's the dispatch for ARMS, and also E-Waste Collection. I've reviewed them both and made some changes to the E-Waste Collection Agreement to that company, and I recommend the passage. Thank you.

Alderman Marini stated, back to our O'Neills Court drainage issue.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, O'Neill's Court - I was supposed to have today - he told me Friday and I gave him a call back this afternoon because I was in and out of the office today - I was supposed to have the appraisal today from Mr. Rak. I didn't have it; I already called him tonight and I'll give him a call tomorrow. I did meet with the Spadaro's last week and I gave them an update yesterday.

Alderman Marini stated, this is the same appraisal that we were waiting for last month.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, that is correct. That is correct.

Alderman Marini stated, question. Have we ever been delayed getting say, a tax bill out to a resident for 15-20 years?

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, I don't know.

Alderman Marini stated, probably not. Or a utility bill. You know, I understand we're moving forward with the process, but it's amazingly unfair to the people in that area. We need to expedite this; we need to get it done. It's just not right. You don't wait 30 years to fix a drainage problem. As I mentioned before about the City Charter, Section 98 gives this Board the power to correct any drainage issue, at our vote. And the reason is pretty obvious, you don't even need to dig into the legislative history, if there's a drainage problem it doesn't just affect the person whose property the problem is on. It affects everybody in the area. If there is ongoing property damage to an entire part of the neighborhood, we need to have the ability to act fast and to stop it. We have taken 30 years to act. We need to get this done.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I think we're very close on this thing. Again, I would not recommend this Board to go in there with Public Works and do that - potential lawsuit - we don't need that. I've spoken to all the parties there and I do get agreement and told them this is going to be done this building season. Of course we've had torrential rain this year, but they said yes, that's no problem, and then they come back and say, oh, we want it done yesterday. So we are moving forward. I got a call in to Mr. Rak to get this thing done. He knew it was an apparent thing to get it done.

Alderman Marini stated, it's just, you know, it's a priority. If it comes into August and this is not done I'm going to introduce a resolution that this Board just act. We have Public Works go in there, correct the problem. I stand by our Charter. I believe our Charter is right.

Alderman Jerome Fainer asked, may I address Alderman Marini?

President Blume replied, yes.

Alderman Fainer stated, as far as I know we got one Corporation Counsel. The people that were involved in that called me yelling and screaming because you're giving them a different legal opinion than he's giving them.

Alderman Marini stated, I'm telling them my position as an Alderman.

Alderman Fainer stated, yeah, but they're telling me, "Attorney Marini is telling me this..." How am I supposed to answer the people when he's giving an opinion as our Corporation Counsel and you're giving them an opinion?

Alderman Marini stated, I have the ability to give them an opinion. I just gave everyone here the same opinion. I've been giving the same opinion for six months.

Alderman Fainer stated, they don't call and yell and scream at you, they're yelling and screaming at me, because "Attorney Marini told me that he's wrong."

Alderman Marini stated, I think the reason they're yelling and screaming is the problem hasn't been corrected in 30 years. That's the reason.

Alderman Fainer stated, but here's another thing. One of the individuals over there wants the Public Works Department to put sand bags up and take them away every rainstorm. It's impossible for them to do that.

Alderman Marini stated, you bring up a really good point, Jerome. I mean, we can't be at the beck and call of how anybody wants it done specifically. The point is, we have the ability to do it. We should have gone in there 30 years ago and did it how it needed to be done. I don't want to follow anybody's direction there, I just want to get the job done.

Alderman Fainer stated, I can't have two different Corporation Counsels. I've got to listen to one.

Alderman Marini stated, and I can't not give my opinion as a member of this Board and representative of the residents.

President Blume stated, thank you, John.

Corporation Counsel Blake asked, John, did I answer your question?

Alderman Marini replied, definitely.

President Blume stated, I passed these out to everybody; it explains anaerobic digestion. I hope everybody got it. I also put out a spreadsheet and the spreadsheet will show what the savings will be when we finally do discuss the savings on electricity. If you're wondering what these two papers are doing in front of you, that's what they are.

Lieutenant Wayne Williams, Ansonia Police Department

Chief Hale wasn't able to be here tonight. I'll be brief with what I want to update you on.

The Mayor had spoken about the Renaissance Faire coming this weekend. We've been working with them on traffic issues. In the past we've had some issues up there. I think we have it worked out, we'll see this first weekend. They've been pretty open to working with us. We had some issues with the Renaissance Faire up there in the past, it is not the organization running it this year. These people seem to be very receptive to the changes that needed to be made.

We're in the process of filling two funded positions. We started with 572 candidates and we're down to five candidates. We're hoping at your next meeting to have two candidates before you to be approved because we have two seats guaranteed to us in the Police Academy that begins in August in Meriden, if the State budget passes and everything goes according to plan there's going to be an Academy in August.

Additionally, with the good weather comes the speeding issues. I'm sure you've already started getting the calls from some of your constituents. We have begun putting the radar trailer out, we're putting some other tools that we use out there to try and curb some of the speeding. If you have any requests for it or any major problems with it please let us know and we'll try to help you out with the enforcement issues there. Any other questions or concerns you have, I can answer them.

Alderman Jerome Fainer stated, Grove and Day Street - somewhere in that vicinity could you put the radar trailer out there? We got a request from a couple people over there. They come flying up from Wakelee.

Lieutenant Williams stated, okay, would you just address with them that it may be a couple of weeks before we put it there because of the Renaissance Faire, one of the things we do is put it on Pulaski Highway to get the cars to slow down.

Alderman Fainer stated, okay, thank you.

Alderman Adamowski stated, the bottom of North State Street where it comes out of North Main.

Lieutenant Williams asked, for the speed, or is there another issue?

Alderman Adamowski replied, for the speed.

Alderman Jay Fainer stated, Great Hill Road, I don't know if you do that one because it's a state road, but they jump on it to get off the light and go up Great Hill Road.

Lieutenant Williams stated, to go, just tell me the direction that you're talking about.

Alderman Fainer stated, from the light at Wakelee Avenue and Great Hill Road going up the hill toward Seymour. As soon as that light turns green you can hear them stomping on it.

Lieutenant Williams stated, okay.

Alderman Beall stated, I've got Howard Avenue - the whole street. I've got another thing - the other night, vandalism on cars. I don't know, a couple of windows on my street got smashed, like somebody stopped the car, jumped out, smashed the front window, driver's side window, and pulled off, two nights in a row. Right on Howard, right in front of the fire station.

Lieutenant Williams asked, was a specific car or was it just random?

Alderman Beall replied, random. They hit my car last year. So this year it's somebody else on my street.

Lieutenant Williams asked, do you know if they reported it?

Alderman Beall stated, I don't think so, he was like, I don't know. Some people, they just covered it and walked back in the house.

Lieutenant Williams stated, okay. I'll address it with the West Side sector car. The problem, and I try to tell you every year, if they don't tell us what's going on, you know...

Alderman Beall stated, I don't know if you could tell the Chief or whoever you talk to about, if we could just get a patrol car to hit that spot - Arch, Howard, you know, all the way up. We don't get that many but there's a lot of insane activity on Howard Avenue, pretty much the whole Fourth Ward, but Howard Avenue especially because it's so long and there are just so many kids up there just running around.

President Blume thanked Lieutenant Williams.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Alderman Gene Sharkey

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

ARMS Committee - Alderman Jerome Fainer

In the month of May we had 193 calls, 151 transports, 69 assist other agency transports, and we collected \$48,243.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Jay Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Ordinance Committee - Alderman Jerome Fainer

As Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, last month I got a request from last months meeting, from Alderman Duffus to address the graffiti. Last week I scheduled a meeting - there are six of us on the Committee, the only good date I had for it was tomorrow at 5:30. So, this was in the works. They couldn't get six people on the same date.

We are also going to address the rules for the Greenway. Tomorrow night, 5:30 we'll have an Ordinance Committee meeting.

Alderman Duffus MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Public Works Committee - Alderman Ed Adamowski

We'll be going out to bid in July for the new Transfer Station project. Everybody's been working really hard on this, trying to get this done for the City of Ansonia. We are going to have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 5 at 5:30 to review the drawings and construction.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Economic Development Committee - Alderman John Marini

I'd like to touch on the draft Proposed Anti-Graffiti Ordinance, which I drafted up, as I've been talking about for the past couple of months, the need for an ordinance in the City to address the problem with graffiti. Now, by way of explanation, this is certainly something that is not in its final form. It's not intended to be acted upon by this Board tonight. The intention is to forward this draft Ordinance on to the Ordinance Committee so tomorrow night we can sit down, look at it and revise it and go forward.

I took a look at different towns - Meriden, Waterbury, Stamford chief among them - to get a flavor for what they had done enacting similar ordinances. Certainly graffiti is a big problem. It reflects poorly on the City when it's very visible. It affects the quality of life for the people that live around it and the rest of the town.

Any ordinance, I felt, that addresses graffiti has to do a number of things. One of which obviously is make it a fine to actually deface the property. Another thing going toward prevention is to have a penalty for possessing the implements of graffiti - the aerosol cans, the markers, anything that you would buy in order to put graffiti onto a surface. This ordinance addresses that, like other ones have. It also establishes an anti-graffiti trust fund for the City. In a second I'm going to talk about another correspondence we have from a company called "Off the Wall" - a price estimate on removing graffiti from the retaining wall, which I think is the most visible graffiti in the City.

If we're going to do something like that, it's not an overnight project. We don't have the funds to tackle something like that right away. But the establishment of trust fund enables say, the fines from the violators would go into this trust fund, funds that we might raise privately can go into this trust fund. Maybe even in future years small parcels of the budget could go into this trust fund, so when it comes time to actually take the big step to actually remove the graffiti on that flood wall, we will a) have a strong ordinance in effect to prevent it; and b) we'll have the money.

I'm asking this Board tonight when we get to the resolution to pass it on to the Ordinance Committee to look at. Off the Wall gave us a free estimate on the removal of the graffiti, they actually cleaned a portion of the wall to see if it could be done and how costly it would be. That entire report and the estimates at a couple of different price levels are in the correspondence for tonight.

Of course, before we ever could go forward with the project like that there needs to be bidding; we just can't accept it. They showed us that it can be done. They did a great job on the removal. You can see that not only is the graffiti gone, but the concrete paint that Public Works has been using to patch it up is gone as well. Now, if you look there tonight, I believe some graffiti has returned. Of course, that can't be a deterrent, we can't get discouraged by something like that. In fact, I'm surprised it took so long. In the end, we'll win and we'll clean up the City.

To move on, very briefly, I want to thank the Mayor and the City for supporting the bike rally and the bike ride that we had over the weekend. That was in the park next to City Hall. We had a group of 18 riders including the head of the Valley Chamber of Commerce, Bill Purcell. He biked down from the New Haven Arts Festival to Ansonia as the final destination to celebrate the inventor of the bicycle, Pierre Lamilette, and his name appears on a patent for what became the first prototype of the bicycle. He was a resident of Ansonia at the time. The motivation behind this event is to bring attention to Ansonia as the home of this person, attract positive attention to the City, make Ansonia a destination for once. I'm sure there are a lot of people at that Arts Festival that never heard of Ansonia because they come from all around the State. The idea going forward to future years, make the event bigger and bigger and let more people know what we have to offer as a City.

I also want to move on to an update on the housing rehabilitation - The Small Cities grant that we applied for and got. Jerome had asked me last time, you know, there are only two contracts signed, what's going on? So I touched base with Lisa Lowe. It looks very encouraging actually. All the money together is \$300,000. Most towns take two years to go through all of that money; to actually spend all of that housing rehabilitation. We are on track to actually go through all of the \$300,000, which will be spent on 10 projects, by about September. Very encouraging. In fact, it's unprecedented. Now, the State Economic Development Commission actually told Lisa that's it's never been done before; no one has ever gone through the money that quickly. We are operating an accelerated program here, which is the reason why last month this Board went ahead and requested \$500,000 which is an unprecedented amount of money to request for a Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation grant. It looks very encouraging, but of course you have to go behind the scenes to understand why now only four contracts have been signed. It appears that a bid has to go on before the signing can even take place. Much of it has to do with hazardous materials removal that Lisa Lowe and Associates will sort of subcontract out to different companies.

Alderman Jerome Fainer stated, so, only 10 people are getting it?

Alderman Marini replied, \$300,000 will pay for 10 properties right now.

Alderman Fainer asked, couldn't we spread that out a little more than 10 people? We had 61 applicants.

Alderman Marini stated, exactly. The need is overwhelming. That's why Lisa plans to ask progressively for more and more. But you're right, obviously I wish we could hit more people too.

Alderman Fainer stated, maybe instead of giving 10 people \$30,000 we could 20 people \$15,000.

Alderman Marini stated, well, now we're in sort of the State mandate, I mean, the State has requirements for how the money should be used, for what needs to be done with the property and bring it up to the level where it wants it. I'm completely on board, I mean, if there was a way, and in fact I asked Lisa if she would come to our meeting next month because she's way more better situated to answer then questions than I am. She will be here with us so if the Board has any questions, please get them ready for Lisa.

Alderman Beall MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Danielczuk. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Robert Duffus - Teen Fathers' Program

I just want to publicly acknowledge the Teen Fathers' Program, two weeks ago with Sally and them, they did a great job raising money up at Prendergast with the first Dodgeball Tournament. I encourage other Aldermen to get involved in that program in the future. It's great what they're doing for the teen dads, and it has grown. I just want to publicly acknowledge them for that.

Cultural Commission - Alderman John Marini

Municipal Reports / Annual Reports

Alderman Marini stated, I want to thank the Mayor for his quick action on two items in the Third Ward. On Tremont Street, overgrowth of brush on the retaining wall, it was taken care of within hours from when it was reported to him. Also, on Jewett Street, sheet rock that had been on an area of property for a very long time, again, taken care of immediately.

Maybe I should take this time to share what is maybe a little common knowledge to the Board, but I have actually moved from my residence in the Third Ward recently, to my new residence which is located in the Seventh Ward. Actually I bought the property for a while, many months ago actually, about five months ago, but we actually spent our first night on that property this past weekend. I guess along with that, I was actually talking to several residents, I actually had my first issue in that ward on Hawley Drive. I intend to look into it a bit more as it goes forward, but there have been a lot of reports apparently on that road of excessive speed, one or two cars in particular. I can tell right off the bat there are a large group of kids on that road - kids that will come out in the afternoon, right on the street. First, I just heard about it, heard stories about very fast-moving cars, a red truck and a black Equinox, I think. My wife, actually, on the third day we were there was out walking the kids and saw something tear down the road, and I've heard a couple stories since then from some of the neighbors. We need to look into it; that's not good. Whether it's my road or anybody else's road, it looks like this has been a longstanding problem that can't go on. I'd like to see if the Police would take a look into it. I've actually seen it five or six times just to let you know.

Overall I've had a wonderful time representing the Third Ward, obviously I will not be eligible to represent the Third Ward after November. I certainly have nothing to say but great things about my time representing the Third Ward. Thanks.

Alderman Jay Fainer stated, being newer to the Board, I'm just looking at the Fire Marshal's Report and being that you can pay anything online nowadays with just a few numbers, is there any way that maybe we can send a letter to Ray when he submits these as public, to block that out [Referencing a photocopied check]?

Alderman Sharkey stated, I will take care of tomorrow night at the Fire Commission meeting.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Tax Refunds

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and grant the refunds for the month of May in the amount of \$2,305.58 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Accidents and Claims

6-11-784 Erin Cavanaugh

Alderman Bender MOVED to refer the claim to Corporation Counsel Blake; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

Alderman Sharkey stated, if we read this carefully, when we're sending it on we should contest this claim. The person writes that they were traveling north on West Main Street. Well, the pothole is on the south side of West Main Street, so I don't know how they could hit it driving north on West Main Street from the picture they show here. Also, I went to investigate, and that pothole itself is in the driveway of B & L Men's Shop; it's not on West Main Street. So, we need to contest it. Alderman Sharkey stated, it just appears someone put a claim in and the picture doesn't match the description of where the accident was.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I will note that to the adjuster.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communications

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 Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communication #1

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Belko v. Officer Magero

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #2**From: Off the Wall****Re: Floodwall Graffiti Removal Project**

Alderman Sharkey moved to refer Communication #2 to the Ordinance Committee for review; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communication #3**From: James Tanner****Re: Anti-Blight Notices**

Alderman Sharkey stated, this communication is just for information - it will be good information for the Blight Committee and the Anti-Graffiti and Ordinance Committees to read it to know what the present Connecticut General Statutes are when we're looking at it all.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept Communication #3 and place it on file; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communication #4**From: Public Works Director Mike Schryver****Re: E-Waste Collection Agreement**

President Blume stated, these are the people that are going to pick up the electronic equipment.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to adopt this, review it and enter into this agreement with WeRecycle, LLC; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

Alderman Sharkey stated, presently we've been paying people to take away our electronics. They will do it at no cost to the City. This is a very big cost-saving move on the part of the City. I wholeheartedly endorse this.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communication #5**From: CMED****Re: ARMS Agreement**

Alderman Jerome Fainer Stated, this is an operating agreement between 18 towns and it comes up in 10 years. This is the way that CMED dispatching operates. I've read it, it went through our ARMS Commission, Corporation

Counsel Blake reviewed it, and I recommend we adopt it.

President Blume stated, we have a resolution later on in the meeting to adopt.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to adopt the Agreement Between the City of Ansonia and CMED with respect to dispatch services for Ansonia Rescue Medical Services; and to authorize Mayor James Della Volpe to sign the agreement; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Late Communications

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept three late communications; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Public Session on Late Communications

President Blume asked three times if any member of the public wished to address the Board regarding the three Late Communications. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

Late Communication #1

From: Jared Heon, Acting EMS Account Executive/Supervisor

Re: CMED Compact

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the communication and place it on file; SECONDED by Alderman Sharkey. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Late Communication #2

From: Assessor Marge Dzwonczyk

Re: Request for Bid Waiver - Revaluation for the 2012 Grand List

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to TABLE Late Communication #2; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

Alderman Sharkey noted that we would like the Assessor to be here to address this item. Ask her to please attend next month's meeting and explain it.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Late Communication #3

From: Comptroller Joseph Miller

Re: Request for Bid Waiver - Hiring of Firm to conduct specialized Audits

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to TABLE Late Communication #3; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, of course Mr. Miller could not be here tonight, but at next month's meeting so that he can explain it.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resignations

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read the letters of resignation aloud.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to accept the resignation of Susanne Frischkorn from the Cultural Commission and send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Jerome Fainer MOVED to accept the resignation of Patrick Henri from the Economic Development Commission and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Jay Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Appointments

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read aloud Mayor James T. DellaVolpe's appointments as outlined in his letter of May 5, 2011 as follows:

ARMS

Alderman Knapp MOVED to appoint Jared Heon of 12 White Oak Road as Director/EMS Account Executive; SECONDED by Alderman Jerome Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Jay Fainer).

CULTURAL COMMISSION

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to appoint Nancy Hunt of 140 Myrtle Avenue (Frischorn replacement), term to expire 12-31-2012; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to appoint Michael Cratty of 10 Bruns Road, Mengold replacement, term to expire 12-31-2011. SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to appoint Nicole Carlowitz of 190 Howard Avenue, Rowley replacement, term to expire 12-31-2011. SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Beall).

Resolutions

Proposed Resolution #1

Re: *Proposed Graffiti Prevention Ordinance*

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to refer Ordinance #1 - Proposed Graffiti Prevention Ordinance - to the Ordinance Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Jay Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION
PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF GRAFFITI

City of Ansonia

Alderman John Marini of the Third Ward introduced the following Proposed Ordinance:

(Proposed) Anti-Graffiti Ordinance

Purpose.

The Ansonia Board of Alderman recognizes that graffiti has serious economic and psychological consequences. Graffiti is a public nuisance and destructive of the rights and values of property owners as well as the entire community. Unless the City acts to remove graffiti from public and private property, the graffiti tends to remain. Other properties then become the target of graffiti, and entire neighborhoods are affected and become less desirable places in which to be in, all to the detriment to the City.

The Ansonia Board of Aldermen intends, through the adoption of this Ordinance, to provide additional enforcement tools to protect public and private property from acts of graffiti vandalism and defacement. The Board of Aldermen does not intend for this Ordinance to conflict with any existing anti-graffiti state laws.

Definitions.

1. Graffiti means any unauthorized inscription, word, figure, painting or other defacement that is written, marked, etched, scratched, sprayed, drawn, painted, or engraved on or otherwise affixed to any surface of public or private property by a graffiti implement, to the extent that

the graffiti was not authorized in advance by the owner or occupant of the property, or, despite advance authorization, is otherwise deemed a public nuisance by the Board of Aldermen.

2. Graffiti implement means an aerosol paint container, a broad-tipped marker, gum label, paint stick, etching equipment, brush or any other device capable of scarring or leaving a visible mark on any natural or manmade surface.

Prohibited Acts.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to apply graffiti to any natural or manmade surface on any city-owned property or, without the permission of the owner or occupant, on any city-owned property. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any graffiti implements unless en route from a store to their home or place of business.

DEVIATION From the Agenda

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to deviate from the agenda and take up Resolution #3 and then Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Beall. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #3

Re: CMED/ARMS Agreement

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Stephen Blume and Jerome Fainer of the Seventh and Fourth Wards, respectively, introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved,

WHEREAS, the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services (hereinafter "ARMS") is dispatched through Central Medical Dispatch (hereinafter "CMED") through a multi-jurisdictional agreement;

WHEREAS, the afore-mentioned agreement has expired and that the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services Commission has voted to recommend that ARMS continue to part of this multi-year compact;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen approved to continue to have ARMS be dispatched through CMED and empower the Mayor to execute any necessary agreement with CMED.

Alderman Jay Fainer MOVED to adopt Resolution #3 and authorize Mayor James Della Volpe to sign the agreement; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #2

Re: Anaerobic Digestion Facility

RESOLUTION

Alderman Blume stated, we have here this evening Chris Timbrell and Tom Brayman from Greenpoint Energy Partners. Before I ask the gentlemen to come up to discuss this anaerobic facility, I'd like to address this Board myself.

Over the past year and a half with the Mayor's blessing I've been working on a way to get rid of sewage. I've been attending the WPCA meetings and after that new plant was built, we still have the same sewage. Three years ago it cost us \$700,000 to get rid of the sewage; it's a big expense. It's probably \$500,000 now. It always bothered me. We've worked very hard, and the Mayor was talking about it before, to find a way to get rid of the sewage. We went to Stamford first, a woman runs the plant in Stamford. They make pellets out of it there and they sell it for fertilizer. They dry it; it's a different process. I've been to North Carolina, Indiana, followed a whole bunch of leads around. Eileen Krugel has been helping me on the Internet to find a way to do this. We have come up with a process that we're going to introduce to you tonight. I'd like to read a statement that I've prepared. A lot of people put a lot of hard work into this and this is probably one of the biggest things ever to hit this City. So I'd like to read this; I don't want to miss anything.

We have worked very hard and successfully over the past three years to undertake smart energy policies for Ansonia. Since this Board passed an ordinance in 2007 creating the Energy Improvement District Board, there have been many successes. We have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by choosing a competitive supplier for our electricity instead of going along with the standard offer. We have saved \$40,000 a year over the past four years; at the end of this year we will have saved \$200,000, which is a simple a thing; that the Energy Board and this Board put through. A lot of people don't know that. It's a lot of money, \$200,000.

We are installing solar energy at the High School that will reduce the School System's energy budget and mark the first step in Ansonia in becoming a greener community.

For the last two years I've been meeting with the Mayor, the WPCA, people from the Board of Public Works, and the Energy Board, as well as experts in figuring out ways to reduce the millions of dollars that we are forced over the years to haul our municipal solid waste and sewage sludge out of this town. A lot of hard work has been put into this.

Now we have a chance to use part of that waste stream, along with food waste, to create Class 1 renewable energy and turn those liabilities into assets while becoming a greener community. This is an exciting opportunity for our City and our taxpayers. If we become a green community, then I think we can use that designation to entice economic development into Ansonia - real economic development that creates real jobs and real savings. This plant that we're proposing to build will employ 15 Ansonia residents. Ansonia residents will have first shot at this, and then we'll go out past that. But we're going to try to hire our own taxpayers and our own people. This has been the first real economic development in many, many years.

Most towns that want to become green do so by paying extra. They pay a premium for green power produced elsewhere and imported into their own town. We want to do it differently. We want to produce the green power here and pay less so that we can save money while creating jobs here instead of elsewhere.

So, this resolution moves the process along, and will enable us to take advantage of the new energy laws that go into effect in Connecticut in two weeks. We can continue to meet our goals - make Ansonia green, save money, reduce our carbon footprint, create local jobs - and do all this without spending money out of our taxpayers' pockets. This is a very important piece of legislation tonight. We'll be first amongst any communities that I can research. We'll save money.

I have a sheet that was prepared by Mike Cerrano. Mike is our advisor on the Energy Board. He is our director and he prepared this sheet for us. Once this thing gets up and going in the first year, he has figured this out, we will save \$297,000 in money we're spending now for electricity. That's \$300,000 after the first phase of this goes in.

So, Chris Timbrell and Tom Brayman of Greenpoint Energy Partners, do you want to come up and give a brief overview?

Mr. Timbrell stated, the facility basically takes food waste and, we look at it as a highly green facility because you're taking the food waste that would normally go into a landfill, converts to methane, you burn the methane. Methane is a horrible greenhouse gas. This is basically eliminating that. If the food waste were to go into a landfill you'd have landfill gas problems.

President Blume stated, I forgot to mention one other thing. We are going to take the food waste, and take the sewage, and put this in an anaerobic digester. It's a gigantic stainless steel enclosed cylinder. There is no smell. Everything is enclosed; it's inside. There's a digestion process that happens inside and produces this methane gas. The gas comes out and it's going to run two large turbines. The turbines are going to produce electricity, which is going to power

the entire Public Works complex and the schools. The offshoot of this is heat. It produces electricity and the turbines give off heat. In the second phase of this project we're going to use the heat to dry the sludge that's making me crazy, and once it's dry, we can make pellets also, we can make fertilizer out of it, and we can stop paying such crazy money to get rid of sludge. It's worthless now.

Mr. Timbrell continued, what we're proposing is 100 percent financed by a third party. So it doesn't come out of the City's budget. We're looking for a commitment to work with the City as far as taking electricity at a discounted rate and helping source and provide the food waste.

Mr. Brayman stated, it hits all of the five key points that the Mayor - plus the additional points of the jobs and wet sludge.

President Blume stated, this is very exciting. I know it's come up real quick; it's been going on for over a year and a half. What we're looking for tonight - we have a resolution and it's the resolution we're going to take up now.

Alderman Sharkey stated, I have to ask our local representative on U.I. here, is 1.5 megawatts a lot of electricity?

Alderman Jeanette replied, yes.

President Blume stated, I forgot to ask you guys if you have any questions.

Alderman Sharkey stated, I didn't know, I'm looking at 1.5 megawatts and I just wanted to know.

President Blume stated, in the second phase that will double and so will the amount of sewage that's going to be treated.

Alderman Knapp stated, the Chairman had mentioned something about 15 jobs, residents - do we anticipate down the road that expanding?

Mr. Timbrell stated, with Phase 2 it will basically double. So, you've got two components. You've got construction jobs to put this together, and that's 8 to 10 months, and then 15 to run the place, and in Phase 2 you would have 30.

President Blume stated, that's the first bit of good news we've had in a long time as far as employment goes. It's a \$50 million project. It will take about a year to complete.

Alderman Adamowski asked, this anaerobic digestion - is it a proven technology?

Mr. Timbrell replied, it hasn't really been done in the U.S. but there are 9,000 plants in Germany and Europe. So, yes, it is.

President Blume stated, I went online this morning and in New York State there are 16 of these. They take care of cow manure - this is like our sewage - that's why they were built. So they do a food stream - they're smaller - and there must be a lot of cow manure there, and it takes care of that. They also produce electricity. So it is right here in New York - it's out there.

Mr. Timbrell stated, yes, there are a lot of farms that have been done. But for municipal solid waste - there's got to be 150 to 200 in Europe but none in the U.S.

Alderman Marini stated, your company, what's the name of your company?

Mr. Brayman replied, Greenpoint Energy Partners.

Alderman Marini asked, and where are you based out of?

Mr. Brayman replied, [inaudible] New York. It's a New York [inaudible].

Alderman Marini asked, when did your company get together?

Mr. Brayman replied, just to give you some background, I used to work at G.E. in financial services. I worked there for nearly three years. Prior to that coming off Bank of Australia. Tom worked at CIT Energy. We started working together in 2008. Tom and I worked together longer than that, [inaudible]. Greenpoint Energy Partners, we have developed the largest [inaudible] in New York City which is in Baypoint Brooklyn. That was our first transaction which was in 2009-2010. We're now expanding that project to another [inaudible] so it may go up so the total of that size or that product will lead to be one megawatt of [inaudible] power. We're working under anaerobic digestion - this Ansonia deal is equal with the first deal in the U.S. of its kind. [inaudible].

Alderman Marini stated, it's an exciting idea; very interesting idea. Have you worked on a project, and not just in the United States, have you been involved in a prior project that involves the anaerobic digestion process - anywhere in the world?

Mr. Brayman replied, we're working basically with our partners. They've been working with various technology companies. We've been talking to [inaudible] companies that have done thousands of these projects in Europe. We're going to meet with one of them tomorrow in fact, [Invitech sp?] in New York City. So what the angle on doing is putting together the best partners for this project so that...

Alderman Marini stated, so some of these German companies, they may actually be more than just advisors, they may actually be partners?

Mr. Timbrell stated, right.

Mr. Brayman stated, well, they have technology [inaudible].

Alderman Marini asked, what does that exactly mean?

Mr. Brayman replied, well they have the experience in Europe, the whole digestion process. So they have a track record for completing thousands of different projects. So, for this first project we can either be pioneers and reinvent the wheel or we can use somebody who's done it before in Europe. So we are looking to find the best partner in Europe that we can come up with who will provide us with the technology advice [inaudible].

Alderman Marini stated, obviously it's all provided at your expense.

Mr. Brayman replied, correct.

Alderman Marini asked, where is the profit for your company? How does that, because obviously there must be some outlook as to how your company will go forward.

Mr. Brayman stated, well, we [inaudible] with a gentleman in Brooklyn, his name is [inaudible Tanny sp?], he hangs [inaudible], it was his rooftop that we put the saw handles on. So he's planning on, he committed to being the corner standing [inaudible] for this project, providing the seed money. Tanny's interest is as much just public, being a good public citizen, he just like to give - he's very interested in doing something in New York at some point, so for him, doing a project in Ansonia is just a pebble on the path to doing something bigger perhaps in the future. We're also relying on some government federal money. There's a 69,3 Treasury grant which will expire at the end of this year that will provide for 30 percent of the [inaudible] costs to be refunded through Treasury, which will help reduce the cost of this project. Then there's also depreciation benefits as well. As far as the actual return, obviously, you know, we hope to make some money on the project at some point, but it really is a longer-term type. It's a long-term project, and if all goes well with it, [inaudible] then there'll be a return.

Alderman Marini asked, is that to mean there might be a fee later on if the project works and it executes and performs as expected that there might be a point where there is...

President Blume stated, John, let me see if I can put in two words - they're called "tipping fees." We pay \$69 when we send our garbage to the burn plant in Bridgeport. We can offer a \$35, \$40, or \$45 tipping fee to those haulers to come here with their food waste that will power the plant and they will flock. I've already talked to a bunch of them - they're right outside waiting now; that's how important this is. So we will reduce the tipping, the amount that these other companies, big companies, are charging. The line is - they're

waiting to come. That's where a lot of the money will come from to help pay this - the tipping fees. That will be theirs.

I've looked at a whole bunch of projects over the last year and a half. Some are a little more exciting than this. I heard about this first from the lady in Stamford. But they didn't pan out - they were all like, flukes. This is a real thing. If you go online and just put this in, there are 20 pages full of this process.

Alderman Marini stated, it sounds very interesting; it sounds exciting.

President Blume stated, I started just to get rid of the sewage, you know, that really annoys me. But now we can take in a food string. Also there's a law passed now, I know it's in Connecticut and New York that hospitals, factories, schools, all big companies have to start separating their food waste so they're going to create a clean stream.

Alderman Jerome Fainer stated, the food waste - when I was a kid we used to have to put the food waste in one thing, in the trash. Are we going to have to do that? Who separates this?

Mr. Timbrell stated, the commercial waste, what we're targeting now is going to restaurants, things like that - that's going to be clean. Phase two we'll start thinking about how to separate the waste - that's two years out.

President Blume stated, from the transfer station, which will reduce what we have to pay to get that out of there - the \$69 a ton. So whatever they take from that transfer station and bring over to this facility is free. We don't pay that bill any more.

Alderman Knapp stated, I know a lot of residents are always concerned with noise and smells and pollution as a result of whenever we talk about bringing something in. Odor, noise...

Mr. Timbrell explained, there will be a building, the food waste comes in. It's immediately put into the digester. So we have a building, plus we have a digester inside.

Alderman Knapp asked, so when you're driving by it's not going to be like...

President Blume stated, it's all contained; you won't see it.

Mr. Timbrell stated, we don't want any methane to escape.

Alderman Knapp asked, what about noise?

President Blume stated no, you can't hear it doing what it's doing. It's a pretty exciting deal.

Alderman Knapp stated, no smoke stack, no tube...

Mr. Timbrell stated, it's a generator, they're off the shelf, GE generators.

Alderman Knapp stated, and in turn any excess electricity we sell back to Joe at the UI Company?

Mr. Timbrell stated, yes. There's a rule, when you create a certain amount of wattage that has to go up. It's not like at a gas station where you have a hole in the ground where you pour it in. If you're making it somebody has to take it.

President Blume stated, also, this is a letter of intent. This will give these gentlemen the opportunity to take a letter of intent from the Mayor, they can go out, they can seek funds, they can seek federal funds, state funds. They have to have something in their hands to do it with. It is not a contract. It's just a letter of intent to let them proceed with the Mayor's blessing, with our blessing, to try to make us greener. Listen, there's nobody coming to town. In order for us to reduce the taxes, we have to look at this a little differently. It's a different box now. We don't have Farrell's, we don't have the Brass, we don't have all these people working here. We have to reduce our costs. The only way we can make the taxes go down is to reduce what we're spending. This will significantly reduce it. Listen, the first phase is going to save \$300,000 just in electric. I told you, we spent \$700,000 to get rid of the sludge. I think after the second phase is up, this is probably going to save over \$2 million a year. So, this is where we have to look now.

Alderman Marini stated, Mr. President, I love the idea of exploring it and I think we'd be crazy not to go forward and explore. I think one, I want to make sure the obligations we commit to today, obviously give us a chance to look as they've looked into options for funding and putting things together. As a Board we have a responsibility to look into your company and similar projects and do our homework - our sort of good faith effort to get up to speed. In terms of the obligation and our letter of intent, it binds us to, what exactly are there?

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, before it binds us to a contract we still have to go through all the land use commissions, we are giving them a piece of property in back of the waste treatment plant - that has to go through an 8-24 referral. Land use on that stuff. All this is, is to talk with them, to meet with them, but in terms of binding - we're not binding any contract with them.

President Blume stated no, nothing. John, I have a responsibility to the City and I've really got my heart into this thing and everything will be explained to everybody.

Alderman Marini stated, it sounds very promising.

President Blume stated, this isn't done anywhere. The Mayor said just go and do it. We've gotten it to this point. I'd like the resolution to be read.

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read the resolution aloud:

R E S O L U T I O N

Alderman Stephen Blume of the Seventh Ward introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved,

Re: Anaerobic Digestion Facility

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia is committed to make itself a "green community" as well as reducing it's energy cost;

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia Energy Improvement District, at a meeting on June 9, 2011, discussed and recommended to the Board of Aldermen a proposal by the Greenpoint Energy Partners to build an Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the City of Ansonia Public Works Complex that will create local jobs, reduce the City's carbon footprint, create revenue for the City and eliminate a dependency on foreign energy;

[*Amended – see below] THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Aldermen, at the encouragement of the Energy Improvement District Commission, authorizes the Mayor of the City of Ansonia to sign a Letter of Intent with Greenpoint Energy Partners to construct an Anaerobic Digestion Facility to produce 1.5 megawatts of renewable energy, provided that terms of the agreement are clarified so as to lead to a greater use of sewer sludge from the Water Pollution Control Authority facility plant by a closer date.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to ***AMEND THE RESOLUTION** to strike the paragraph which begins "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT," are replace it with the following:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen, acting upon the analysis and recommendation of the Energy Improvement District Board, authorizes the Mayor of the City of Ansonia to execute a Letter of Intent with Greenpoint Energy Partners to design, finance and construct an Anaerobic Digestion Facility at the Public Works Complex that will accomplish the following goals:

- Produce at least 1.5 megawatts of clean, renewable energy for use by municipal and educational buildings thereby making Ansonia a green community;
- Reduce the City's energy costs and local carbon footprint;
- Create local jobs for local people;
- Create revenue opportunities for the City

It is FURTHER RESOLVED that the Letter of Intent and Project shall incorporate use of the City's sewage sludge from the Water Pollution Control Facility and organic municipal solid waste into the total project within the defined period following completion of the first clean 1.5 megawatt power system."

SECONDED by Alderman Jay Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I would like to commend you, President Blume, for all of your hard work throughout this. I know I've gotten e-mails every day being on the Public Works Committee. I would just like to thank you and Eileen for all of your hard work that you've put into this. Thank you.

President Blume thanked Alderman Adamowski.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED;
SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Unfinished Business

Alderman Sharkey stated, last month we had a Mr. Scott McNulty and Mrs. McNulty from 15 Goldenrod Drive come before us. - it's in the minutes - they complained about the dead end and said it's been washing away. They said it's gotten worse and started to deteriorate some of their property. At the request of Aldermen Knapp and Blume - the next day I met with Superintendent of Public Works Mike Schryver and I brought him there to the end of Goldenrod Drive so we could look at it. He agreed that when the paving was done, God knows when, the crown was put on the road wrong so all of the rain that comes down the road runs to the McNulty property. He has some ideas on how he's going to fix it and the water is just made to run into Two Mile Brook. That's all it does. All the sewers, everything from that hill, storm sewers, feed into Two Mile Brook. So the water is just running down the road, onto part of their property. He is going to fix it - he's going to put in a curb to try and stop it. It's the first time they noticed, and the McNulty's never complained, even though it's a steep hill, there's no guardrail at the bottom of the hill. He's going to install a guardrail also. He said he's very surprised no one had ever complained that there's no guardrail. He will take care of it.

New Business

None presented.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:25 p.m., Alderman Sharkey MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. Belko v. Officer Magero

And to invite Corporation Counsel Blake, Mayor Della Volpe, Lieutenant Wayne Williams and Attorney Robert Ludlum who represents the City in this matter to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers during the Public Session; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 8:48 p.m. Alderman Knapp MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Jay Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

Alderman Knapp MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen