



# CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

## Regular Meeting - February 14, 2012

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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 Gene Sharkey. 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  
Charles Stowe, R2 - present  
Philip Tripp, R2 - present  
Joseph Jeanette, D3- present  
Patricia Macero, D3- absent  
Robert Beall, D4 - absent (7:01)

Jerome Fainer, D4 - present  
Howard Madigosky, D5 - present  
Joan Radin, R5 - present  
Scott Nihill, D6 - present  
David Knapp, D7- present  
John Marini, R7 - present  
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present

President Sharkey declared a quorum of 12 present, 2 absent.

### *Consideration of Previous Minutes*

#### Special Meeting of January 10, 2012

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 10, 2012; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

### *Public Session*

[Alderman Beall arrived at this point, 7:01 p.m. 13 present, 1 absent]

#### Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

I just have two questions. One is, Ansonia Copper and Brass is in my neighborhood, and on Liberty Street it is so trashed in front of that building. It's constantly that way. It's an embarrassment to anybody that lives in the neighborhood, let alone my condominiums. That is literally my front door. Can something be done about it?

Also, I don't understand why the condos can't be put on the blighted buildings list. There are roofs that are literally caving in all over the complex. If this was a private home it would be on the list pronto.

I won't be here for the public official session; can I just ask the Mayor a question from the Historical Commission?

President Sharkey replied, yes.

Mr. Carroll continued, Mr. Mayor, we got a donation of an aerial photograph of the whole Valley - 1942. It's Derby, Ansonia, Seymour and a little bit of Oxford and Shelton. It's 72 inches by 45. We wrote at our last meeting we wrote you a letter asking if we could have permission to hang it up in the Erlingheuser Room. Have you received a letter yet?

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I think I have, and obviously you do have permission to hang it. In regard to the blight issue, you know we had the spring clean-up at Ansonia Copper and Brass and Gatison Park.

Mr. Carroll stated, I know, even I worked it.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I'll get in touch with Red McGee who owns the property and we'll get that cleaned up.

Mr. Carroll thanked Mayor Della Volpe.

Alderman Jeanette stated, I was working in that area today, and I do agree with Mr. Carroll. There are newspapers, bicycles there, it's a real mess.

Edward Musante, 138-B Old Ansonia Road, Seymour

The back of my house is Castle Lane. In January, a resident called Frank's LLC because the City didn't plow Stage Coach. He said, well, on the way of going and dropping off Ed I'll swing in there and do it. He did the City a favor - he plowed that street there. As much as they don't like Frank's, he still helped out the City. He plowed that street over there, because the City told this resident, the dispatcher told him, we'll be there Monday morning. This was 5:30 when he did it.

President Sharkey thanked Mr. Musante.

Michael Egan, 103 Benz Street

I know one of the big issues coming up before you is the budget. In fact you're probably well involved in that already. I think that the Education request for the additional funds is really outlandish. I think that they've got a number of Administrators that they could probably do away with and pay more attention with people that have direct contact with the kids.

The Connecticut Post on January 1<sup>st</sup> had a lengthy article in it. I don't know how many of you have read it. If not, I would recommend that everybody read that. It's kind of a, well, it doesn't look good for the City or the education of our youth. The article is lengthy, it's about four or five full pages of the paper, and it goes into a lot of the problems that the youth have had with drugs and other things once they get out of school. It talks about one student that went through the school system and had trouble getting into college after he got through there. But they persevered and did get through and now, I guess, he's a truck driver someplace or other, even with a college education. He's got a sociology degree, and I think that the education system would do a lot better, maybe the City, if they hired people like that to work with these people that do have these problems. A lot of people blame it on the teachers; others blame it on the parents. I don't know where the problem is, but money isn't the solution. The State is going to give additional money anyways to the City because of the poor job that school system has done.

Another question that I have regards the City website, which is very good and has a lot of good information. I really appreciate it - I don't know who does all the work on it but it's really good. Recently the public notices have been eliminated from that. I think that you're doing a disservice to the citizens by not having the public notices included in the website. Thank you.

President Sharkey thanked Mr. Egan.

Charlene Vasas, 28 Hubbell Avenue

I'm here on behalf of the students of the school system here in Ansonia and for caring parents. I agree with the gentleman about having more direct contact, you know, hiring more people and keeping them in their positions - direct contact with the children. That is ultimately important. I know that looking for homes, people are looking at the education system. If we want to bring good people to Ansonia, we need to have a better education system and I would hate for all our young people to be in the position that man said, you know, that go through school and come out taking drugs. So please consider that we want to attract good people to buy homes in Ansonia and the education system is key. That's all I want to say; thank you.

President Sharkey thanked Ms. Vasas.

Melissa Haas, 8 Arbor Terrace

I'm here to speak on behalf of education and my children in particular. I saw some data recently that was looked at, there were eight towns similar in size and economic size to Ansonia, and of those eight towns, Ansonia has spent the least amount of money per student in their budget that goes to education. I think that's very troubling to me. Also, we have the lowest paid teachers of these eight similar towns in size to our town. We actually have one of the

lowest amounts spent on administration of any of these schools districts in these towns, so I don't think it's accurate to say that there are too many administrators, and that's where the problems are, or that's why there are problems in the education system. We are bottom of the list on numbers of computers per student and in this day and age there is just no excuse for that. We have the highest class sizes of these towns in some grades and in high school, and there was more data. But I think all of this data really shows a need to reprioritize what you guys are doing here in town and what money is being allocated where. I'm not saying that we necessarily have to raise taxes; I don't want my taxes raised. But you need to reprioritize who is getting what money. I also saw some data that of those eight towns, our town is one of the worst in collecting back taxes. Right there that's a problem. I think that if we did a better job of collecting back taxes we'd have some more money. So I'm not saying that you have to raise taxes.

I moved here 13 years ago to Arbor Terrace and I have voted for you, Mayor Della Volpe, in every single election, even when you were running against somebody. You came to my house, talked to me. I told him that education was one of my number one priorities, and you indicated that it was one of your priorities too. I just don't feel that the town has done a good job of prioritizing education. I actually feel like a bad mother at times putting my kids through the Ansonia school system. I have a daughter who is a freshman in college, and I have a son who is in first grade. Big gap. I've been through it with my daughter; she's done very well in Ansonia - she graduated fifth in her class last year. I think she could have gotten so much more out of her education. I actually feel like a bad mother because I'm still here in Ansonia, still putting my son in these schools. There are good teachers - I know the teachers care about the kids, but they are among the lowest paid teachers in the State. A lot of good teachers are leaving for better paying jobs. I would urge you to honor the wishes that the Board of Education asked of you for their budget this year so we can prioritize our kids' education. Thank you..

Alderman Sharkey stated, the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen looked at the form that was made out - nicely done with the colors - with the eight reporting towns. We took a very close look at that and we had a lot of questions that we asked of the administration of the school system. The first question was, why did they pick those eight towns - the seven to compare to Ansonia. It was not our ERG. Those people that are involved in education know what an ERG is. It's an Economic Reporting Group. The State of Connecticut's school systems are broken down into ERGs. Those schools are not in our ERG. That was put together because it puts Ansonia in a very bad light. If they put us along with our ERG, you would see a much different correlation. They also rank the towns on their ability to pay. They have a weighted corrected version. Ansonia right now is paying number 167 out of 168 towns. Our ability to pay, rated by the State, is only number 161. When you compare us with Derby, Derby's ability to pay is 132 out of 168. Derby has a much different economic base than the City of Ansonia has. Just drive down Route 34 and take a look at Lowe's, take a look at Home Depot, take a look at

WalMart, all the things that are there on Route 34 that are not in Ansonia and you'll find out how hard a job it is for this Finance Committee to come up with a budget. Those people that witnessed it, that came to it, that saw it, saw truly us put forth a lot of effort to get where we are.

Alderman Marini stated, the idea of reallocation - the idea that taxes don't necessarily have to be raised, we could just reprioritize and reallocate - it's certainly a wonderful idea and I think I speak for every single member of this Board - if we could, we would. The budget is stretched so skin-tight that the reality is, there will need to be a tax increase, not even considering an increase in the Board of Education budget. So this, as you sort of hear the budget deliberations and the different sides that go on tonight, keep that in mind that if reallocation were something that could be easily done or done at all, this Board in the weeks and weeks that we met on this budget, would have certainly done that. We are at the point where we really have to make tough decisions. On one hand, I'm very proud that we're having a dialogue and we're making tough decisions, but the answer is more difficult than that.

Owen Zimmerman, 12 Milan Street

I have four and six-year old boys at home. I want to address the Alderman, Mr. Sharkey - when I looked at those comparisons, my question wasn't "why are we comparing to those towns," because it didn't seem fair, I would like to know why we don't compare ourselves to the towns around us? Why don't we compare ourselves to Woodbridge? Now I understand it's a huge difference, but if you compare us to the schools that are ranked very well in this State, it's dreadful. I can tell you, I'm not from Ansonia; I grew up in Pennsylvania, my wife and I are both professionals, we moved to the area about eight years ago. We bought a house in Ansonia - a beautiful location up by the Nature Center. It seems like a nice town. We knew the school system was an issue. We figured at that time, in 2004, well, we won't have kids for a while, it's not a big deal. But I can tell you for the last few years we have thought daily, weekly, "when are we getting out of Ansonia because we're not putting our kids through the Ansonia middle schools." Luckily, my six year old is having a great time in Kindergarten. Wonderful teacher. But as you go to first grade, second grade, third grade, the class sizes get bigger. I can tell you, my colleagues and friends in our 30s and 40s in the general area, they're all like, "You moved to Ansonia? Well, you knew what you were getting." They're not coming here. My friends who bought houses recently are not looking at Ansonia. You're going to have to make a decision. Places like Crave on Main Street and things like that - nice restaurants, businesses. Main Street is empty. If you can't bring in people who are going to spend money, it's going to continue to decline unless there's some revolution where industry comes back. I can tell you, we will almost certainly be in Bethany, Woodbridge, Orange, somewhere like that. The people my age who have good paying jobs, and I can tell you, I'm a teacher, Ansonia did not fall in my list of places I would be looking for a job, one, because it's not competitive pay-wise; two, the class sizes are large; three, everything's very outdated. I understand the financial situation, but you're going to have to

decide which way Ansonia is going, and it is the bottom. It's not even competitive. The school system does a great job with what they have. I hear the High School is wonderful. We're very happy with what we've seen so far in Kindergarten, but there's a certain point where if you're not going to fund it, you're going to pay lower housing prices. The low taxes don't bring people in. The school system is too poor. I know what situation you're in, but I think the town has to decide what it wants to be like. Thank you.

Alderman Sharkey stated, I can tell you this Board will work hard on many initiatives. We're going to work hard if we can't generate more money coming in, we have to lower our costs some how. We also have an Economic Development Commission that is working very hard to bring people in knowing that those rusty old factories up there are never going to work again. We have to reinvent ourselves as the City of Ansonia. This board is committed to doing that. Every member sitting here has worked very hard to get to this point. We will do what we can. We don't like to be 168<sup>th</sup> any more. I can honestly tell you, rather than get into a long, long discussion, I am a lifelong resident myself. I'm much older than a lot of people sitting in this room. My children were educated here, my mother in law was a teacher, my wife was a teacher, my daughter is still a teacher in the Ansonia School System. I was a teacher someplace else for 32 years. I don't like Ansonia to be ranked 168<sup>th</sup>. But we're stuck. We're still here. We're going to work as hard as we can to try and move ourselves from where we are.

Dawn Black, 5 Krueger Court

We are all here because we have a vested interest in Ansonia. As you know, your educational experience has led you to success, provided you with the tools and the skills that you needed to be where you all are today. As you also know, education is changing and I want to address especially the area of technology. I graduated high school in 1997 and back then, our technology education consisted of Word documents and a little bit of Internet research. I do work in the neighborhood town of Seymour as a fourth grade teacher and these students are making web pages, doing PowerPoint presentations, creating Wiki Spaces, going on Web Quest etc. One-third of my class uses Kindles or other e-readers as their books. According to a statistic that I found on the website that there is only one computer for every six students in the elementary school. I did listen to the budget proposal put forth by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, I feel that not only is it reasonable, but it's not enough to provide the future of Ansonia what they need to be successful. There are increased demands from society and the State Department of Education. I ask that you please support the budget and by doing so you will be giving the greatest gifts to the children of Ansonia, which is the support they need to be successful. Thank you.

President Sharkey thanked Ms. Black.

Cassie Venson, no address stated

I am a lifelong resident of Ansonia. I went to school here, grammar school, high school, I did it all. Now my kids are going through. I also work in the school system. I don't see any problem with it. I do see some places where we are lacking but if funds are cut, and I guess that's the plan, then we are going to be lacking. We are way down at the bottom, we all know this. I don't know how it was when I was growing up; I didn't pay attention. But it seemed good. Today it's not enough. There is so much more that we have to have. I was so shocked when I got in the mail, because I work at the school, so I didn't even know half of the things that weren't going to happen as of whenever you guys are going to vote. It's not just something that is going to be like a luxury, it's definitely a necessity. I agree, like I said, I grew up here and I plan on staying here, but our town is dwindling and there aren't many more parents like me who really care and are concerned or involved and are there and around. It is so hard to get parents to just come to the school who are like me, and care about my kid and care about all the other kids. The meetings, the parent-teacher night. So Ansonia is kind of going downhill and I know that there are some of us who are trying hard to get out, and just because of our future, you know, our children's future. So again, we need to look at where Ansonia is not planning on going next year, but like in 10 years, because there aren't many of, I couldn't even think of anyone else of my peers that I could bring with me because everyone is either gone or there's just a few of us left. I want to stay, but it's not looking good. I think education is the future, like everyone else.

President Sharkey thanked Ms. Venson.

Alderman Marini stated, I do want to clarify with those who are with us tonight - no one at this table is discussing a cut to the town's contribution to education. In fact, I think every single member here supports some increase to the town's contribution to education. It happens that we're in this precarious position, ironically, because our school system has done very well. And because we've done very well we've lost what's called a Priority School District Grant - it's a grant that we got because we weren't doing well, but because of our Superintendent's efforts and because of the Board of Education's efforts and our teachers' efforts, most importantly, we've come back, and they've taken the money away, which puts us in a very precarious position as to what to do next. You're going to hear that every member here supports some increase but the question is, and you'll kind of catch us in the middle of the process, unfortunately you're before a Board that they are the elected officials of this town, who don't in fact set the budget. What we decide on here tonight can be completely changed by an appointed board called the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. So that's a bit of context - a little more context than just the worry that things are going to be tough.

Alderman Duffus stated, John, I disagree. We weren't doing well. The money that the State gave us was because we were failing. We just got back to a level. It wasn't that we're doing well. We just got back to a decent level. Now the State is taking the money away from us. I agree with everyone here, we have to come

to a decision. Is it a worthy sacrifice to raise taxes so that the citizens and students can grow and prosper, or do we decide to tighten our belt and make tough calls like that. We have decided as a City what was going to be the best course for the next 20 to 30 years of our City. Is it our students, is it our future, or is it to save a couple hundred dollars per household?

President Sharkey 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***

#### ***Moment of Silence***

Mayor Della Volpe asked everyone to stand and observe a Moment of Silence to honor the passing of General Samuel Jaskilka, United States Marine Corps, who passed away in January.

He stated, General Jaskilka was born and raised here in Ansonia. He attended and graduated Ansonia High School, went to the University of Connecticut and then entered the U.S. Marine Corps. He served 36 years in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1978. He fought in three wars - World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He became an Assistant Commander in 1976. He owns the following personal decorations: The Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star Medal with one Gold Star in lieu of a Second Award, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the National Order of Vietnam and the Army Distinguished Service Order, First Class. General Jaskilka loved the City of Ansonia, he loved his family, and we are truly honored by his accomplishment in the Marine Corps. I would like to take this time to commemorate General Jaskilka's career.

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Mayor James Della Volpe

I want to give you an update on the snow removal. We have used a total of 319 total yards of sand and salt. Overtime we've had \$26,987; we budgeted \$72,000 for the material and \$50,000 for the overtime, so we're well below that. We have had five snow events with 17 inches.

I've had ongoing talks with the City of Derby in regard to us combining the WPCA because we built our new facility. Hopefully they'll be able to send their effluent to Ansonia and we'll be able to use it because we have the capacity. It will also lower the rates for our ratepayers because we had to pay for the new facility.

We are also talking about regionalizing a dog park because of the new Riverwalk; we would utilize O'Sullivan's Island for the use of a dog park. We have had preliminary talks in regard to regionalization of our Education and Public Works Systems.

I am still negotiating with the Police Union. We have two sessions set up for the end of the month. I would like to let the residents know that we take education very seriously here in Ansonia. We are working extremely hard to maintain what we have. To give you a brief history lesson, we used to have 7,000 people working here in Ansonia at the Ansonia Copper and Brass and at Farrell's. Main Street was packed. We had a movie theatre, we had stores - men's, women's shoe stores, we had everything on Main Street. Those days are gone. We now have only 150 people working at Farrell's and the Ansonia Copper and Brass. We're trying to maintain and sustain what we have. We have a very energetic Economic Development Commission now that is working extremely hard to put together a plan to bring more business in, to increase our Grand List and try to increase our tax base. Once again, everybody here put a lot of hours, a lot of time and a lot of effort into this budget. I commend them for the work that they have done. There are some tough decisions that have to be made and they have been made. We're just going to have to live with it. We are going to try to make this City the best that we can. I was born and raised here and I'm proud to be from Ansonia. I'll open it up for any questions that the Board might have.

President Sharkey thanked Mayor Della Volpe.

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Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Several items on the agenda will be addressed at the appropriate time. The only thing I'd like to mention is I'd like to withdraw Communication #9 - we're still trying to work out some revisions of a resolution regarding a Fair Housing Policy for the City. Thank you.

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Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

I'm happy to report that our Anti-Crime Unit served another search warrant on Smith Street today - 28 Smith Street. We had another problem house there in the neighborhood that we received complaints on. I encourage you again, in talking to people in your Wards, and I will notify you when something like this occurs in your wards, but please tell them to pass the information on. We're trying to stay abreast of it as best we can but there may be problem areas that pop up that may be active that aren't quite on our radar yet. We are looking for timely information - that's what keeps us operating.

On a personal note, I read the article in [The Connecticut Post](#) as well. I thought it was very one-sided. I think it told a story of three or four kids. I didn't see any mention of all the kids that have come through this school system that have done very well. It mentioned the football team; it didn't mention a certain kid at Yale who had quite a career there. I think you've got to look at that article and at the bigger picture. It was very one-sided; I wasn't happy with it at all. I made mention of that to a Post reporter. I think again when you consider that article, take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Thank you.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I just want to personally thank you and your staff for the excellent job you guys are doing. You can pass that along to them.

Alderman Radin stated, I'd like to thank both Attorney Blake and Chief Hale. I mentioned at the last meeting that there were no lights on one side of the Maple Street Bridge and I don't know who straightened out the sign, but it's wonderful. It really looks nice. At least we don't have a crooked sign on the other side of the bridge. Thank you. And we do have lights.

President Sharkey stated, yes, many people noticed that and reported it.

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Sean Rowley - Foreman at Parks and Public Works Departments

The Mayor pretty much touched on snow removal.

Where we stand right now, we're trying to catch up from things we didn't do in the fall; we were pretty tied up with the snowstorm with snow removal and tree removal. So now without snow we're catching up and doing bagged leaves. By the end of the week we'll get all of the new street signs out that we were allotted - we're pretty much at budget with that. We started some street sweeping, potholes, cut trees in the parks, still trying to remove some leaves. Things that sometimes go by the wayside when we don't have time. That's about it.

Alderman Duffus stated, Sean, can there be a commitment to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, to consistently have someone come up there and clean things up?

Mr. Rowley stated, yes, we've had the sweeper up there, we removed some trees. As you know we're kind of short-staffed. We try to do as much at Gatison Park as we could, it's not always easy. I only have one guy who is working with the maintenance crew, and one guy who is out on comp.

Alderman Duffus stated, it's unfortunate that we have kids playing in glass.

Mr. Rowley stated, I agree. We spent two days in the summer there...

Alderman Duffus interjected, there should be an opportunity now where some of the resources can be allocated to the North End. This has probably been going on for over a decade. It's not only an issue among Public Works, it's also the community - they have to step up as well. Somehow, we have to have a resolution to make with that.

Mr. Rowley stated, we're doing the best we can, like I said we're short-staffed. We have a couple guys doing street signs, then we start sweeping streets, we've been in the parks, we've been at Gatison Park. We've been as you know, Liberty Street there by the Farrell's, we cleaned that up in the fall. We removed all the brush, the leaves, and we go by there, we just took a ton of bulk out of there

last week. We could go back there tomorrow and I'm sure it's a mess all over again. We do our best. I will mention it to Mike. We had the sweeper out there. We're cutting trees on Fourth and Fifth Street, and Liberty Street.

Alderman Duffus stated, we could have it maybe one day per month consistently. I think that would be helpful. Although I agree at times you can clean it up one day and the next day it will be back to...

Mr. Rowley stated, I can tell you from experience, 15 years with Parks - we clean one end of Gatison Park and they're down at the other end just throwing the papers around laughing at us. It's not just Gatison Park...

Alderman Duffus stated, it can't be something that's City only - the community has to step up as well. I would like to see more help from the City. Thank you.

Alderman Fainer asked, are the guys cold patching at all?

Mr. Rowley replied, yes, we send a crew out - if there's potholes just call down the garage. If there are bigger ones. We're driving around but...

Alderman Fainer stated, there's one over by Digiovanni's - the old Cherney Pontiac - right there - Howard Avenue - before the condos there. If you could fill that in please. Thank you.

Alderman Tripp stated, if cold patch is available, Mr. Mayor did they get that pothole on Prospect Street yet?

Mayor Della Volpe asked, the one in front of my house?

Alderman Tripp replied, well yes, right down from there. Sir, as Alderman I request that you maybe attend to Prospect Street.

Mr. Rowley stated, we'll take care of it.

Alderman Nihill stated, Mr. Rowley, if you could, the municipal parking lot - I know you're Parks and it doesn't fall under your watch but if you could pass on to Mike - the municipal parking lot, I believe there are nine lights in the parking lot. On West Main near ARMS - there are only three of them that are operational. It's kind of dark over there. We had a tragic incident with an ambulance a little way back and I know lighting probably contributed to that incident. Maybe the lights could be addressed there.

Also, I want to thank you guys for getting into ARMS - or at least the Building Department - and doing some maintenance in the building - painting it inside. From what I understand the gutters that were damaged during the ice storm are being replaced - but the contract did not account for downspouts. There are several downspouts that are in poor shape. From what I understand there was a work order worked up by the contractor doing the work, and if that could be

considered to be addressed. From what I understand if he fixes the work he proposed he will give us an extended warranty on any leak issues that may come up with that building. So if somebody could look at that.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I am familiar with it and I will address it. I know the contractor has talked to Mike Schryver, the Superintendent, and I think they've reached an agreement when they were going to do it.

Mr. Rowley stated, we are in the buildings also, painting and doing stripping and waxing of floors.

Alderman Stowe stated, thank you for coming here and representing Public Works today. I would like to mention as the public can hear, they are understaffed and they are under-equipped. It's not just one department in this town that is suffering from lack of funds. We're talking about public safety here. Thank you.

President Sharkey stated, when the contractor was in looking at the gutters that were replaced on ARMS, he noticed several problems with the roof. That was brought to our attention and rather than put that off until next year's budget that starts July 1<sup>st</sup>, we went to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation and talked to them, and they're going to have the roof repaired while he's here. We have to start looking at our infrastructure; we can't be letting these buildings and everything else fall apart. So we are taking care of that as we can. And the note that they are understaffed, every person that has left Public Works probably in the last five or six years has not been replaced. There have been no new hires. As people leave they're just... This staff has just gone from where it was down to, Sean can tell you, he has one person in his department. When they have several out that are out on comp there is nobody working. They are very understaffed. They had a problem in one of the snowstorms, they had trucks and no drivers.

#### Joseph Miller - Comptroller

I would like to congratulate all the members of the Finance Committee that had served the whole month of January working on the budget. The Department Heads were asked to submit a zero-percent increase. We ended up with what we ended up with. Alderman Adamowski has the budget to be approved later on at this meeting and turned over to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. The Board of Apportionment and Taxation will go through the same process all over again. Again, nothing is finalized.

Just the other day after the Finance Committee approved the budget, Governor Malloy said we're going to give you \$500,000. Maybe. They had to address it. We were here last night trying to come up with a reasonable solution. We get an extra \$500,000 that's fine, but we can't put it in the budget until we know it's coming. That is the issue we're faced with - all the State grants - it has to be

passed. They did a good job; they kept the mill rate down. Not everybody is going to be happy. You hear yourself talk tonight. That's it. Thank you.

### ***Committee Reports***

#### **Finance Committee - Alderman Edward Adamowski**

1. Turn the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget over to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation

Alderman Adamowski stated, I would personally like to thank each of the members of the Finance Committee. We worked tirelessly this month with what we came up with. I think everything went well. We had good debates. In the end we were all able to come to a decision together, unanimously, on what we wanted to do with the budget. So we have Communication #8 - I would like a motion to attach that to the Committee report.

President Sharkey stated, I would like to deviate from the Agenda - Communication #8 concerns our Tax Reduction Recommendations. What we should do is accept that communication now and attach it as part of our budget going forward.

Alderman Marini moved to deviate from the agenda to accept Communication #8 and place on file with our budget recommendation; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

President Sharkey stated, you have before you the budget.

Alderman Adamowski stated, you have before you the budget that we are passing along to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. The mill rate last year was 26.25. The Finance Committee is putting forth hopefully tonight to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation a mill rate of 28.

President Sharkey stated, be aware that carries a 1.75 mill increase. When we started we were at 4.1 mills; we've reduced this budget down to 1.75. Most departments - almost all of them - have taken a zero increase. We've worked where we have; we've made increases where necessary. There are many recommendations that are here. There is a two page document with our recommendations to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. We have recommendations to the Mayor concerning union concessions. We have recommendations to the Ansonia Library, the Ansonia Nature Center, the Ansonia Board of Education - all of which we hope they'll at least take a look at the document we worked so hard on. Just to echo what Alderman Adamowski said, these were numerous meetings, lengthy hours, they were open discussions, people were able to come and attend. Those people that did attend, some for the first time, noticed how hard working this Finance Committee is to get to this point. Nothing was taken lightly.

Alderman Adamowski stated, as far as all of the comments that we heard tonight, I believe that this Finance Committee does have the best interests of the City of Ansonia in mind and our children. There is nobody on this Committee or this Board as we sit right now that doesn't. Coming into this, I never in a million years would have guessed, sitting out in the audience and just looking at it from the outside, how actually hard it is to put together a budget when everybody in the City from Police, Fire and every other department we have has taken cuts over the past four to six years. With that said, there comes a point where we as a Finance Committee have to make a decision that we do not want to hinder our services to the City of Ansonia because that does nobody any good either. So we have to come up with a balance between a budget and other means of attracting businesses through the Economic Development - which we're going to bring up later, maybe collecting some back taxes. It is time consuming and it's not an easy job. Thank you.

Alderman Marini stated, I would like to formally open discussion on the budget. As Ed has said, this has been a very tough process, very hard decisions have been made. I'm really proud of the work everyone's put in and Ed, as our Chairman for this process, has done a wonderful job and he's even come up with some new, innovative solutions to apply in future budget processes that I'm sure he will tell us about later. Through it all I'm very happy - both parties have been willing to work side-by-side and shoulder-to-shoulder to do what's good for the City. I'm particularly pleased with the tax reduction recommendations that we put together, which I hope we could read out in full right after the budget is voted on. These recommendations show that every single member of the Board is committed to trying to keep taxes down as low as possible.

However, as I alluded to earlier on and certainly was hashed out last night, I do have disagreement with a portion of the budget as it stands, and that is the Board of Education allocation. As we talked about it, I think everyone realizes that we need, because of the precarious position we're in, we do need an increase in some amount for the Board of Education. It's undeniable but because of the loss of the Priority District Grant that we are facing the risk of basically stepping backwards. At the same time, there's a lot that we don't know right now. I proposed last night to have that budget increase for the Board of Education, be it over \$232,000. That amount of money sort of try to compare it to what that could be, it's just about as much to run the entire Ansonia Fire Department. So I don't think it's a negligible amount. The current budget before you has over \$622,000 allocated to the Board of Education. The difference between my proposal and the proposal as it stands is \$400,000. Of course, again, is that a negligible amount? I don't believe so particularly in light of the fact that there is something that the State enforces called a Minimum Budget Requirement. It means that the amount of money that we put toward education this year can never be lowered next year, or the year after that. So the money we give them, the \$622,000 we give them this year, we have to give them again next year, and the next year, and then the next year and it can't be reduced. It establishes a new baseline or a new watermark. So I really feel that

especially because of where we are in the process, as I said before, we're not setting a budget here; we're really in the middle of a process - it's not going to be done until May. I believe that we need to make sure that we know all the factors, that all the cards are on the table before we make the really difficult decision of advancing that water line simply because of the implication. Right now there's a lot we don't know. We know the Governor has come out with a proposal to give us over \$540,000 in the form of a grant which will have some strings attached in some way or another. We know there's going to be a \$4.7 million splitting around in competitive grants available to alliance district members that Ansonia is part of. And another troubling thing to me - we have no idea really what our Grand List is really even going to look like. So as we're setting this budget, we really don't know what the revenue change is going to be from last year. So it's my position that until all of the cards are on the table, I believe we need to be as cautious as possible in advancing that line, that baseline, for the Board of Education. And that unless we're absolutely sure that an increase is necessary, that we have a responsibility to hold the line.

That is my position on this budget but I think looking more long term we have a serious problem with this budget process. This is a budget process that we have that has an appointed board of making the actual decision. This Board of Aldermen, what we're doing here tonight, there's a lot of hard work and it could be essentially meaningless because it can be completely overturned by what the Board of Apportionment and Taxation is doing. Because of when we're making the decision, here in February rather than May, we don't know all the facts. We don't know all the figures. We are making our decision in the dark, and that's tragic. We are supposed to be the elected officials. So as the elected officials, I don't think we can just complain about it or whine about it, I think we need to do something about it. And within the next two weeks, I'm going to introduce a resolution to the Board of Aldermen to start to initiate a Charter Revision process. Obviously any revision is going to have to be one that's done by consensus, but I think a) we're going to need to have this Board of Aldermen take responsibility. Hiding behind a Board of Apportionment and Taxation to make a decision is not the way to go. And 2) I'd like to see the public have a say in what the budget is. I look forward to working with this Board to try to fix this budget process. I'd like the case to be made to the public, either way.

Alderman Radin stated, I have quite a few of my constituents, I'm in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, and a good portion of the people in my Ward are senior citizens like myself, own property, own houses up there, and they're on fixed incomes. Most of them are on fixed incomes. They want very much to help the education but at the present time they haven't received any increase in their Social Security in over three years, the insurance rates have gone up, food has gone up, heat has gone up. Everybody knows that; that's happening to everybody. But these people in particular are people who are on a fixed income whether they buy food or their medicine or they pay their heat or they pay their taxes. So right now I think that the 1.75 that they're talking about an increase is a lot because they just got stuck with the WPCA, the \$285. I know it's costing me a lot

because I own a business plus two other places that are being billed. So I know what it's costing them. I just can't see that amount - I agree with John that we need to keep it down; we need to give them something but we need to keep it down to what we can afford. Thank you.

Alderman Stowe stated, this is information I've researched. Over the last two years the people of Ansonia on average have seen their income drop by nearly 20 percent. The average median household income in 2009 was \$54,000. In 2011 it was \$43,000. The people of Ansonia's home values have dropped up to 50 percent from 2007 to this year. Their homes will be revaluated by the City, and the outcome doesn't look encouraging. Right now today there are 150 homes for sale in Ansonia. In 2005 you would have had hard luck finding one. Adding to the stress of these local financial concerns, our families have seen increases in state, income and sales taxes. Increases in electricity tax, hospital patient revenue tax, nursing home user fees tax. The cost of feeding our families, putting gas in our cars, heating our homes continues to rise while our incomes drop. The message I heard from our friends and neighbors, residents of Ansonia, on Election Day was very clear. They did not like the sewer assessment and could not afford higher taxes. Our friends and families have asked us as public officials, as servants of the people, to be fiscally responsible, to be as efficient as possible, to have a vision to rebuild the business in our City and I am proud to represent them. Thank you.

Alderman Fainer asked, where did you get that information?

Alderman Tripp replied, for the record, the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

Alderman Fainer stated, I'm on this Board a little while, and I've been on the Finance Committee. Every year we try to hold the line. Nobody in this town wants their taxes raised. You can see what's happening - the Public Works vehicles have gone to hell in a hand basket, the ambulance - it took me forever to get a new ambulance. Everybody wants, but nobody wants to pay for it. Most of the budget increase we got this year is contractual - we had no choice in the matter. It's a bare bones budget and we still have to go up against [inaudible]. The people, you're going to say about the sewer use tax - we were mandated by the State to spend that money without receiving any money from the State to do that. It's not like, let's just go raise the taxes, we had to do it. You've got to pay \$60 million somewhere, you know? We're not sitting on this Board to try and raise people taxes, we're trying to hold the line. But even at bare bones, we've still got to go up on taxes. What else can you do? Public Works is at bare bones, this one's at bare bones, the Fire Department is \$240,000. You can't have everything. You can't keep staying at zero percent budget because everything is going up. Fuel has gone up, this went up, that went up, everything's gone up. I don't know what the answer is, but you can't just say no budget increase. Somewhere along the line you've got to increase the budget. It's a reality; you've got to face it. Everybody gets raises of some sort, the insurance premiums go up, gasoline's gone up, the fuel to put in the trucks,

they run the fire trucks, they run the Public Works vehicle, they're all falling apart and it costs us much more money. You just don't wave your magic wand and say, no tax increase. You've got to cover the basic necessities. That's all I'm saying.

Alderman Stowe stated, I was at the Finance Committee meetings and I supported a new ambulance. I supported two police cars with a detective vehicle. I supported two new officers because we're ready to have two officers retire. I supported, I was trying to see that Public Works got a couple of vehicles, and we were going to do that by capital investment over time because the interest rate was so low. I supported, and not that I want to see taxes raised, I supported the Library getting a little more money because the Library was going to stay open on the weekends and at night for the kids to be able to hopefully use some of those computers. I would have supported the raise begrudgingly. I would have supported the \$27 million that was what we were all going towards if there could have been all day Kindergarten. The Board of Education said right out, if we get that \$27 million we will not be able to provide that. I was elected by the people and I walked the streets. When you're a Republican in this town you've got to do a lot of walking. I walked the streets and I knocked on doors. I would go with the majority. There's a silent majority in this town that doesn't come to these public meetings and they don't necessarily represent themselves. I have to tell you, in my Ward, 80 percent of those people said, "I don't want any more taxes," so in other words, my neck is out on the chopping block because I'm supporting some of these increases. They said, "I don't want any more taxes and I'm very upset about the sewer use fee. Now, the solution that I see as being a person who's in business with a family for 44 years and had to go out of business in the State of Connecticut, you don't stay in business for 44 years because you're not running a good business. We have to increase our grand list, and it's through Economic Development. We are working on this diligently. We are going to have a vetting system to get somebody in charge of that that actually can produce like in Shelton and Southbury and other towns that I've watched through my life that they were ready. When the economy got better, they had all the rules in place so the businesses were able to feel accommodated and move in. They had big grand lists and watched their towns grow. That as I see is the solution to our problem. I would like to see more money in other words, Jerome, but it's not there.

Alderman Fainer stated, that's sometimes looking at fairytale land Charlie. We're landlocked, we're 6.6 square miles. We don't have Route 34. You keep talking about all these - where are they going to go?

Alderman Stowe stated, we have Scinto working on the mountain over off of Wakelee Avenue. We have buildings that are vacant here and they can go, depending on what we do, maybe they could be five story, maybe we can get some white-collar workers here.

President Sharkey stated, we've gone hours and hours and days and days in doing this. I'd like to put an end to this and move on to our business at hand tonight.

Alderman Tripp stated, I've been patient while everybody else has spoken. I'll keep my comments very brief. Thank you for your consideration. Number one, I agree totally with Mr. Marini's comments. This is not an assault on the Board of Education but Alderman Marini has analyzed this and I think he has a very good proposal and a very good plan to what he's said. I concur with that totally. I'm going to read a very short statement, to the point. If you've heard this before, I apologize. I am saying this for the general audience.

This Board of Aldermen has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of the City of Ansonia to be good stewards of their hard-earned taxpayer dollars. That's why I'm here; that's my main concern. Speaking of myself, I take a personal responsibility to represent the hard-working blue-collar families and seniors that in this economy are struggling to survive financially. I am not beholden to any political party or special interest group. My main concern is the welfare of the people of the City of Ansonia. At this time, I cannot in good conscience vote to increase the tax rate beyond what is absolutely necessary. Mr. President, I thank you for your time.

Alderman Knapp stated, during the campaign, I walked every street in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, just like Charlie, I'm sure, walked there before. I heard the same thing - don't want to raise taxes, don't want to raise taxes. I owe a responsibility to the folks of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, and to all the folks of the City of Ansonia, that when I voted, and part of the recommendation here, when they dial 911 a police car shows up. When they dial 911 an ambulance shows up. Not a 13-year-old ambulance but an ambulance shows up. I also voted for the purchase of two new trucks in this upcoming budget, so that when it snows, Sean and his crew can plow the streets. I also recommended giving the Board of Education \$600,000 as part of that whole package there. There comes a point in time when you've got to take care of public safety; you have to do the right thing. In my heart I felt I did the right thing.

Alderman Jeanette stated, one point please. I've been on this Board longer than anybody here and I've seen a lot of these budgets go through. We've got to start committing to our kids too. They are very important and we want them to come back here to live some day. If they don't see things getting better here, they are going to leave. And nobody wants their kids to leave this town. You have to take that into consideration too. Everybody out there that has gone over this budget - go to your Board of Apportionment and Taxation meetings. Find out what's going on. See what they're going to do with the budget. We don't set it. We don't have the final say in this. We just start it. But you can put your influence regarding these budgets when you go to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation meetings. Do yourself a favor and get involved.

President Sharkey stated, you're going to hear other things come up tonight, after we finally do something about the budget; some other initiatives we have of trying to do positive things for the City. We started on some last month, you'll all hear some recommendations, this sort of thing. It's interesting that we hear more people say we need more money. To be able to give out money you have to have money coming in. Yes, we have empty buildings. Yes, we have a whole section of the North End that's rusting and falling apart up there. There were factories where I worked in the 60s when Farrell's had 2,000 people here. When everything was busy, when all the stores were going in and so forth. The Mayor mentioned we don't have that. We need to change our thinking. We need to adapt with the times. We need to find a way for Economic Development to reinvent the City of Ansonia. It's interesting that in today's New Haven Register there's a piece that Seymour's Board of Finance is going to be looking at giving Seymour's Economic Development Commission over \$400,000 to attract business to the Town of Seymour, because they haven't had. Now, if we had \$400,000 we'd be fighting about where it's going to go. We certainly don't have \$400,000 to give our Economic Development Commission. We're going to try and hire a consultant, we're going to meet. Some of the people sitting out here and sitting over there are going to work as hard as they can to revitalize this and move on. Our only two ways of doing this, lower our costs, bring in more money. We're going to try and do both of them. We have a lot of ideas out here. I wish we could invent something; I wish we could do something. God knows I wish we had Route 34 running in front of this building. I wish we had an exit from Route 8. We don't have an exit that leads anywhere near our business district. Derby does; Shelton does; Seymour does; Beacon Falls does. We don't. We can't get the State to build one any place close to here. Years ago there was an idea about building a ramp from up where John J. Sullivan's is, build that to connect to Main Street so people would get off of Route 8 and come right to Main Street. That never developed, but that was a plan that was supposed to be. We just don't have that ability. We're going to talk about a lot of other things. Where we are is where we are in the budget. We need to move forward someplace tonight. We need to set this process in motion. The Board of Apportionment and Taxation can't do a thing until we send them a budget. We all are in the same boat; all of us that sat in all of these meetings. We all had different ideas about where it should go and so forth. This is a consensus. I want to let people know it was unanimous. Some people got dragged kicking and screaming to this point, but it was unanimous at least - this budget that we have before us tonight, on many of the votes that we took. We really need to move forward.

Alderman Duffus MOVED to pass the budget on to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe		X	

Tripp		X	
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin		X	
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini		X	
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 4 No.

President Sharkey stated, I actually have to say that I am very disappointed in this Board. I want to say I am very disappointed. People that voted yes in committee, come here and vote no. Okay? If you did it for political purpose...

Alderman Radin stated, may I just...

President Sharkey stated, we're not going into a discussion on it. I don't care.

Aldermen Stowe and Radin stated, you can't comment like that.

President Sharkey stated, I am disappointed. All right. Our Tax Reduction Recommendations. Moving forward. The budget passes and will be sent on as it is right now.

**TAX REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

In connection with the tentative 2012-2013 budget, pursuant to Section 42 of the Charter, the Ansonia Board of Aldermen hereby proposes the following budget recommendations designed to reduce the tax burden to the residents of Ansonia.

The Board of Aldermen hereby recommends the following:

**I. Recommendations to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation**

- 1) That all reasonable efforts be made to achieve a final budget that represents the lowest possible increase from the 2011-2012 budget attainable without sacrificing essential public services.
- 2) The purchases of emergency and Public Works service vehicles discussed by the Finance Committee be kept separate from the 2012-2013 budget, and financed by way of a short-term low-interest loan.

**II. Recommendations to the Office of the Mayor re: Union Concessions**

- 1) The City of Ansonia negotiate furlough days during the next five budget years.
- 2) That health insurance co-payments for all employees in the City of Ansonia be increased to a reasonable market rate.
- 3) That a zero-percent salary increase be negotiated for union employees in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- 4) That a cap on any subsequent salary increases for the next five budget years be established at \$80,000.
- 5) That sick day buy-out buy-back provisions be eliminated from all future union contracts.

**III. Recommendations to the Ansonia Public Library**

- 1) The Ansonia Public Library utilize any budgetary increase to fund the operation Saturday and evening hours to better meet the needs of the residents.
- 2) The Ansonia Public Library avoid operating hours at periods of the day where a low volume of residents utilize the Library.
- 3) Ansonia Public Library adjust operation hours during the school year based on student need.

**IV. Recommendations to the Ansonia Nature Center**

- 1) Ansonia Nature Center form a committee to explore the possibility of charging a nominal entrance fee for the use of the Nature Center and it's recreational areas as implemented in other Connecticut communities. It is requested this committee report to the Board of Aldermen by no later than June, 2012.

**V. Recommendations to the Ansonia Board of Education**

- 1) That the Board of Education form a committee to explore the possibility of regionalization with respect to health insurance plans. It is requested that this committee report to the Board of Aldermen by no later than June, 2012.
- 2) That the Board of Education strive to obtain the same union concessions outlined in Section II of these recommendations.
- 3) That the Board of Education take any and all steps necessary to support the State of Connecticut's application for waiver from parts of No Child Left Behind law to force our teachers "to teach to the test".

President Sharkey stated, this was compiled by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Fainer MOVED moved to attach the Tax Reduction Recommendations resolution to the Board of Aldermen's proposed budget; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

2. Authorization to Pay Bills

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

ARMS Committee - Alderman Scott Nihill

In January we were dispatched to 236 calls, transported 177 patients and 69 of them were with advanced medical care with medic. They covered four mutual aid calls and I'd like to commend them for stepping up to help out Derby in their time of need with the passing of a Valley legend, Mr. Edward Cotter. They covered Derby during the funeral that day. Lucky to say we've only passed one call, so they're doing a great job down there. In the collections, back into the City through the ARMS service was \$30,877.90.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Community Land Trust Committee - Alderman David Knapp

The Land Use Committee met to discuss the possible purchase of some open space near Colony Park. It's about 5.5 - 6 acres of land. We had previously asked Eileen, the Grant Writer, to look into the possible of some open space grants through the State. She was told that there's a possibility one may be coming available. One of the requirements for that grant is to have an appraisal done on any property that you're thinking about purchasing. So it was the recommendation of the Committee to go forward and ask the full Board to have an appraisal done on the property. It's not to say we're going to buy the property; it's just an appraisal.

Alderman Stowe MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Beall.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, for the record, this property is located adjacent to Abe Stone Park and Gardner's Lane.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Public Works Committee - Alderman David Knapp

The bids have gone out and I believe they're going to be due back at the end of March.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, March 27<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> the Committee is going to meet to go over the bids.

*Economic Development Commission - Alderman John Marini*

First and foremost is our number one priority - within the next month we'll start the process along with the Mayor's Office and members of this Board for the selection for the hiring process of a new Economic Development professional. This is a task that can't be taken lightly and must be done with full consensus from not only the members of this Board but really people throughout the City - whether we talk about City departments, business owners, property owners, residents - this really is something we need to be together on. Along with the hiring, almost a prerequisite to that, we need to have a discussion about the vision for Ansonia. Exactly what do we see ourselves being in five to 10 years, and really the Economic Development Commission just wants to help foster the process along. It's something that our Commission can't do alone - it needs to be the entire City working together. We had a Business Forum last month that was very successful. The Commission sees great value in input from business owners, keeping them involved in everything from the selection of the new Economic Development consultant to everything else that the City is doing. We want to keep these forums up on a regular basis. The next forum is scheduled for this Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. All members of this Board, any residents, are more than welcome to attend. The Economic Development Commission is having a meeting Thursday. At that meeting we're going to unveil a proposal to help businesses on Main Street. We recognize that business owners are struggling, that there is a need to improve the aesthetics of Main Street. Our proposal is essentially for Ansonia to implement its own grant program for the purposes of storefront rehabilitation and renovation. We have approximately \$80,000 that is being held in an account for the Economic Development Director this year that has not been used, that has not been depleted. The plan is to request from the Board of Apportionment and Taxation the permission to use a portion of that money to chop up into what would effectually be a matching grant. That usually comes from the State, for example, offering a business owner \$2,000 in matching money in order to make improvements to a storefront, signage, and rid the area of any blight around his area. The specifics of that proposal would all be controlled by Ansonia, because this isn't a State grant. We very much want to get the input from this Board and from the business owners in terms of what specifications will work best. It's an idea where hopefully we can make something out of nothing. The other big process, and a lot of these projects I have to commend Vinny Scarlotta, the recently-elected Chairman, for putting a lot of effort into carrying out these projects. The other project is really a database project to get updated information on vacant storefronts and updated information on all commercial properties in Ansonia so that we have a database to draw from. We'll know what our vacant properties are; we'll be able to hold them out to potential businesses and potential investors, and we'll just know what's going on in our City. The whole idea is to sort of, that database could be used for a lot of things, but first and foremost getting it all together. That is the

update and I encourage any member of this Board to visit with the Economic Development Commission this Thursday at 7 o'clock and to attend the Business Forum Monday at 7 o'clock at Antonio's.

Alderman Fainer stated, are you looking to hire a consultant instead of like we had before?

Alderman Marini replied, that's part of the discussion; and I don't want to speak for the Committee that's getting together because again, it's all about consensus. My opinion on it was, I would like to see us hire a consultant rather than a full Economic Development Director so we would have some, a little more leeway in the way we deal with things. There's been a lot of good suggestions, even from members of this Board, on different ways to do it. Aldermen Adamowski and Duffus had a suggestion that I think made a lot of sense, rather than having just the temporary consultant, maybe take a look at hiring - really have the goal be someone full-time, but give them a tryout period. You don't want to go through all this process just to hire someone, I agree, for just seven months, then he goes away. We really want to hire someone who is going to be good for the long haul. But there's always the apprehensions of, what if we get somebody who just doesn't work out for the long haul. So maybe a possibility is hiring someone with like a six-month consultant try-out period, and then if that person performs well or turns in a plan for development that we all agree with, hire that guy to be the full time. There are a lot of ways it could go, which is what I really think, its this consensus committee that we need to put together to make those calls. I am open to any suggestions.

President Sharkey stated, I think part of your charge will be to develop a plan of where you think the City of Ansonia wants to be and go, you can't interview a person and ask them what they're going to do to help the City of Ansonia if you don't know where it wants to go. I would imagine that's part of your charge.

Alderman Marini stated, I think when that consensus committee gets together their first order of duty is to have an honest and open discussion with all of Ansonia about where we want to be - what the vision is going to be. The hope is that it's going to be a Board that encompasses people from all aspects of Ansonia life. Hopefully it will be well attended by the business owners, by the residents, and when they articulate division, exactly like you said, we can go on and start to interview people for the position.

### Energy Committee

President Sharkey stated, I'd like to appoint an Energy Committee to work with Mike Schryver, Eileen Krugel our Grant Writer, on various ways to reduce our energy consumption and also cost savings. We have many initiatives presently being explored by various groups here in Ansonia but there's no coordinated effort putting this all together. We have from oil to gas conversion, we're

talking about trying to save money in most of our buildings. We've done some small initiatives - I can report right now that the garage at the Armory that was using thousands of dollars worth of natural gas every year, the heater has been shut off - we've worked on that in the last couple of days with cooperation of the Police Department and the Public Works - there is no longer any gas being fed into that building unless it's necessary when they have to go in there to investigate one of their cars. We're looking at every single way we can reduce our costs. Those members will be myself as Chairman, and Aldermen Fainer, Adamowski, and Knapp.

One of the reasons we're establishing this Committee and one of the first charges I'd like to give them is to take a look at putting - and we've had initial discussions but we need to marshal our efforts and move forward - I want to take a look at putting solar panels on our landfill. I have copies for all of the Aldermen afterward if they want to see. North Haven put solar panels on their landfill; they're saving the town millions of dollars. If we can find a way to save some money we would have some money to give out to people. We need to have cost savings initiatives. We also, in conjunction, need to bring business in so we're going to work in a couple of different directions.

### ***Municipal Reports / Annual Reports***

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

### ***Tax Refunds***

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the refund report and pay the refunds in the amount of \$1,062.59 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

### ***Accidents and Claims***

1-12-788 Tamara A. Chisefsy  
1-12-791 Susan Boroski - Injuries from vehicle collision (CGS 7-308)  
1-12-792 Susan Boroski - Injuries from vehicle collision (CGS 7-465)  
1-12-793 Kazimiera Jaworski  
1-12-794 Melba Galarza / Betsy Morales

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the claims and refer them to Corporation Counsel Blake and the Claims Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

Alderman Sharkey stated, I will comment with Corporation Counsel Blake on several of them - not at this point but if you wish we can discuss it in Executive Session, but not here because they all involve litigation of some sort.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

***Communications***

President Sharkey stated, I have some adjustments I would like to make. Communications #1 and 11, and Resolution #1 concern the same thing. - I would like to take up those up all at the same time rather than individually.

Also, Communication #3 and Resolution #2 concern the same thing; I would like to take those up at the same time.

I have a Late Communication that was sent to us at 5:45 p.m. tonight. I would like to take it up as well. It is a resignation from the Elderly Commission.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to DEVIATE from the agenda as requested by President Sharkey; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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**Communication #1**

From: Eileen Krugel, Grant Writer

Re: Municipal Quick Spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant

*Dear Aldermen,*

*This communication is solely for background on the Municipal Quick Spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant which requires your approval of the resolution of the same name.*

*The funding for this competitive grant is comprised of a pool of leftover money from the EECBG, of which the City was awarded \$80,000 in 2009.*

*This application is a quick-turnaround process to spend down these leftover State monies and requires the Board of Aldermen to approve a resolution allowing the Mayor to sign any related grant documents.*

*The grant application was submitted on its deadline of January 20, 2012. Ansonia is asking for funds for Energy-Star rated replacement appliances for municipal buildings in need of such items. (Acquiring Energy-Star appliances was one of the activities allowed in the application.)*

*If Ansonia receives an award, we will not be given any money until this approved resolution is submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Any expenditures and subsequent reporting must be completed by June 30, 2012.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Eileen Krugel  
City of Ansonia, Grants*

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Communication #11

From:

Re: Bid Waiver - Municipal Quick Spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant

President Sharkey stated, we also have Communication #11, it comprises the same thing as Communication #1, and is a request for a bid waiver for the Municipal Quick Spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant. This one mentions they were notified from this application that they did receive a grant for \$8,538. We will now begin the paperwork process to replace it. When it's call "quick spend" the State of Connecticut wants you to spend the money immediately. This is such as when they have municipal projects, they have "shovel-ready" projects. This is such as that. We received the grant and they want us to spend it.

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Resolution #1

Re: Municipal Quick Spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant

#### RESOLUTION

Aldermen David Knapp of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward and Edward Adamowski of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved,

WHEREAS, James Della Volpe is the municipal officer who is authorized to sign grants, contracts and other documents on behalf of the City of Ansonia in Ansonia, Connecticut;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that James T. Della Volpe is authorized to sign the application, along with any other required documentation, for funding under the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Municipal Quick Spend Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program and understands that funding under this program is from Connecticut's allocation of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to authorize the waiver of bid and ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Marini.

Alderman Fainer stated, it's a quick turnaround with this. The State is going to give us \$8,500 to replace the refrigerators in the Firehouses, ARMS, Public Works. They figure it's going to save us \$905 a year in energy costs. This isn't going to cost us anything. Our grant writer is going to go out and get us competitive pricing on it because of the quick turnaround - there really isn't

time to go out and get bids on it. That is why she is asking for us to grant the bid waiver.

Alderman Stowe asked, are you donating these 12 refrigerators that you do have to somebody?

President Sharkey stated, I'm thinking that they thought of that - they are not energy efficient. We are getting rid of them for the fact that they are not energy efficient. We can have Eileen answer that, maybe there is a requirement as to what we do with them.

Ms. Krugel explained, one of the requirements, and I did have to tell the State is our freon removal process for anything we dispose of. If there is a refrigerator that is not Energy Star rated that is still usable and somebody could use it because it is better than what they have, or more energy efficient than what they have, I think at this point, and all the paperwork hasn't been finished yet, I think we can replace the better one for the older one. So it doesn't mean necessarily that all the refrigerators we're replacing through this grant have to be tossed, because some of them might be usable for someone else who has something that's a lot worse. Again, as the paperwork process with the State is not completed yet, we're still finalizing some of those fine points.

Alderman Stowe asked, so you're not going to just throw them away; if they're good you're going to find them a home?

Ms. Krugel replied, if we can. If they need to be thrown away, again, we have to go through the freon removal process and they will be scrapped for metal. If we could reuse them I will. Some of the refrigerators are pretty rusted.

Alderman Fainer stated, some of the stuff that the State has paid for in the past, we had to get rid of it. We couldn't have it any more. We had to document that energy hog is gone.

Ms. Krugel stated, it's really up to the State. We're still going back and forth on some of the paperwork so as those details become available I can let you know.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #2

From: Police Chief Kevin Hale

Re: Bid Waiver - Purchase of E-Log Plate Reader

President Sharkey stated, they are looking for approval to purchase an electronic plate reader from the Elsag Corporation. This would be for putting these marker plate readers into their cruisers. Each reader can read up to 1,800 license plates per minute; assist us in locating stolen vehicles, those associated with wanted or missing persons including Amber Alerts, unregistered vehicles,

and those vehicles used in crimes. It's all listed here where they'll store the information. All of this, the cost of it is \$18,793. This would be purchased through Asset Forfeiture account and would not cost the City any money at all. They are respectfully requesting approval to waive the bid process and purchase the plate reader.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase of the Elsag MPH-900 plate reader in the amount of \$18,793, funding to come from Asset Forfeiture; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.

Alderman Nihill stated, once again I like that the Chief explores the new technologies that are available to his department, keeping the community safe. I'd like to reiterate the fact that this is not going to cost the taxpayers any money; it's going to be purchased through the Asset Forfeiture program.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #3

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Ansonia Armory Renovation - Department of Economic and Community Development Grant Assistance

President Sharkey stated, this Communication is quite lengthy. It's got to be 15-20 pages. It concerns the Ansonia Armory Renovation - Department of Economic and Community Development Grant Assistance.

*Enclosed herein find a set of documents for the Board of Aldermen to review at the upcoming meeting. Documents pertain to the Assistance Grant being provided by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development regarding renovations at Ansonia Armory. The amount of the assistance is for \$500,000.*

President Sharkey continued, there is a Resolution attached, Resolution #2:

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Resolution #2

Re: Economic and Community Development Grant for Ansonia Armory Project

RESOLUTION

Aldermen David Knapp of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward and Edward Adamowski of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved,

WHEREAS, James Della Volpe is the municipal officer who is authorized to sign grants, contracts and other documents on behalf of the City of Ansonia in Ansonia, Connecticut;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that James T. Della Volpe is authorized to sign the Assistance Agreement, along with any other required documentation, for a \$500,000 assistance grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for renovations at the Ansonia Armory.

President Sharkey explained, this is basically to cover the installation of a sprinkler and floor at the Armory, so it can be brought back to a more usable condition.

Alderman Marini stated, congratulations to our Grant Writer and the Mayor on securing these funds. I think we've seen a future of the Armory as a Community Center, and this seems to be the first step. Congratulations.

Alderman Marini MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Beall.

Alderman Beall stated, congratulations. Our area needs a lot of attention. It's a good spot for the kids, if we get that far, to have a place to go, because our kids have nowhere to go.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #4

From: Thomas J. Welch, Esq.

Re: Tkacs - Agreement for consideration to Zoning Enforcement and Inland Wetlands

President Sharkey stated, this is an agreement between homeowners and the City of Ansonia. You have before you the draft agreement. There was an ongoing problem located at this property. There were zoning and wetland violations. The Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands Commission and the property owners have agreed to a remediation process that needs to take place there. However, they are contesting, I'm pretty sure it's their sewer use taxes with the Water Pollution Control Authority, therefore they have not paid their taxes, therefore they cannot get a building permit in the City of Ansonia.

This draft agreement will allow them to put the money for their sewer use taxes into escrow. The City will hold the escrow account. They can get a building permit which allows them to remediate all the problems that are there, one of which was overflow water into the wetlands of the Nature Center, so all of that can be corrected. This is actually allowing us to establish an escrow account that these people will put their money into so we can move forward.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, this will allow them to get the permit and this is going to resolve the case.

Alderman Tripp stated, if I understand this correctly, if you owe back taxes you cannot get a building permit in the City of Ansonia, is that correct?

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, that is correct. We are having people doing additions and all without pulling the permits and they owe taxes. So we have expanded over a year that we don't allow them except in certain situations - this would probably be one of the good ones. Another one was, if there's a safety problem we've allowed that - this Board has approved exemptions.

Alderman Tripp stated, I'd like to thank Mr. Blake for that clarification; I will revisit that later this evening.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the escrow agreement between the property owner and the City of Ansonia; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Super Softy License Agreement Renewal

President Sharkey stated, Mr. Carpinello, who has been a long time vendor in the City of Ansonia, his two-year license agreement with the City of Ansonia has expired. He wishes to renew his license. There is quite a process that he has to go through. The license agreement is here. He also has to get approval from the Police Department every time he applies for his license. There is a whole process he goes through. This allows, not just every vendor can show up on City property and just start selling things, we don't know who they are, so background checks are done by the Police Department, there is a process. He is applying for it again.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to renew the License Agreement with Michael Carpinello, dba Super Softy, for a period of two years commencing February 10, 2012; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, this is the attractive nuisance that John could appreciate with vendors going out, kids going out, they're on City property and someone gets hurt. Also someone is using City property for their own personal gain. This is able to resolve it and control it. It has worked very well in the many years we've been doing this.

President Sharkey stated, even when there's a parade and you see someone selling balloons and toys on Main Street - they are supposed to have a permit in the City of Ansonia in order to be able to do it. We do have a permitting process.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #6

From: Police Chief Kevin Hale

Re: Approval to Purchase and Install E-Citation in Patrol cars

President Sharkey stated, this concerns, they were notified that the Police Department was awarded a grant from the Department of Transportation to install the E-Citation program in all of our cruisers. The system will allow us to streamline the process of writing infractions by reducing the time it takes to complete them. Further, it will also reduce the work required by the Records Office to process the infractions in-house. It is an 80 percent reimbursable grant and the only vendor available to install the system - they're going to purchase it through the Asset Forfeiture Account - the price is listed there where DOT will reimburse them and there will be no cost to the City for this system. He is respectfully requesting to purchase and install the E-Citation system in the patrol cruisers.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to approve the purchase of E-Citation hardware and software from NexGen in the amount of \$14,355 to come from Asset Forfeiture, with \$11,480 to be reimbursed from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.

Alderman Nihill stated, again, I commend Chief Hale and his staff for keeping the department abreast with the technologies that are available for public safety and making the job easier and more efficient for the officers in our City. This is another win-win. The DOT grant is going to cover most of the funding with just under \$3,000 taken out of the Asset Forfeiture account.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #7

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Computer and Internet Use

*Enclosed herein find a proposed Computer and Internet Use Policy for the City of Ansonia. I recommend you send it to the Personnel and Salary Appeals Committee for review and comment.*

Alderman Knapp MOVED to refer the proposed Computer and Internet Use Policy for the City of Ansonia to the Personnel and Salaries Committee for review and comment; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #9  
From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake  
Re: Fair Housing Resolution

Withdrawn from tonight's agenda.

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Communication #10  
From:  
Re: Memo - Appointments January 2012

*This memo serves as a notice of a clerical error made in the Mayor's appointment letter of January 5, 2012. Ron Vaccaro is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate, term to expire 12/31/2012. The Mayor respectfully withdraws the appointment of Stephen Sobolisky to the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

President Sharkey stated, he is basically straightening out what was happening there. The reason was, there were too many people appointed to the Board. Dates were transposed somehow and too many people were appointed. Not allowed by Charter. So we're withdrawing the appointment of Stephen Sobolisky and appointing Ron Vaccaro. The appointment will be termed to expire 12/31/2012. That is also listed on the appointment sheet we're taking up next.

Alderman Nihill NOVED to accept Communication #10 and place it on file; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Late Communication #1  
Resignation of Roy Cinquemani

*Dear Commission, I am writing to officially inform you my father, Roy Cinquemani, is formally resigning from the Ansonia Elderly Commission effective today, February 14, 2012.*

President Sharkey stated, this was sent to us and the time stamp on it is 5:41.

*Unfortunately, due to current health issues he is unable to serve on this Committee. I should also mention my father enjoyed his involvement in this group and was proud to represent the Senior Citizens of Ansonia in this capacity. He misses the camaraderie of the group and hopes that the current members will continue to advocate for the rights and services of the elderly of the City of Ansonia. Thank you for all the work that you do. Respectfully submitted, Carol Breda, daughter of Roy Cinquemani*

Alderman Knapp asked, is she acting power of attorney?

President Sharkey stated, she must be. It's talking about some health issue - I think we have to honor their request.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the resignation and send Mr. Cinquemani a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

### ***Appointments***

Alderman Tripp stated, I have a question if you could please help me with this for my edification. I will try to keep this very brief not to waste the Board of Aldermen's time. Number one, just as a reference point. We just had Communication #4 where the family could not pull a building permit without their taxes being paid in full, is that correct, sir?

President Sharkey replied, yes.

Alderman Tripp stated, we just had a speaker this evening, unfortunately she left; I wanted to commend her for her daughter being in college and doing well. I think she's a good mother, I don't agree with that bad mother comment. But she stated that it was her observation, and she noticed that the town is the worst in collecting back taxes in whatever group. So obviously there's been a lot of consternation tonight about money, funding the Board of Education, Public Works, where there is a pool of money there - uncollected back taxes - where there are some people are entities in the City of Ansonia that are not paying their taxes that they are legally obligated to do. So they're not paying taxes; that is hurting the City of Ansonia, and we also know that by Statute, you cannot pull a building permit unless you've paid your taxes. Now I just have one question, is every single person on this Committee selection list paid in full on their taxes? When I ask that question, I am including LLC's.

President Sharkey replied, I don't know. But I can honestly say that I've just become aware that anybody can go to the City of Ansonia website and go down through the website and go to the Tax Department, and you can go to "Pay your Taxes" and if you accept the agreement, you can type in any name in the City of Ansonia and see whether their taxes are paid or not. Several were brought to the Mayor's attention and the Mayor has made an executive decision, and I know he's sending it out to all commissions, boards, every person that serves on anything in the City of Ansonia that your taxes have to be paid and current or you will be removed from any board. So, can I tell you if these are? No. I didn't look them up.

Alderman Tripp stated, so just for the record, at this point right now, you cannot assure me that every single one of these names...

President Sharkey stated, no.

Alderman Tripp continued, ...is paid in full to include an LLC that they're involved in.

President Sharkey stated, can I tell you that? No. The only person I can honestly tell you his taxes are paid, are mine. I can't tell you whomever else's. Go home and look up mine; mine are paid.

Alderman Marini stated, before you get into it, on Economic Development, William G. Gallant, he is up for reappointment. He has indicated to the Commission that he does not wish to go forward with the reappointment. He is having trouble in terms of time management, his family, he doesn't think he'd be able to keep up with the pace that the Commission has been setting recently. He has asked not to be reappointed.

President Sharkey stated, I was going to mention that when we get to it, but it's good to do it now. Also under Economic Development it has Ralphine Siggars Ford. She is already a member. She was appointed, and what it was, was another person that the date of her expiration, so that name is being withdrawn because she is already a current member.

Alderman Marini stated, she was already reappointed a year ago. When we get to those two we are going to skip by them. Both names have been withdrawn.

President Sharkey read aloud Mayor James T. DellaVolpe's appointments as outlined in his letter of February 9, 2012 as follows:

CULTURAL COMMISSION

Alderman Nihill MOVED to appoint James Little of 36 Star Street, Dombroski replacement; term to expire 12/31/2012; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

COMMISSION FOR ELDERLY SERVICES

Alderman Knapp MOVED to appoint Pauline Sampieri of 54 Finney Street, Cinquemani replacement; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Beall	X		
Fainer	X		
Madigosky	X		
Radin	X		
Nihill	X		
Knapp	X		
Marini	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Marini MOVED to appoint Sue Behun of 22 Prindle Avenue, to fill a Vacancy, term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Alderman Duffus MOVED to reappoint Terry Goldson of 20 Hunter’s Lane, term to expire 2/28/2017; SECONDED by Alderman Marini.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Alderman Nihill MOVED to reappoint Alfonso Smith of One Hunter’s Lane; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint Stephen M. Kichar of 85 High Street; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus		X	
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 1 No.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to reappoint Michael Cratty of 10 Bruns Road; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to reappoint Jamie Puro of 12 Hull Street; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to reappoint Nicole Carlowitz of 190 Howard Avenue; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall			X
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Alderman Beall MOVED to reappoint Steve Sobolisky of 93 North Prospect Street; term to expire 12/31/2012; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

RETIREMENT BOARD

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint Madeline H. Bottone of 31 Webster Drive; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to reappoint Lawrence S. Commune (Board of Apportionment and Taxation representative - R); term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Marini.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>			

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes. 0 No.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint Ronald Greski of 45 Morningside Drive; term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Stowe MOVED to reappoint Robert Duffus (Board of Aldermen representative - D); term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus			X
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>			

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint Jeremiah Kennedy (Board of Apportionment and Taxation representative - D); term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Beall.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Beall MOVED to reappoint Joan Radin (Board of Aldermen representative - R); term to expire 12/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin			X
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Alderman Beall MOVED to reappoint Karen Blake of 19 Birchwood Drive (Board of Public Works representative - R); term to expire 1/31/2014; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to appoint Howard Madigosky of 43 Holbrook Street (Board of Aldermen Representative - D); term to expire 1/31/2014; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky			X
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to appoint Steve Blume of 58 Hoinsky Way to fill a vacancy; term to expire 1/31/2013; SECONDED by Alderman Marini.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp		X	
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin		X	
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 Yes, 2 No.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman Knapp MOVED to appoint Ron Vaccaro of 515 Beaver Street (Alternate - R); term to expire 12/31/2012; SECONDED by Alderman Beall.

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Duffus	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Macero			
Fainer	X		
Beall	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No.

***Resolutions***

Previously acted upon.

***Unfinished Business***

Alderman Jerome Fainer - Alderman Tripp stole all my thunder. I met with the Mayor yesterday. Being out of work 13 months you have a lot of time to go on the website and look. I am amazed at the amount of people that owe back taxes - a year, two, many years - 2006, 2005, members of Commissions. I have this list I'll look a little deeper - employees. A couple of years ago we discussed a boot program. So I'm going to ask the President of the Board to charge the Finance Committee with a meeting to look into ways to get the 91 percent up to a higher tax collection rate. Whether it's booting, garnishments, throwing people off boards, whatever.

Alderman Tripp stated, Mr. Fainer, that's an excellent observation and idea. I agree with it totally and whatever President Sharkey or Chairman Adamowski or you would like to do, I would be happy to work with you on that. I would support you 100 percent in what you're saying sir. I think that's totally awesome and I thank you for that idea.

President Sharkey stated, before we go further, we had discussed it previously. That was brought before this Board at one time. It was turned down at the time, more or less tabled. The reason is we didn't have a lot of information on the boot program. There are only two cities that we knew were using it. One was West Haven and it was embroiled in political turmoil. They were fighting back and forth between the administration and the Tax Collector as to who was in charge, how it was going to be handled, and they were more or less, both of them were out to do in the program. It wasn't working well. New Haven has this program. It has worked tremendously and when New Haven reinstated this program, the amount of people that ran to City Hall to pay their taxes was unbelievable because they were going to do this. It's a very good suggestion that we get back involved and do this again.

Alderman Tripp stated, once again I would like to thank Mr. Fainer for his suggestion; I think it's an excellent suggestion, so anything I can do to help with that.

President Sharkey stated, it should be the Finance Committee as another way to raise our revenue. I think it's in the right place at the Finance Committee.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I'll send out an e-mail on it.

Alderman Fainer stated, the last time we discussed it, it pushed some people over the edge, they thought we were going through with it.

Alderman Nihill stated, I just want to reiterate Alderman Fainer and Alderman Tripp's sentiments. To use an analogy that everybody can understand, if we look at our revenue as like apples, we need to squeeze every apple. People were talking about different areas, different departments in town. Everybody needs money. This is another excellent way we can go out and pursue monies that are owed to the town and have that ability to maybe squeeze a little bit out to the Education or any of the other departments. We just talked about it and for whatever reason we didn't move forward with it. I'd like to see, and volunteer if there's going to be a special committee just for this to be on that. As many other hard working residents in the City, I pay my taxes. I think to go after these people who owe the City is a great idea. It's only going to benefit the City. I want to really see some effort put forth into this and see something happen.

President Sharkey stated, we'll start with the Finance Committee and everybody will have input into it. We have a lot of Aldermen attend the Finance Committee meetings when we have them, so you're more than welcome to join us and do that. I think a big portion of their charge will be to educate the people of the City of Ansonia. Once notifications go out that this program is available, it's here and so forth, we'll just start using it.

Alderman Tripp MOVED to empower the Finance Committee to look at the feasibility of instituting the boot program and report back to the full Board of

Aldermen; SECONDED by Alderman Duffus. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Joan Radin - I received a letter from one of my constituents concerning Peck School. They spoke to people in charge a couple of years ago and they were talking about it, nothing has ever been done. There is a lot of drug dealing going on there; the building is falling apart. They've asked and people are supposed to be looking into things for them. Nothing has been done so far. They did ask me if I could do some research on it so I would just like to put it on at the Board of Aldermen meeting, I am doing some research on it. I would like to bring it up at the next meeting when I found out exactly who owns it what is going on and what they're planning to do with it.

President Sharkey stated, there's a lot of information; the Mayor can address it. This Board did sell the building.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, the two buildings, Lincoln School and Peck School, were sold to a developer. Lincoln School was converted into market-rate apartments. Peck School is supposed to be torn down and demolished and there are supposed to be three single-family lots. Unfortunately the economy went downward. He is unable to do anything with Peck School. He has come in with a proposal to put - he has a possible developer who wants to make assisted living out of that. But that is not part of the agreement. Obviously if you want to bring it up, we'll bring it up to the Board and we'll discuss what we have to do with it.

Alderman Radin stated, yes, I would like to. I've been doing a little research on it and there's a lot more involved than what you're just saying. There's a lot of information that I'm just finding out now and I would like to bring it up at the next Board of Aldermen meeting. I do want the person that sent me the letter to at least know I did bring it to the Board and I am doing some research. Thank you for your information.

President Sharkey stated, that would have to reopen everything back up again because originally when that was allowed to tear down the building and build three single-family houses, that is in a multi-family zone but the neighbors that live there were emphatic over the fact that they did not want three two-family houses on the lots, they did not want multi-family houses there. They made their presence and their wishes well known before all of that was designed to go forward. We should research, pull out the file, find out what we have, bring everybody up to date as to what transpired, where it is, and I know the person doesn't want to go forward.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, we can even look into the possibility of eminent domain.

President Sharkey stated yes, we could possibly take it back, tear it down and build a park. Do something. We will list that as new business, because we divorced ourselves from that and sold it off. We'll take it up in the future.

Alderman Joseph Jeanette - I brought up last month about lights on the Riverwalk where all the poles are going down to the end of the Riverwalk. I think it's a good idea to protect our investment and to protect the people that are walking on it. I feel lights are more safe and secure than cameras or any other thing. I would like to have somebody really look into this and get back to this Board next month.

President Sharkey stated, I think we have to look into it as probably the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen is where this should end up. We need to take a close look at it because we need to decide and weigh the pros and cons of having the lights. We certainly don't want to encourage people to go on it in the dark, because first off, all parks and City property is closed at sunset. You're not supposed to be there unless it's Nolan Field and it's lit up or something.

Alderman Marini stated, at the same time, no lights encourage the wrong kind of...

President Sharkey stated, that's what I'm saying, so we need to take a look at it. Derby had their first shot at it. They didn't for reasons; they do have vandalism problems. They do have a lot of problems that happen so why don't we discuss it as the Public Works Committee, weigh the pros and cons, talk to the Police Department about their ability to monitor and so forth.

Part of that also is we are looking into that camera to shine on the gazebo. I can tell you where we stand right now, we had a proposal from one security company. We pushed that to the side and went to another security company. They are actually, they proposed maybe analog, maybe digital. Digital, naturally, is twice as expensive, three times as expensive, as analog but you get a clearer picture you can see of what's going on. They are willing to come out and do a test right from where the camera would be located with the lens that they think we would need. They would present up with the pictures and say, if this is agreeable to you let's go analog; if it's not let's go digital. We're actually going to have a field test to see where it stands and what we can see out of the camera and we'll report back.

Alderman Jeanette stated, one other thing about these lights, all the poles and all the wire is already there. There would be no cost to the City.

President Sharkey stated, you're talking about the poles that actually go up North Division Street right now. Okay. Poles are in place, what they do is they go into the Public Works Complex, they're at the base of the hill, they're next to the road so what they would do is put some sort of lights there. Let's talk about it, maybe we could use solar energy lights. Maybe we could do something along

that line. UI does have a program called "Light the Night" that they do supply certain lighting and so forth. Let's move forward and look at this.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to refer the possibility of installing lights along the Riverwalk to the Public Works Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Joan Radin - I didn't see anywhere on the agenda the resignation. There is one resignation.

President Sharkey stated, that wasn't listed as part of our communication. That wasn't stamped in and brought to... that will come up next month. It didn't end up in the City Clerk's Office so it didn't become part of our communication to all the Aldermen. It was for information.

Alderman Scott Nihill - I was hoping that somebody else brought it up, but I know it's a low priority probably with a lot of other issues that the Police Department has going on. But we brought up the Riverwalk, we're talking about lighting. One of the rules we established and it was a point of controversy was a "No Dogs on the Riverwalk." I see a lot of dogs on the Riverwalk. Basically either we should have a rule or we shouldn't have a rule. So I guess I'm trying to ask, Mr. President, is who enforces that? Is that charged to our Police Department?

President Sharkey stated, yes, it will. And we did discuss that with Chief Hale. We did, as a Board of Aldermen, accept the recommendations for the Riverwalk, one of which was "No Pets" not no dogs. That's what we listed because we were worried about people bringing monkeys and goats. Honestly, there have been animals showing up on the Derby Riverwalk. The only thing, it is listed on the sign but we put so much on the sign that it's hard to see. Larger signs will be made to make it emphatic. But what they asked is our Ordinance number, because they can enforce it as an infraction as long as the sign lists our Ordinance number. Right now we are researching to go back to see what Ordinance we tied that to when we approved it. When we do, it will be written large and clear at the Riverwalk that they are not allowed. Then it can be enforced. The people making the sign can have the sign up within days, but we need the Ordinance in order to have it enforced. The Police Department said yes, they will, if they have to with their Bike Patrol Officers, they will enforce the Ordinance and will issue infractions, simple tickets.

Alderman Fainer stated, along that line did you see the pictures that one of our illustrious online newspapers posted? It's kind of nasty looking. That's what we're going to end up with if we don't enforce it.

Alderman Marini stated, that was the whole idea of us putting those things there. It has to actually have the number of the Ordinance on the sign?

President Sharkey stated, he said so we can enforce it. I don't understand it but that's what I was told. From the Police Department's standpoint they said once it's posted - there is a sign that says "Parks Closed After Dark" and it says "per Ordinance #such-and-such" and they said they can. Just as an added aside to that, because nobody has anything to do tonight because it's Valentine's Day, nobody wants to leave, they did take somehow an aerial view of Derby's Riverwalk and it does show the amount of poop that has been dumped there. What it has done is it has stained the asphalt and it shows up in the aerial view. You would be amazed to see the amount of what's ended up there in all these years there. So if we could start off and stop that from happening- we are working on that. As soon as we get the ordinance signs will be posted and it will be enforced.

Alderman Philip Tripp - I have a question. As Scott Nihill and I were at the Board of Police Commissioners meeting, I had a constituent request come up for a handicap parking sign on the side of North State Street. Now, I was at the Board of Police Commissioners meeting and I believe this woman was talking about it right in front of us. The Board of Police Commissioners did not want to authorize it because they said it was not enforceable. I know I've seen in other communities Handicapped Parking signs where there is a person with a disability. They are legally designated as Handicapped, they have the special Handicapped license plates and tag. This is a senior citizen who is definitely handicapped. Is there any way that we can effect an Ordinance to provide relief to these senior citizens and handicapped?

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, the Police Commission under State Statutes are enforcing the traffic and are the Traffic Authority.

President Sharkey stated, I think they are the parking authority too.

Alderman Fainer stated, I know at my sister-in-law's house in New Haven, a lady has one in front of her house. My son didn't see it one night and stayed overnight and came out in the morning and his car was towed.

Alderman Nihill stated, I think one of the concerns that always comes up through these requests, first of all this person isn't the first one and they certainly won't be the last one to make that request. One of the big points of apprehension on granting anybody this is that it's a public street. If you put up a handicapped parking sign, it's not going to guarantee, unfortunately, that that specific resident it was intended for is going to be the one that gets to park there. Once that resident leaves that spot, it's open to anybody with a handicapped permit to park there. That is one of the points of apprehension. In theory you might be helping the person out, but it's not going to guarantee them to have that reserved handicapped spot.

Alderman Tripp stated, I understand that, and the person that made this request also understood it and they very specifically put in their letter, if another handicapped person... and if I just can ask Mr. Fainer, your relative in

New Haven, does it specifically say that that handicapped parking space is just for her?

Alderman Fainer stated, no. She treats it like it is though.

Alderman Tripp stated, okay, but it's for a handicapped person. I think that's understood in the handicapped community, unless I'm totally wrong.

Alderman Nihill stated, I'm just offering that up; I know that's been talked about and that's one of the reasons that they're apprehensive to do it, from experience of going to the meetings.

Alderman Tripp stated, I just had to ask the question. Thank you for your consideration.

President Gene Sharkey - It was mentioned at one of our meetings, we were discussing and once you brought up traffic control, which is the Police Commission, I would like to have someone move to have the Police Commission look into posting a Stop sign coming southbound on West Main Street at the corner of Kingston Drive. That was mentioned what a dangerous intersection it is coming out of the old Farrell parking lot up there. When you come around and you go by Lewis Jewelers and you stop at a Stop sign and you pull out and you almost get broad-sided by anybody coming southbound down the street. There have been many complaints about near-accidents there.

Alderman Marini MOVED to have the Police Commissioners look into posting a Stop sign coming southbound on West Main Street at the corner of Kingston Drive; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake - On March 29<sup>th</sup> I have invited an Attorney from the Freedom of Information Commission to come down at 7 o'clock and it's for any member of this Board, other Boards, Department Heads, to just do an overview of the Freedom of Information Act - how to do minutes, proper notices, because we have a lot of new members over the last - I had this about five years ago and I'm going to do it again.

### ***Adjournment***

Alderman Duffus MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen