



CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN Public Hearing – November 13, 2012

Call to Order

The Public Hearing on Ordinances of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Aldermanic President Gene Sharkey

Attendance

Edward Adamowski, D1- present
Jerome Fainer, D4 - present (6:39)
John Marini, R7 - present
Joan Radin, R5 - present
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present

Call of the Meeting - Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING

*Ansonia Board of Aldermen
City of Ansonia
253 Main Street
Ansonia, CT 06401*

The City of Ansonia Board of Aldermen Ordinance Committee on November 8, 2012 recommended changes to Ordinance Sections 9-15, 9-17, 9-18, 9-20, 9-21 and 9-22 pertaining to the rescue duties and responsibilities of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services and the Ansonia Fire Department. The full text of the ordinances is on file in the Office of the Town and City Clerk of the City of Ansonia and online on the City of Ansonia website.

A public hearing, pursuant to Ansonia City Code Section 148, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut.

Dated at Ansonia, Connecticut this 9th day of November, 2012.

THE CITY OF ANSONIA
James T. Della Volpe, Mayor

President Sharkey explained, in the past, the rescue duties in the City of Ansonia were somewhat shared by ARMS and the Fire Department. For a long time, ARMS did most of them, and little by little the Fire Department has been taking over the rescue side of the City of Ansonia.

By conformity with State regulations, the Fire Department is usually responsible for rescue. Ansonia was a somewhat dissimilar situation. More and more of the responsibilities of rescue have fallen on the Fire Department - they are solely responsible now for all extrications at car accidents, and they are endeavoring to move further and further into the rescue area with training and equipment. Two years ago, this same resolution raised itself in either April or May of 2010. This was before us and it was almost adopted at that time. The only reason it was withdrawn was because part of the resolution stated that we should change the name of Ansonia Rescue and Medical Services to Ansonia Medical Services to remove the R. But that would have entailed changing all the logos, changing all the write-ups on the equipment, the way it was lettered, everything that was involved. So it was tabled and inadvertently it was never brought off of the table. Most people that I talk to remember being at the meeting in 2010 thought that it was adopted at the next meeting, but it wasn't. So we went through the whole procedure again. We met with representatives of the Fire Department, and ARMS and they are both in agreement with the change to this ordinance.

[Ordinance Chairman Alderman Jerome Fainer arrives at this point, 6:39 p.m.]

Where we stand it, we have many sections of the ordinance - Alderman Jerome Fainer chaired the Ordinance meeting. We have a marked up copy. In every section of the Charter where it said "Fire" it now says "Fire and Rescue." We had three ARMS Commissioners in attendance at the meeting and they spoke in favor of it.

President Sharkey turned the Chair over to Alderman Jerome Fainer.

Alderman Fainer asked if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none, Alderman Radin MOVED to close the public hearing; SECONDED by Alderman Marini. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

The public hearing adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Board of Aldermen