



CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN Regular Meeting – December 11, 2012

Call to Order

Mayor James Della Volpe called the Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen to order at 7 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of Jack Hunt, a 40-year employee of the Board of Education and also former Head Coach of Ansonia Football.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1- present
Peter Marcinko, D1 - present
Charles Stowe, R2 - present
Philip Tripp, R2 - present
Kevin Mott, D3- present
Joseph Jeanette, D3 - absent
Jerome Fainer, D4 - present

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

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

Alderman Nihill MOVED to DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA to take up Late Communication #1 - Mayor Della Volpe's letter of December 11, 2012; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Town and City Clerk Madeline Bottone read the communication aloud as follows:

Dear Board of Aldermen Members,

Please accept this as action items for your meeting of December 11, 2012.

- 1. To elect a member as president of the Board of Aldermen for a term of one year, December 1, 2012 - December 1, 2013;*
- 2. To establish the day of the month and the hour of the day to hold the*

monthly meetings for 2013;

3. *To establish the place where monthly meetings will be held;*
4. *To adopt the rules and procedures under which the Board will conduct business.*

Mayor James Della Volpe

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept Late Communication #1; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

1. To elect a member as President of the Board of Aldermen for a term of one (1) year, December 1, 2012 to December 1, 2013.

Alderman Stowe stated, last year the voters of the City of Ansonia elected all of us here, both Democrats and Republicans, to put aside personal and political interests and positions and put the interests of our City first. They elected us to do the business of the City transparently and play by the rules, and to make thoughtful and fair decisions. This year, in spite of the difficult economic times, we have begun to chart a new and optimistic direction for the City of Ansonia. The Economic Development Commission will soon be presenting clear and concrete recommendations to attract new businesses and new revenue sources for Ansonia. This is an exciting time for the City.

I respect our current President, Eugene Sharkey, and believe that he has the best interests of Ansonia at heart. He has a long record of public service as an Alderman, as a teacher, as a member of the Fire Department. To realize the new opportunities ahead of us however, I believe that we need a president with a fresh outlook who will help us come together and work as a team. I therefore NOMINATE Alderman David Knapp of the 7th Ward as President of the Board of Aldermen for the one year term commencing December 1, 2012 and ending December 1, 2013. I look forward to working with him for the betterment of our City.

Mayor Della Volpe asked if there were any other nominations.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I would like to NOMINATE Eugene Sharkey, our current President of the Board of Aldermen. I think he has done an outstanding job this past year and I don't know personally, anybody that sits on this Board, has as much enthusiasm and does as much as he does for the City of Ansonia.

Mayor Della Volpe asked if there were any other nominations.

Alderman Fainer SECONDED the NOMINATION of Eugene Sharkey as President of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Radin SECONDED the NOMINATION of David Knapp as President of the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, let's finish the vote on Alderman Fainer's second, first.

A roll call vote was taken on the nomination of Alderman Eugene Sharkey.

Alderman	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Marcinko	X		
Stowe		X	
Tripp			X
Mott	X		
Jeanette			
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Madigosky	X		
Radin		X	
Nihill	X		
Marini			
Knapp			
Sharkey	X		
TOTALS	8	2	1

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstentions.

Alderman Radin restated her SECOND on Alderman Stowe's motion.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, what you do is, you have a second on both of them, you close nominations, and then do a roll call vote at that time.

Alderman Sharkey MOVED to CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, there is a SECOND on the floor for Alderman Stowe's nomination of David Knapp.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, you did a roll call on the other and the majority rules.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, President Sharkey, you may take the Chair.

President Sharkey thanked the Aldermen for their support stating, I do think we had a good year and we'll continue and try to have another good year.

2. To establish the day of the month and the hour of the day for holding monthly meetings for 2013.

Alderman Radin MOVED to hold the Regular Meetings of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

The 2013 meeting dates are as follows:

January	8
February	12
March	12
April	9
May	14
June	11
July	9
August	13
September	10
October	8
November	12
December	10

3. To establish the place where monthly meetings will be held.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to hold the monthly meetings of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, Connecticut; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

4. To adopt the rules of procedure under which the Board will conduct business.

Alderman Madigosky MOVED to adopt the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised as the Board of Aldermen's parliamentary authority; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to return to the regular agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

1. Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012
2. Public Hearing of November 13, 2012

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept both sets of minutes; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Public Session

David Casseti, 3 High Acres Road

I would like to comment on the unresolved issue of the Tax Office scandal. As you are aware, several months ago it was discovered that a handful of City employees obtained illegitimate tax clearance forms from the Tax Office. Clearance forms enabled those employees to register their cars without paying

taxes that every other resident is obligated to pay. I understand that an Internal Investigation has been conducted, but as of yet I have heard no decision from the Board, or from the Mayor, regarding discipline of the City employees involved. Mr. President, I find this delay and inaction entirely inexcusable. The Tax Office scandal came to light in July. Now, five months later, those involved have yet to face any consequences for their misconduct. Is City Hall unwilling or unable to discipline its own employees? Is this Board hoping that the public will forget and that it will be just another matter that goes out of sight and out of mind? As a taxpaying resident, I am demanding accountability. I see that this issue appears on your agenda tonight. For the sake of the public trust, I ask this Board to resolve this issue without further delay and not allow it to drag out into the new year. I look forward to a resolution of this matter by the end of the evening.

Scott Bignotti, Milone and Mac Broom

I've been asked by Valley Council of Governments to say a few words regarding Resolution #1. Recent powerful storms such as Hurricane Irene, and most recently Sandy, have us thinking of ways to better protect our homes and communities from natural hazards. Self-protection can take a variety of forms collectively known as hazard mitigation. Hazard mitigation reduces the loss of life and property from natural disasters and subsequently decreases the costs to all of us, and increases community resilience. At the national level, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 established procedures and incentives for our local communities to begin hazard mitigation planning. It encourages local hazard mitigation planning through planning grants and does this because while policies are often made at the State and Federal level, most projects are done at the local level. Local plans enable the State and Federal government to see how local communities are vulnerable to natural hazards than what their mitigation goals are. The subject plan was prepared by Valley COG for Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton using it via a planning grant. The plan consolidates the knowledge from various City departments into cohesive documents. It describes current policies promoting hazard mitigation and provides recommendations of ways to further the City's hazard mitigation goals. None of the recommendations however are mandates, it's more of a framework for the City to use moving forward to meet hazard mitigation goals. It even realizes that local communities have funding constraints, particularly in light of the recent economic downturn.

Now, I mentioned incentives before. The benefits of having an adopted plan include eligibility for pre-disaster mitigation grant programs and post-disaster mitigation grant programs such as the one that will soon be available following Hurricane Sandy and the disaster declaration for Connecticut. Also, potential use of the plan for entering a preliminary rating system if the City is so inclined, which helped reduce the cost of flood insurance to residents in that community. It also can help provide a more streamlined review of Public Act Assistance reimbursements from FEMA. The only FEMA mandate in this plan maintenance, the recommendations of the plan must be reviewed by the local

coordinator annually. In this case it would be Chief Hale, who participated in the planning process, with notations made regarding which recommendations have been addressed or reasons why they cannot be addressed at that time. As a multi-jurisdictional plan, the City of Ansonia is only required to adopt those portions that are pertinent to the City and not those of the other communities. FEMA approval of the plan expires in five years, which would be November of 2017. The plan must be updated at that time to remain current. Thank you.

President Sharkey asked if any other member of the public wish to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

Public Official Session

Mayor James Della Volpe

At this time I would like to read a Proclamation - there are three people here that were honored by the Rotary Club. Jay Fainer, Robert Copertite and Mike Barry. I will read one proclamation and present it to them.

WHEREAS, It gives me great pleasure to honor Jay Fainer who received the annual Ansonia Rotary Club Award, which recognizes his community service efforts with the Ansonia Fire Department and the City of Ansonia; and

WHEREAS, I would like to thank Jay for his ambitious character and commend him for his consistent hard work and dedication to his community; and

WHEREAS, we deeply appreciate the enthusiasm and efficiency that Jay Fainer has provided the City of Ansonia;

NOW THEREFORE I, James T. Della Volpe, on behalf of all citizens of Ansonia, do hereby recognize the exceptional contributions that Jay Fainer has made and offer our sincere thanks.

Mayor Della Volpe congratulated the three recipients. Applause rang throughout the forum.

I would also like to thank Jim Tanner, our Zoning Enforcement Officer for the job he's done recently with The Connecticut Post. If you'll notice, they changed their advertising ways. They hired a vendor to go around in a car and throw the advertisements in front of residences. People weren't picking them up or they were left at vacant houses. They were becoming a blight issue. Jim contacted The Connecticut Post and resolved that issue.

I'd like to thank all of the Aldermen who participated in the Christmas Tree Lighting and I'd also like to thank the Cultural Commission for putting on a very good show for that night.

I'd like to congratulate Coach Tom Brockett and his staff and the Ansonia High School Football Team for winning their 18th State Title. It certainly makes the City of Ansonia very proud.

As you know, the Upper Main Street parking lot is now open for parking for businesses on upper Main Street.

The Mayor's Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. December 20th.

Tonight in your packet you have a final report and status from Stan Gorzelany who was our Acting Tax Collector for the past several months. He is here to answer any questions if you'd like to ask them.

To answer Mr. Cassetti, the fact that the Chief State's Attorney's Office is still investigating, so we can't get involved in that; we don't interfere with that. There has been discipline given out to the three employees. There is no contract violation, so the City had no right to discipline these employees. The person that did give out the releases resigned. He also made the comment that there is something on the agenda tonight in regard to this issue, which I don't see.

Mr. Cassetti stated, there's no discipline for the three or four people that were involved in this.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I just said there was. There was discipline handed out, even though there wasn't a contract violation. The Chief State's Attorney's Office is still continuing their investigation as to whether or not there will be criminal charges given out to anybody.

Alderman Radin stated, I mentioned to you earlier that I went to a meeting last night that was canceled, but nowhere was it stated that the meeting was canceled. I went back and looked on my Internet and it was still scheduled. I also mentioned I would like to see if we could put times on for the meetings. I print the calendar every month so I know when each of the boards is meeting. I would really like to know the times of them because they all meet at different times.

Also, the lights at ARMS that I told you about last time - were they fixed?

Mayor Della Volpe replied, I don't think they have been.

Alderman Radin stated, there is also one that's out at the end of Bridge Street at Lester Street. I think it's a bad location because it's right at the corner where you go into Olson Drive.

I just came down Jackson Street - people are not parking on the snow side of the street yet. Before we start giving them tickets, which I'm sure the Chief is going to pretty soon, I would like to know if we can do a reverse phone call

letting them know that winter parking is in effect, and that they're parking on the wrong side of the street. You don't have to list all the places, you can just say where they can go on the Internet or call City Hall. Today's the 11th and I can tell you there are at least 8 cars parked on the wrong side of the street. I don't want to see these people get tickets. I did tell my neighbors about it to remind them but I can't go all the way down the street because I don't know all those people. I think if we do a phone call it would be a great thing because it worked during the storm. I'd rather see them warned first and if they don't listen then give them tickets. I think a lot of people don't think about it because there's been no snow.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, we will certainly address the website and we'll address the lights. We will have to have a discussion about the Code Red system to see if we're able to do that.

Alderman Fainer stated, all of our Welcome to Ansonia areas - they have become an eyesore. You look at the ones in Derby, they take them all down. It's eye pollution. It looks terrible. You got a beautiful centerpiece there and you're welcome to Ansonia, and you've got all these little signs stuck in there for everybody's business and everybody's apartment for rent. We used to take stuff off the City property.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, we'll do that. Just bring it to my attention. We like to help out certain organizations in the City, but only for a certain period of time. Not to have those lawn signs left there.

Alderman Tripp stated, there's a historical site where Jewett Street goes into Beaver Street - Hull's Mill, grist mill. I'm sure the City put a lot of effort into putting the sign up and giving it a park setting. Over the end of the summer it started to become overgrown. Maybe when the City workers are addressing the Welcome to Ansonia signs they could address that as well. Thank you.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

I have one Executive Session item on Mr. Eheman with Mr. Sousa here.

Just to give an update on One Williams Street - we understand that they contracted with someone to tear down the building. No permits have been put in there, so I called there and got a date today, December 27th, to go to Probate again because the lawyer for the estate wants to get out of it. I know there is a concern with that property. Hopefully next month we'll have movement on this. If not, we're going to talk to Mr. Tanner and Mr. Behun about going with the Building Commission to get that down.

Acting Personnel Director Tara Kolakowski

You have my report in front of you. If you have any questions, I'm here. Just as an FYI we are still working on the Public Works contract, bringing in Fran Teodosio to iron that out. As soon as we have that, probably in the next 60 days or so we'll present it to the Board of Aldermen.

Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

To address Mrs. Radin's comments, the first week or so, unless inclement weather comes in, we generally put out warnings - so instead of a ticket you'll get a warning. That normally goes five to seven days. We can use Code Red, we can use it for anything - the issue becomes whether it's an emergency or not. We pay 'x' amount of dollars per year; unlimited emergency use. So if we have five storms, we can use it as many times as we want. Do we deem this an emergency? Probably not. So once you build up 'x' amount of minutes then you start having to pay for that. I don't have a problem with that - it probably makes good sense to do that. Again, we just have to be cautious on how many times we use that system for announcements that are non-emergencies. I'll talk to the Mayor about it.

We're going to be discussing a recruit candidate shortly. We have two recruits that you previously approved graduating from the POSTC Academy on December 20th, and they'll be on the road by themselves probably in April. We currently have one hired prior to them who should be released on his own, solo status, some time in late December or January.

We had a recent robbery. There was also an arrest made out of town recently so we are trying to link a to b. We are working on that.

We also have several resolutions tonight. Scott had talked about one of them. We worked with the COG, Mike Schryver and the City Engineer and the other EMDs throughout the Valley on this matter. So it's something we need to get future funding from FEMA for projects mitigation that we needed to do.

There is also a resolution on increasing the number of detectives within the City. It's not adding a body, it's moving a patrolman to the detective position. It's already been budgeted. This Board has the say according to Charter on how many detectives and sergeants and so forth.

There is also another resolution concerning Prendergast School and some emergency radio equipment. It's a continuing project that we'll be working on.

Alderman Radin stated, Chief, thank you for putting the new Stop sign on Church Street. I think it would be a great idea if the Aldermen in town watched

in their neighborhoods. I know there are a lot of Stop signs that are bled out and have no color on them. I was very pleased that they did it for me.

The other thing I was interested in, they don't put cameras on traffic lights, do they? I would love to see a camera on the traffic light on the corner of Wakelee and Jackson and then one up by Molto Bene. They speed through those traffic lights; I've watched the cars speed up just as the light changes and go right on through, before, in front of my store, which is a good 10 yards. I'm so afraid somebody's going to get killed on that corner.

Chief Hale replied, the issue with that is bigger than just Ansonia and what this Board could do; I think it's a state-wide initiative. I don't remember off the top of my head but I think they approved a pilot program for some of the bigger cities.

President Sharkey stated, I think it has to be a minimum population of 75,000 people.

Chief Hale continued, there are several towns in Connecticut in the pilot program. You need the courts and the prosecutors involved in that. This has been done in Washington, DC and some other places to mixed reviews. You've got to be careful with that. Down there they had a company that was profiting from each ticket written. That lends itself to some ethical issues right off the bat. I think it's still on the state level and we'll see what happens with this pilot program.

Alderman Radin asked, if I take a picture of the car speeding through and give it to the Police Department, because I am deathly afraid somebody is going to get killed there coming out of Jackson Street. They're going 40 or 50 miles an hour.

Chief Hale stated, you have to get the plate, the car, the red light, and the car underneath the red light, and the date and time.

Alderman Radin stated, I can do that right from the front of my store. Thank you.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Alderman Edward Adamowski

1. Authorization to Pay Bills

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Adamowski continued, just to touch on two things that we previously discussed - I have the Mayor checking tomorrow with Seymour's First Selectman Kurt Miller regarding our Finance Committee - we were supposed to meet on Alderman Marini's proposal. He is going to call me tomorrow. I will be setting up a date for that, hopefully before the end of the year.

Also, just to touch base on the emergency repairs for the Police Department, we are still working on that - it looks like maybe one or two more meetings before we wrap that up.

President Sharkey stated, those people that were able to attend it, especially all of the Aldermen that were coming, I think it's progressing very well.

ARMS - Alderman Scott Nihill

In November, ARMS was dispatched to 241 responses which resulted in 172 patients transported, 62 of them were with a medic. ARMS provided mutual aid to Derby 19 times; once to Seymour; and I'd like to publicly commend them again for zero first-passed calls, they did pass two second calls, they passed one third call but our ambulance was out of service. We had a fourth call and we only had three ambulances so we can't do four calls at once.

Our billing is going rather well. We billed out for November \$91,186. So far this year we billed out \$608,057 and have collected \$464,702 of that. What happens typically with the collections - that's roughly 77 percent off the top of my head - the collection rate is a little better because the bills go out, most people pay 30 to 60 days as I can see from our financial statement. I'm pretty happy with the billing thus far.

ARMS is looking forward to support in this year's budget. To keep the townspeople and my fellow Aldermen up to date with our ambulance situation, the used/refurbished ambulance that we're going to purchase is about one month from completion. There are several repairs/changes to be completed before it was up to snuff to accept. The new ambulance, the final drawings were submitted this week. Jared and the ambulance committee from ARMS have been working very hard, and we're approximately four months out; hopefully we'll get it sooner. We should be in good shape.

Alderman Stowe stated, I heard we were able to get the refurbished and the new ambulances for the same amount of money, and I would like to commend you on that. That was excellent work.

Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

President Sharkey stated, on the new vehicle procurement of which the new ambulance and refurbished are part of, the paperwork has been filled out and we're in the process of doing that. It's just a matter of securing the note.

Alderman Philip Tripp - Economic Development Committee

Alderman Marini asked me to put a few things before the Board of Aldermen. Did everybody get their packet on the Tax Incentive Program and the Loan Program?

President Sharkey stated, we have an old one that came in about two months ago.

Alderman Tripp continued, the Economic Development Commission is soliciting constructive criticism as to how our Board of Aldermen feel it might be done better, or ideas, enhancements, things like that. We are looking for input from the entire Board of Aldermen.

From my own, it's called Economic Development, however I would like to use a different term - Revenue Enhancement. This is all about attracting new business, attracting new taxpayers to the City of Ansonia. Being on the Finance Committee with Aldermen Sharkey and Adamowski, we have these meetings and we're struggling over a couple thousand dollars. If we can get another Target or another Bob's to come to Ansonia that would be huge for our budget. The process might seem like it's moving a bit slow right now but the end state for that is so that we can bring new taxpaying businesses to the City of Ansonia. That's what it's all about.

Alderman Stowe stated, the Tax Incentive and the Loan Program were discussed that they will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. It hasn't been done yet. I know going to your meetings that you've been awful busy. I understand. But the Consultant that we have, we're getting ready to get a report, I would say within the next month. We do need to all go in the same direction together, this Loan Program and the Tax Incentives, so this person can do the work that we're hoping he's able to do. That is going very well. The steering committee met and we're helping it move along and I don't know if it's going to be finished this month because of the holidays, but I believe after the first of the year - the first month of the year. So if the Finance Committee could review those things it would be greatly appreciated.

President Sharkey stated, I think that's what Alderman Adamowski was talking about meeting with Kurt Miller.

Alderman Adamowski stated, that is what I was talking about. The Mayor is going to see if he can get Kurt Miller down here - he's going to ask him tomorrow to call me and let me know when he is available, and we'll schedule our meeting around his timeframe.

President Sharkey stated, they have a working Tax Incentive Plan in Seymour and just recently they revised it and updated it. We are trying to learn from theirs rather than reinvent the wheel and see what they found had to be.

Alderman Stowe stated, I understand. We're going to start talking about the budget in two or three months and we definitely want to have these loose ends tied up.

Alderman Adamowski stated, regarding that, I did have a couple of quick question of Mr. Stowe. I did read that briefly on my own. One of my questions was, I know it said in there about giving \$2,000 to a store or business to help out the storefronts. What happens with a development on Main Street, and believe me, I'm all for helping our residents on Main Street, I just want to know if it was thought about, what happens if you have one owner that owns 10 storefronts? Would that person get \$20,000, or does he get \$2,000 to split up between 10 people?

Alderman Tripp stated, I don't have the document in front of me right now, so I can't give you a clear, intelligent answer right now. That is a subject that can be discussed. I will have to get back to you. Good question.

Alderman Stowe stated, I think the discussion on that was still continuing because we talked about if we had buildings that were not owned by one owner, but one right next to another - it didn't look fair for the other businesses. I believe that is unresolved right now, and we have our Consultant, we'll work that with him too, what is his advice. We are on it.

Alderman Radin stated, my understanding when I read that article was that the people who are renting the store have to get permission from the owner to do it. If there are different people, different businesses in each one, each one would have to get permission. It's not the owner that gets the permission, it's the business that's running that wants to put up the storefront. That's the way I read it.

Alderman Adamowski stated, okay, so if one wants to and one doesn't, then they don't have to.

Alderman Stowe stated, this is part of, the Finance Committee examining this too. We have the Valley Chamber of Commerce, we've had a lot of input on this. Really the idea is to take all the best ideas and put them together to make this work.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I will definitely try to get that meeting in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully we can move on something.

President Sharkey stated, I agree with Mrs. Radin, we have people like the one owner owns the Opera House, but there are four or five storefronts in there, three of which are going to be run by one person. That person has to go to the

owner to get it and in fact does that one person get three times the loan, or does it get it one time. There are questions out there.

Alderman Charles Stowe - Public Works Committee

I would like to thank Mr. Schryver for cleaning up the Veterans' Memorial off of Prospect Street.

I know he didn't have a report this month, but something - a new leaf for the new year - I have been bringing up about the pavilion for the Ansonia Nature Center for months now. Could you possibly be the one to help me get that done?

President Sharkey stated, I will check into it.

Alderman Tripp stated, one item to segway off of Alderman Stowe's comments on the Woodbridge Avenue Memorial Park - maybe Mayor Della Volpe could - if anybody read in the local news Senator Blumenthal introduced new legislation that makes it a federal offense.

President Sharkey stated, it's going to be something under the Patriot Act, I think they're tying it to the Act of 2003. It will be a federal offense. Right now the only offense is if you transport a stolen item across State lines, now it will just be to destroy or deface it, will be a federal crime. Anything concerned with a Veterans' Memorial or Veterans' symbols. I really think this is going to be in the gravesites and things and all.

Alderman Tripp stated, the article I read did actually make mention of Ansonia, Connecticut.

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 Mott. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Tax Refunds

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the refund report and pay the refunds in the amount of \$4,053.74 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman DeLucia. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Accidents and Claims

11-12-807 Denise Brianna Edna Boyd

Alderman Nihill MOVED to refer the claim to the Claims Committee and Corporation Counsel Blake; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communications

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept all of the communications, place them on file, and take each one up in its order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #1

From: Attorney Robert Sousa

Re: Agreement in Regard to Michael Eheman

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #2

From: Chairman John Finnucan, Board of Public Works

Re: Scrap Metal Bid Award 2012

Alderman Nihill MOVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Public Works, to award the bid for scrap metal to Calamari Recycling Company of Essex, Connecticut at 100 percent of the American Metal Market; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Appointments

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept all of the Mayor's recommended appointments as submitted with the exception of the Police Department appointment; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

The appointments were accepted as follows:

Board of Assessment Appeals

Louis Macero of 55 Hubbell Avenue;

Susan A. Nargi of 8 Benz Street

Patricia Fers of 28 West Brookside Avenue

Terms to expire 12-31-2014.

Board of Library Directors

Violet O'Donnell of 18 Finney Street Ext.;
Louise Capozzi of 16 Greenfield Drive;
Sue E. Behun of 25 Prindle Avenue;
Joanne M. Czczot of 37 Morningside Drive

Terms to expire 12-31-2015.

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority

Nicholas Amico of 22 Sobin Drive;
Paul Heon of 12 White Oak Road;
Ann Marie Pitney of 159 Pulaski Highway
Francis Tyszka of 18 Shortell Drive

Terms to expire 12-31-2014.

Board of Public Works

John Finnucan of 22 New Street;
Robert J. Kolakowski of 14 Farrell Drive

Terms to expire 12-13-2014.

Commission for Elderly Services

Louis Bartolotta of 35 North Spring Street;
Grace Forbes of 25 Church Street;
Diane Stroman of 66 High Street

Terms to expire 12-31-2015.

Conservation Commission

Luanna Plocha of 40 Fourth Street #11; to fill a vacancy, term to expire 6-12-2015.
Jennifer Draus of 40 Fourth Street #13; to fill a vacancy, term to expire 6-12-2016.

Cultural Commission

Michele C. Gandy of 15 Tomlinson Street;
Mary Gibson of 16 Arbor Terrace;
Timothy Holman of 48 Elm Street;
Nancy Hunt of 140 Myrtle Drive;
James Little of 36 Star Street

Terms to expire 12-31-2015.

Historical Commission

Eileen Krugel of 36 Cedar Street;
Lois Ann Marazzi of 195 Pulaski Highway;

Terms to expire 12-31-2014.

Inland Wetlands Commission

John Jones of 92 Ford Street; term to expire 12-31-2014.

Recreation Commission

Thomas Lynch of 15 Macintosh Lane;
Steven Sobolisky of 93 North Prospect Street;

Terms to expire 12-31-2014.

Retirement Board

Howard Madigosky of 43 Holbrook Street, Duffus replacement, term to expire 12-31-2013.

Ansonia Police Department

Chief Hale stated, standing before you is Mr. Brendon Nelson. Mr. Nelson currently resides in New Britain. He has a BS in Criminal Justice from Central Connecticut State University. He has gone through our extensive background check and has come out with most favorable approval from our detectives and two of the background - we are looking forward to your support tonight. He is eager to start. He will be entering the Police Academy on Friday, January 4th.

Alderman Tripp MOVED to accept the appointment of Brendon Nelson of New Britain, Connecticut as a Police Officer Recruit with the Ansonia Police Department; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Mr. Nelson stated, I would like to thank you for this opportunity. It is a tremendous honor to be here today. I look forward to serving the City of Ansonia for a very, very long period of time.

President Sharkey thanked Mr. Nelson and applause rang throughout the forum.

Resolutions

Resolution #1

Re: City of Ansonia Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

President Sharkey stated, this resolution was discussed in the Public Session. The City of Ansonia Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan is outlined there. EMD is the Emergency Management Director, and that is Chief Hale. Chief Hale has worked and been involved in this in putting together the Ansonia part of the Plan. He mentioned he is looking for your support to bring it forward.

Alderman Tripp stated, I would just like to state that the most important purpose of any government, city, state or local, is the safety and security of the people that live in that community, whether it be city, state or local. Myself, I have 30 years in the Connecticut Army National Guard, which has the dual mission of both defending the nation and civil preparedness and civil defense. Therefore, I am not totally unknowing of this subject. However, I take it as a personal affront that there are four names of Ansonia Aldermen that were left off of this document, as if those four people were uncaring, or unsupportive of this measure. I want to submit to this Board of Aldermen that is far from the case; and I know these four Aldermen would like to have their names on this document. That is all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Sharkey stated, before we move forward with Alderman Fainer's motion, we will back up and make this resolution submitted by All Aldermen of All Wards of the City of Ansonia.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED that Resolution #1 be amended to be submitted by All Aldermen of All Wards of the City of Ansonia; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Fainer stated, I would like to make a comment before we go any further. We might as well put all 14 Aldermen on every one of them. There are some here that my name is not on - does it mean I'm against it? No.

Alderman Tripp stated, if I may, Mr. President. When you have the names of 10 people all of one party to the exclusion of four of the other party, it just gives the appearance of impropriety. That is all I was pointing out.

Alderman Fainer stated, this one's got your name, and Eddie's, and Anthony's...

Alderman Tripp stated, and that is bi-partisanship.

Alderman Fainer stated, I don't think anybody meant to spite you, but I mean, let's put 14 names on every one of them and we won't have to go through this.

President Sharkey stated, some of them are obvious the reason the names are there. This should be obviously for the betterment of the City of Ansonia and this one should have had everybody's name incorporated into it. Going forward, some of the other ones that are there, second resolution deals with ARMS and it has the three ARMS Committee members. Next one deals with the Ansonia Police Department, and it has the three members of our Police Committee. The third one deals again with ARMS and it has the three members of the ARMS Committee. That is why some of them are done the way they are. I agree that this one should include everybody.

Alderman Tripp stated, I take no issue with all the others, Mr. President.

RESOLUTION

All Aldermen of All Wards of the City of Ansonia introduced the following Resolution:

City of Ansonia Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 encourages communities to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan to outline natural hazard vulnerability and potential mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent natural disasters that severely impacted public infrastructure and private properties in the City of Ansonia, the City participated in the development of a Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan through the Valley Council of Governments to understand local conditions and plan accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Plan is to reduce the loss of or damage to life, property, infrastructure, and natural, cultural, and economic resources from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends many hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that potentially face the City; and

WHEREAS, some of the recommended mitigation actions may qualify for federal funding but only if the City of Ansonia officially adopts the Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, public information meetings were held to solicit public input and recommendations and to review the updated plan as required by law;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Ansonia that the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (Ansonia portions) is hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of Ansonia and that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall implement the provisions of the plan relevant to Ansonia; the Mayor is empowered

to execute any necessary documents to implement and proceed with the plan and that all municipal departments will report regularly on their activities, accomplishments, and progress relative to the plan for the City of Ansonia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ansonia is authorized to apply for and accept any future federal or state grant assistance to accomplish the goals of the plan.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Mott. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Resolution #2

Re: Emergency Medical Management Solutions, LLC

President Sharkey stated, ARMS requires supplemental billing services.

Alderman Nihill explained, basically this resolution is brought forth in hopes of tough fiscal times the City is under - we're looking for every dollar we could bring in. Our new vendor, Emergency Medical Management Solutions, LLC, and Jared were looking at our former billing that was submitted to CAG. CAG is no longer with us. We feel they could have been a little more aggressive in their attempts to collect the bills. As a proposal EMMS is looking to enter into an agreement with the City of Ansonia and ARMS and at no cost to the City - the cost is going to be performance-generated. They are looking to get 20 percent of all monies they can collect from past billing. I think it's a win for the City. Right now we're getting zero of those dollars. If this business can go out and collect some money the reward is to perform to the best of their ability and they'll get 20 percent of what they collect and City will reap 80 percent.

ARMS Director Jared Heon (speaking from the audience) stated, I wouldn't use the word "aggressive," just because it implies collections and things like that. What it is was we got a close-out report from CAG and there was uncollected funds that we're not so sure were billed appropriately. All we're looking to do is have our current vendor go back in, find out what we can bill the insurance companies, what we can collect on that old stuff, and then write it off of our books. Prior to my tenure nothing was cleared off the books so things just kept rolling and rolling over the years. This is absolutely necessary, even if we collect a minimal amount, to go back and clear our books of anything that we know is not collectable. We're talking about things that date back to 2006 that we know will not be collectable - EMMS will coordinate this as a project. They are our vendor for our current billing but they will do this as a project to go back and get our books caught up and go back and see if we can get anything of the old money before we do write it off.

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Scott Nihill of the 6th Ward, Jerome Fainer of the 4th Ward, and Edward Adamowski of the 1st Ward (Members of the Aldermanic ARMS Committee), introduced the following Resolution:

Emergency Medical management Solutions, LLC – Billing/ARMS

WHEREAS, Ansonia Rescue Medical Services, a branch of the City of Ansonia requires supplemental billing services for the handling of open claims previously administered for Ansonia Rescue Medical Services by Certified Ambulance Group; and

WHEREAS, the prior billing service provider is no longer servicing any claims previously billed through that vendor; and

WHEREAS, Ansonia Rescue Medical Services has engaged Emergency Medical Management Solutions, LLC (EM²S) to currently handle the billing of services provided by Ansonia Rescue Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Ansonia Rescue Medical Services that the billing previously provided by Certified Ambulance Group be processed by Emergency Medical management Solutions, LLC for which Emergency Medical Management Solutions, LLC will be compensated in an amount equal to 20 percent of all monies deposited and credited against these open accounts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ansonia, by and through Ansonia Rescue Medical Services hereby selects Emergency Medical management Solutions, LLC to complete the billing services process previously provided by Certified Ambulance Group for those open accounts that were with Certified Ambulance Group and that Emergency Medical Management Solutions, LLC will be paid an amount equal to 20 percent of all monies deposited in the3 aforementioned open accounts and that the Mayor of the City of Ansonia be empowered to sign any and all documents reflecting this agreement between Ansonia Rescue Medical Services and Emergency Medical management Solutions, LLC.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Resolution #3

Re: Detective for Ansonia Police Department

President Sharkey explained, the Police Department currently has four individuals in the Detective Division. They need an additional person as a

detective. They will go from four to five detectives - moving someone from the Patrol Division to the Detective Division. Funding is in place.

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Edward Adamowski of the First Ward, Philip Tripp of the Second Ward, and Anthony DeLucia of the Fourth Ward (Members of the Aldermanic Police Committee), introduced the following Resolution:

Detective for Ansonia Police Department

WHEREAS, the Ansonia Police Department currently comprises of four (4) individuals that are assigned to the position of detective; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the Ansonia Police Department require an additional position designated as a detective; and

WHEREAS, Ansonia City Charter Section 67 provides for the Board of Aldermen to determine the number of detectives that will comprise part of the staff of the Ansonia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Ansonia Police Department has in the 2012-2013 City budget received sufficient funding to add an additional detective to its staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen, under the powers provided by Section 67 of the Charter of the City of Ansonia, has determined that the number of detectives comprising the staff of the Ansonia Police Department shall be increased from four (4) to five (5) detectives.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #3; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Resolution #4

Re: Licensing Between the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of State Police and City of Ansonia

President Sharkey stated, the State of Connecticut is looking to share space on our antenna tower located on Prendergast School.

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Scott Nihill of the Sixth Ward, Jerome Fainer of the Fourth Ward, and Edward Adamowski of the First Ward (Aldermanic ARMS Committee Members), introduced the following Resolution:

Licensing Between the State of Connecticut

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Division of State Police and City of Ansonia

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia, by and through the Ansonia Rescue Medical Services have a license for a telecommunications facility located at 59 Finney Street, Ansonia, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of State Police (hereinafter "State Police") has an interest in securing an access to space at the aforementioned site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ansonia will enter into a license agreement between the State Police with respect to the leasing of space at the telecommunications facility located at 59 Finney Street, Ansonia, Connecticut and that the Mayor of the City of Ansonia or his designee is empowered to sign any and all documentation with respect to this agreement.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #4; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Unfinished Business

None presented.

New Business

None presented.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:01 p.m., Alderman Nihill MOVED to go into Executive Session for the following:

- 1. Workers Compensation Matter of Michael Eheman - with Mayor Della Volpe, and Attorney Sousa**

SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 8:12 p.m., Alderman Radin MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Tripp MOVED to authorize Attorney Robert Sousa to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Ansonia to bring to the Workers Compensation Commission to have this agreement approved by Michael Eheman resulting in the City of Ansonia receiving \$150,000 for resolution of their lien and the moratorium in this matter. SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Nihill MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen