



# CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN Special Meeting – February 19, 2013

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## *Call to Order*

The Special 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  
Peter Marcinko, D1 - present  
Charles Stowe, R2 - present  
Philip Tripp, R2 - present  
Kevin Mott, D3- present  
Joseph Jeanette, D3 - present  
Jerome Fainer, D4 - present

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

President Sharkey declared a quorum of 13 present, 1 absent.

## *Consideration of Previous Minutes*

1. Special Meeting of January 8, 2013
2. Finance Committee January 7, 2013
3. Salaries & Personnel Appeals Committee January 30, 2013

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

## *Public Session*

Robert Conway, 41 Elizabeth Street

I'm Guard Military, I own a house, I own a business. I've come to say that I'm really, really upset with the way this last snowfall was handled. I've been in many, many places around the world where we had a huge amount of snowfall. I was in Bridgeport at the time of the 1978, the last big storm. This last one was just horrendous. We knew it was coming about and we had no foresight whatsoever. Limping around the City afterward, the roads half done or not done, and then parts were just completely right down to the ground, downside, you know, I understand Main Street Ansonia has to be done but to have, you

know, the Haji stand over here on Hill Street completely done by City workers, you know, at 1:30 in the morning because I was watching them as I'm going home from work, from closing my bar. Then, you know, not being able to get out of my house because there's a six-foot mountain right over on Elizabeth Street right in front of, after the Judge's house was plowed out. Something needs to be rectified.

President Sharkey stated, I have to give you a little information. There was prior planning for this. Our Emergency Operations Center met twice before the storm. We met the day before on Thursday and started planning for this. The EOC opened at 8 a.m. even though it wasn't snowing. It was manned and staffed throughout the day. We had private contractors that we were paying to stand by with their equipment rather than have them go to some other place. We were listening all day to predictions that were anywhere from 8" to 18". They were not predicting 30-some-odd inches in the City of Ansonia. We just overwhelmed our equipment.

I'd like to explain to you that it wasn't that the street was plowed up until the Judge's house. In front of the Judge's house, one of our two pay loaders, the engine broke and the pay loader had to leave. It went into be serviced, was repaired and put back on the street two days later. That is why your street wasn't finished. I am well aware of what happened on Elizabeth Street.

Mr. Conway continued, are the people that are doing this plowing trained?

President Sharkey replied sure they are. We did not have the heavy equipment. We had two pay loaders, one of which broke. We had pay loaders that came into Ansonia and had them at 3 a.m. pulling trucks out of snowdrifts. We had one of our smaller pay loaders doing nothing except pulling Ansonia plows out of snowdrifts.

Mr. Conway stated, I had three plows go by my house before 8 o'clock on Friday with no snow on the ground.

President Sharkey stated, they were preparing for it.

Mr. Conway stated, preparing - that's not preparation. That's a useless waste of plowing.

President Sharkey stated, I'm not being argumentative with you by any means. There were many people...

Mr. Conway interjected, I just don't understand why at 8 o'clock everybody stopped plowing when that's when the brunt of the storm kicked up. Why didn't people come in later on when there was actually snow on the ground?

President Sharkey stated, many people had concerns that their street hadn't been plowed. Many of them were dead end streets like yourself and the major

issue was to open the main streets and the hills so that the fire apparatus and the ambulances could travel those streets. There were numerous fire alarm calls for CO; in some places the firemen actually got off the trucks and walked to the houses because they couldn't get through the snow. There were many, many cases of that happening. There were ambulances that answered in the middle of the snowstorm. I think the people that work for the City of Ansonia did an excellent job. You may differ because you live on a side street - that was not a top priority.

Mr. Conway stated, North Spring Street wasn't done either.

President Sharkey stated, I'm aware of that. North Spring Street is by no means a major street. Hill Street was done, Jewett Street was done, Hodge Avenue was done, those that were around near the firehouses and the main streets and the hills were done.

Mr. Conway interjected, and there were cars on both sides of the street throughout the storm.

President Sharkey stated, I disagree with you. I was the Mayor; I was in charge. I have to say that our Public Works Department and anybody else out there did an excellent job. Excellent job. I'm going on record as saying that.

Mr. Conway stated, there are still piles of snow all around the whole area in the background on these side streets where you can't see to get around. You have to stop and pull out 8-10 feet past it.

President Sharkey stated, pick up a newspaper and read - any city is having the same problem. Read today, North Branford is talking, they did nothing except pull their snow plows out of snow banks. We had the same problem. We have our Public Works Director here that will tell you - a man in a pay loader did nothing but drive around every time one of his trucks got stuck.

Mr. Conway stated, 1978 City of Bridgeport, I helped plow that. Three days after that snow was there it was already cleaned.

President Sharkey stated, I beg to differ with you - that's why Bridgeport did not open all week. Schools are still closed.

Mr. Conway stated, no, I said 1978.

Alderman Jeanette stated, I think this storm was a little more intense than 1978.

President Sharkey stated, our equipment is not prepared to handle 30-some-odd inches of snow. It's not.

Alderman Jeanette stated, I-95 was the same way as our side streets. There were trucks stuck on I-95 and State plows couldn't get them out.

Mr. Conway stated, again, there was vans put on ...[inaudible].

Alderman Jeanette stated, I understand that, but it was just a storm that was - I don't think there's ever been a storm like this in the history of this state.

Mr. Conway stated, 1962. I remember that one too.

Alderman Jeanette stated, well you have a good memory then. I just think that the City did a heck of a job and I'm very proud of them. Those guys are tired, but they kept on going. I think they did a heck of a job.

Mr. Conway stated, and again, everything was locked down. The Library, people had nothing to do.

Alderman Jeanette stated, I couldn't get out of my street either. When they got there they got there. I understood. It's just the way it is.

Mr. Conway stated, I understand. Just the way it is.

Alderman Jeanette stated, I understand your frustration; I work for a utility and I see it all the time when people lose their lights. We have to get the main lines on before we can get side streets. This is sort of the same thing. They have to get these main streets done.

Mr. Conway asked, is FEMA going to come into part on any this? The President declared this, you know, are we going to have FEMA or something like this here?

Mayor Della Volpe replied, there is a 48-hour period where FEMA will pay for our snow removal, the plows, the manpower and everything else.

Mr. Conway asked, businesses closed down?

Mayor Della Volpe stated, oh, I don't know about businesses. They're going to pay for our snow removal.

President Sharkey stated, the Governor put a no travel ban out there, so nobody was traveling on any roads. We had a parking ban in Ansonia. We had all the buildings closed. So nobody was going to the Library. Nobody was going to the Senior Center. Those buildings were not plowed for days - the access to them. The employees were home. City Hall was closed for three days, four days. I think it was a good move. And your street would have been plowed if that didn't break down on Elizabeth Street, and I don't think you'd be here talking about it.

Mr. Conway stated, then after I got finished cleaning out my area the plow came by and plowed me back in again.

President Sharkey stated, that happens all the time. If we widen the streets now we'd be plowing everybody's driveway back in again. I'm not disagreeing with you; I'm giving you the way it is.

Mr. Conway stated, I understand. It's the way it is.

Alderman Stowe stated, I'm confused about the judge part. The Judge was plowed out on Saturday? Is that right?

Mr. Conway stated, the Judge was plowed out first.

Alderman Stowe asked, is that correct?

President Sharkey replied, no. Absolutely not. What it is, one of our pay loaders went up George Street, that connects to Elizabeth Street, and we happen to have Judge Hoyle resides on Elizabeth Street. As the pay loader passed his house, it broke down. I know because I got a telephone call that that's where it was stuck. The rest of the street was not plowed. This gentleman is implying that Elizabeth Street was plowed as far as the Judge's house and they abandoned the rest of the street. That is not so.

Alderman Stowe stated, well I'm hoping that's not so. What I saw, I plowed, and I was running a pay loader. I never worked so many hours. I have to say I think the City of Ansonia did as good of a job as they possibly could have done under nightmarish conditions. Between 10:30 and 2:00 there was no visibility and those guys were still out trying to keep the City clean for emergency vehicles. I saw them with my own eyes clearing places when there were emergencies and I can't thank them enough for that. Here we are a week later and it looks like it never happened. It was really tough, and those guys deserve our support. I can't thank Mike enough for running his crews. What are you going to do? It was probably the storm of the century.

President Sharkey stated, I agree. I'd like to go on record as saying that our Public Works crew had in a 24-hour period they had two hours sleep on Friday, three hours sleep on Saturday, and four on Sunday. That's it. That's 9 hours sleep in 72 hours. We had cases we can go on with, but I wish the gentleman would stay here long enough to have some of the firemen tell him that at 3 a.m. with absolute zero visibility they came out of the Eagle's to answer an alarm, got one truck stuck in a snow drift on Foundry Hill over here; the other one tried to go up North Main Street and found the road completely blocked by an abandoned plow and an abandoned car and the people got off the fire trucks and walked to the house. You don't find that.

Alderman Adamowski stated, it was 185 North State Street, by the way, which is all the way up there by Woodbridge Avenue.

President Sharkey stated yes, I understand, and they walked there in the snow, and then it still took a couple hours to get the truck out of the snow bank. We actually had to hire a private contractor to come and pull it out of the snow bank; the guy came from Derby.

Edward Musante, 21 Castle Lane

I have a suggestion. Bring up a diagram for the fire hydrants. This way they don't have to go out there chopping through the snow looking for a fire hydrant. Say if it's between this pole and this pole, two numbers down. Rhode Island has that. Another thing, the Brother's Market on North End, there's a handicap sidewalk there and I saw today a guy had to go all the way down to Dairy Mart's driveway to get in there - it's all plowed. And Friday I was going up Prospect Street Extension, the UPS truck was there. I had to back all the way down because that road up there near the greenhouse is not wide enough. If you get an ambulance going up, you've got to go into the snow bank.

Steve Sentimentis, 97 Woodbridge Avenue

I have to say a few things about the Mayor. I have been in this town 15 beautiful years. I love this town, and I love the Mayor. He is the best. We had the guys working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with overtime going out of their minds. We have one complaint so far. I am here to say the Mayor is the best! If he wasn't, he wouldn't win the second time around. Matter of fact nobody tried to touch him - they said "we're wasting our time going against this man." He is a natural born winner! I am really very happy to see that the Riverwalk that brings business into this town. They're coming from Bridgeport, Hartford, Norwalk, Stamford, everybody is coming here - that brings business to this town. People coming here is business. I am very happy with the crew. Matter of fact, I talked to Mr. Tripp the third day in the snow. We talked. The gentleman is still here - Mr. Tripp. I said, I give a little smile to him and I say, "Hey, that's not your job!" because he had the truck with a plow on it. He says to me, "My job is everything." And I said, "well I won't hold you back." I pat the truck and he left. At the same time, I saw another man, I said, "where do I know you from?" He was driving a City of Ansonia truck with a plow. "What's your last name?" He says, "Smith." I said, "where do I know you from?" He says, "from the dump" - I see you once a week and I didn't recognize you. I am very, very pleased with the work they've done. If you find one or two - they have a problem. Thank you gentlemen, thank you very much.

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

***Public Official Session***

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Mayor James Della Volpe

I would like to commend our Public Works also for a job well done. Also, all of the personnel that worked at the EOC and all the firefighters and everybody else that worked long hours during the storm.

Public Works was cleaning and repairing their trucks today so that tomorrow they could go out and start widening the roads. We're going to start on the Hilltop and work our way down. We've been on the West Side because of the narrowness of the streets and the parking conditions there, and up on the North End. That is where all of the trucks have been.

I would also like to commend the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen for a job well done and all their work on the budget. I know it was a very difficult year, probably the most in the 14 years that I've been here. You've done the best that you can do. If we cut any further, we'll have to lay off people and reduce services. I don't think that will do anything to improve our economy.

To give you an update - Farrell's is sold to Mustafa Diakiti. He is in the process of working with Yale Architecture to put together a design plan for there. They're looking for a mixed use retail and commercial on the first floor and market-rate housing on the second and third floors. He bought all of the Farrell buildings. Farrell's is going to stay here for at least five if not 10 years. They're working on negotiating an agreement there. I don't have anything else at this point. I'll open it up to questions the Board members might have.

Alderman Radin stated, all of the phone calls that we got telling us what was happening and what was going on were very well timed and appreciated. I think that helped things work out as well as they did in the City. It was great. Thank you.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, it alleviates a lot of problems. A lot of people, especially the elderly who don't have access to computers, they hear the voice and they understand what's going on. It comforts them.

Alderman Tripp stated, just a request - you mentioned the widening and I know you're going to start at one end of town and go to the other, but if you'd just jot down French Street - there are some drainage problems there that need to be plowed out. I know that Eileen Krugel is aware of the problems at the bottom of that street. If they could give it some attention I would appreciate it.

President Sharkey stated, I'd like to add to Alderman Radin's comment about the notifications. I think the parking ban worked very well this time, too. That's the first time that we've instituted one - we've had second thoughts

about doing it but it worked very well. I think without it we would have been in a lot of trouble.

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Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Two things for this agenda. For #10 - regarding 143 S. Cliff Street and waiver of permit in order to repair a roof - I have it marked Executive Session so if you feel like you need to go to Executive Session we can.

Resolution #4 regarding the FEMA-declared disasters - I'd like to have that withdrawn from the agenda tonight. FEMA was here today and they discussed with City officials regarding that policy. We're going to meet before we bring it back to this Board.

I would just like to commend everyone at the EOC, the Fire, Police, and the Public Works. In my life I've never seen a storm this bad come down so quick. Thank you.

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Tara Kolakowski, Acting Personnel Director

You guys have my monthly report in front of you so if you have any questions I'll entertain those. Also on the agenda is #5 for consideration of job descriptions. I want to communicate to the full Board that the Salary Committee, the Department Heads, and myself took a lot of time and effort. I want to thank everyone because a lot of time and effort went into these job descriptions. I know we're going to go into Executive Session, but the full Board should know that it was really a collaborative effort.

On a side note, we did get calls in the Mayor's office and had people actually walk in to say thank you for a good job that Public Works did. There was a lady that actually brought the Mayor a box of chocolate and I got a plant - I don't know why but she was just really thankful. There are people out there that do take the time and effort to say, "thank you, job well done." We don't hear that enough.

Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

From the EOC perspective, I don't know if everyone is aware of what happens - the Public Safety Committee, this broader Committee - prepared for this storm. There were some people in there I can tell you - Mike Eheman, Eileen, 50 hours straight EOC. Calls coming in, calls coming in from Officers, so we could get quick, timely information out to Mike and his crews so they could get to the trouble spots. We had an individual go out at 11 o'clock on Friday night for a pack of cigarettes during this, and got his car stuck in the middle of North Main and Fourth, and then left it there. We had another couple that got stuck in their car and actually stayed in their car for hours. We were checking on them by cell phone; we couldn't get to them, and they were turning the car on and off to

keep warm when they had to. So people kind of came together. I just wanted to thank Mike publicly; I think he did an outstanding job. No matter what time of the day it was, 2, 3, 4 in the morning, you'd call and he'd answer the phone - we've got this spot, we'd get over there, let's prioritize, we'd try to meet every day to try to figure out the priority spots for the day. A tremendous effort outside, inside, it was really a great coordination. We're going to meet probably in the next week or so to get this through our system here and go back and see what went well and what could have gone better, so in our next 30" storm we are more prepared.

Currently we have two officers in the Field Training Program - they should be on their own some time in April. We have one officer in the Police Academy. We have a retirement coming up and we're looking to replace that officer. That officer will be retired in the next four weeks. We've done some regional training with the Valley Police Departments - responses to critical incidents. Our school patrols are continuing; we had the week off last week obviously but we're continuing. We're getting positive feedback on that.

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

2. Job Descriptions

The Committee met several times and we approved six different job descriptions.

3. Upgrades to Ansonia Police Department

The Committee met January 7 to discuss the upgrades to the Ansonia Police Department. We voted to send it to the full Board for approval.

President Sharkey explained, Communication #4 talks about hiring a boiler consultant; Resolution #2 takes the action to do that. We have to design the boiler system. Presently there is one steam boiler up there. During the storm it failed several times. We have had numerous problems with it in the last several weeks. It is presently turned on and runs 24/7 - it is not thermostat controlled and we're pouring heat out the windows. We need to design the system; we have engineers that tell us what needs to be done. We are talking about going with two smaller condensing-type boilers and they'll design it with the capability of adding a third should we become able to expand in the future.

## 4. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Alderman Adamowski stated, I would like to personally thank all members of the Finance Committee who worked tirelessly on this. We had a lot of good debates in those meetings from both parties - and I think they were very productive. I think this is one of the best budgets we can possibly come up with to be fiscally responsible for the City of Ansonia and as fair as we possibly can to the taxpayers of the City of Ansonia without doing any detrimental harm to the City as the Mayor had spoke about before.

You should all have a copy of the proposed budget. The 2012-2013 final budget was \$58,680,788. The Department-Requested 2013-2014 was \$62,276,813. The Board of Aldermen Finance Committee proposal to this Board for 2013-2014 is \$60,778,052.

**Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the reports of the Finance Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

Alderman Stowe stated, good evening. As you know, I am one of the two elected Aldermen in the City of Ansonia's Second Ward. When I ran for office my campaign promise to my neighbors was to ensure that they have a voice when economic decisions are being make. When our fellow elected Alderman Robert Duffus resigned, there was an open seat on the Finance Committee. In my opinion, this was an opportunity to expand the diversity of the Committee. Democrats hold five out of the seven seats and community volunteers are similarly represented. The open seat offered an opportunity to balance and enhance the Committee's ability to serve our City by adding a business perspective and appoint someone who has successfully run their own business and understands the challenges facing Ansonia's business owners. On two separate occasions, Mr. President, I have brought to your attention my desire to serve on the Finance Committee. I am qualified because of my interests in the City's economic challenges as demonstrated by my work in EDC. I am qualified because of my experience making a living by running my own business for more than 20 years. I am qualified because of my ability to show up for the number of meetings required and the ability and willingness to work with Democrats and Republicans alike. If not me, there is an elected Alderman who has been in business right here in Ansonia for 38 years. Joan Radin is certainly well-qualified to fill Mr. Duffus' seat and be a strong voice for the businesses in Ansonia. I bring this to your attention because I believe that balance and diversity are necessary to the health and sustainability of our City and our democratic process. This spirit of the City's Charter supports my position - it is crystal clear and I quote "Nominations and confirmations shall be made in such a manner as to divide said offices and said boards as nearly as possible equally between the two leading political parties." Section 9, page 11. It is unacceptable and inexcusable that two Republicans with nearly 60 years of business experience between us are not asked to serve on the Finance Committee. This is just one example of the lack of balance on our committees.

Another one would be ARMS where there are no Republican Aldermen. Therefore, I respectfully request we revisit the Committee appointments to ensure that as nearly as possible the diverse interest of Ansonia's people are equally represented on our City's boards and committees. Thank you. Would you respond to that, Mr. President?

President Sharkey replied, I have received Mr. Stowe's requests several times. Twice I have told him my position on that. I told him that there were 10 Democratic Aldermen; there are four Republican Aldermen. I put 50% of the Democrats on there; I put 50% of the Republicans on there. If I put another Republican on there, it would be 75 percent of your membership on that committee and we would have less than 50 percent of the other one. That was my feeling and I went with that - that is my answer.

Alderman Stowe stated, Mr. President, you are not following the Charter. You are not really doing due diligence for the citizens; we do need diversity. Have you read Linda Gentile's letter that she sent?

President Sharkey replied, yes, I have.

Alderman Stowe continued, we have problems that are coming ahead of us that no one here is really prepared to deal with. Our Board of Education requires a lot of income to be able to run our schools like we would like them to. She is correct with her statements, yet she does not have an answer. We do not have an answer here. I have talked to many officials in this room, and on the Board of Apportionment and Taxation - they claim that we really can't fix this. I have made suggestions of having a coalition of Mayors and First Selectmen to get together and go to our Governor and try to discuss what we're going to do with our municipalities. We cannot function like this over a long period of time. Now, this is where my business skills come in. If we would like to continue to just keep pushing the can as they say in politics - and I am not a politician - if we want to keep kicking the can down the road, next year we will have a real problem in front of us. The problem stands from what I saw, the Board of Education was asking for \$1.8 million this year and for the next four to five years after this. Our City cannot afford to pay that. Our housing prices and values that people have worked all their lives for, for their retirement, is not there. I talk to them about this because I'm an elected official, they scream and say, "I'm leaving!" They just flip out. "I'm leaving, I only paid \$70,000 to build my house and if I only make \$100,000 I'm out of here." We can't have that kind of thinking here. When I came here, and there are people here that can follow this up, I have had a positive view on this. I believe that if we work together as a team and if you try to work on Economic Development, and the Mayor has been working diligently on that for years, that somehow we can enlarge our tax base. You're sitting there saying you don't want any diversity.

President Sharkey stated, I didn't say that.

Alderman Stowe stated, well you are by ignoring this. You are ignoring this, Mr. President. I will not sit here any longer without having a voice about it because if I don't have a voice about it, I'm not being a moral person with my constituents.

President Sharkey stated, here's what we're going to do. I'm going to end your discussion on it. I've given you more than enough time to give your views about why you're not on the Finance Committee. Our thing, on the table in front of us is accepting the budget. Your being on the Finance Committee and accepting the budget are two very diverse issues. So we're going to go back to the discussion of the budget. We can at a future time go back to why you're not on the Committee. You can get my answer from it that I've already given you. We're ending the discussion on that now. And I have the right to do that.

[Back and forth between Alderman Stowe and President Sharkey].

President Sharkey stated, discussion on this is over. We're going back to talking about the budget.

Alderman Marini stated, we were faced with a very tough job to put this budget together. It obviously does represent a tax increase, it's going to represent a mill increase, particularly with the revaluation. In the past, I've voted against budgets that represented the tax increase and a mill increase, and I voted against the school budgets for being exorbitant. This time, however, I'd have to say the only reason to vote "no" would be for the sake of voting no, and I certainly wasn't elected to do that. I think there was a good bipartisan effort by all involved to have a bare bones budget, as the Mayor said, as low as possible without sacrificing vital services. I am in support of this budget. I think it's a tough decision in that there are a lot of residents that can't afford any tax increase, yet at the same time we can't afford to damage our public services. That being said, however the vote goes on the budget today, I think we really have to take a look at certain elements of the budget, particularly the Board of Education, that does make up 50 percent or more of our budget. The amount of money that's being allocated to the Board of Education this year is really hardly enough for them to keep status quo. When they came to us and asked for \$1.8 million, they were not asking to increase services, they were asking to keep services the same. With the money that's being allocated, unfortunately, \$500,000 is not going to be able to sustain the current level of services. It's very sad to see that the services, the status quo that's being upheld, it's going to salaries, it's going to benefit increases, and it's going to a lot of unfunded mandates that neither we nor our Board of Education have the ability to change or to alter. Our Board of Education are elected officials just like us. I would like to make it clear, at least from my end, my decision to vote for substantially less amount than what was requested is not because I do not trust the Board of Education officials. I trust them as elected officials and I think we all owe them our trust. Just like us. They ran for office and I know they have the education and interest of the students at heart. We simply cannot afford a \$1.8 increase for our residents. As it is, it's about a two percent

increase and it is going to impact a lot of people. I would say we need to take a look to solutions. I think the only way we're going to get solutions is to open up that dialogue with our state officials. We have state officials that have experience in education. In particular, we have a State Senator who is on a Board of Education and did work with the State Board of Education, Joe Crisco. I think they owe it to their constituents in Ansonia to come to the Board of Aldermen and to work with us hand in hand. There is money, believe it or not, available. That's simply going to other causes. There's \$500,000-plus in alliance funds that are unfortunately earmarked for purposes that our school cannot control. We need to make sure that any money coming from the State is allocated by our Board of Education - they're our local board. They know our school system. They know our students. They should have a right to allocate any money that they're getting from the State to where it is needed the most. That way they can plan for the long term. We need to truly open up that dialogue, we need to have our representatives here. We need to have that dialogue and need to go to Hartford at the same time to lobby for what's best for Ansonia. My only other comment is, I know there are going to be some funds available from the school roofing project that was done. I'm not sure what the legality is for using those funds for other purposes. I know there are certain improvement projects such as the boiler for the Police Department that may be viable projects for that money, but I truly feel that right now the priority for any unspent funds that are not yet accounted for in this budget should be used to mitigate the tax increase, should be used to go into the general fund to pay down and to help offset any increase we're going to see for our residents. Again, with the revaluation, any increase is really going to have even more of an impact this year. The unemployment rate is simply too high, there are too many seniors on fixed incomes, we really need to offset it. For any public improvement projects, I've said it before, I think the City really needs to revisit the idea of bonding. Obviously bonding, we're still paying for it, but we need to be able to control our payment schedule so we can have predictable tax increases for the residents of Ansonia. It is very difficult to do any financial planning on a household level if you do not know how much taxes, sewer fees, are going to jump up every year. Tax increases will sometimes be unavoidable; we have to make them predictable. With that said, I approve this budget.

**Alderman TRIPP moved to accept and approve the budget presented by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, and further,**

**MOVED to turn it over to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation;  
SECONDED by Alderman Fainer.**

Alderman Fainer stated, I was involved in the process. It was a tough road. I admire the department heads that came to us with what they needed. They weren't looking for any fluff. Nobody wants to see any tax increase but certain things we had no control over - contracts, benefits.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Marcinko	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Mott	X		
Jeanette	X		
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Madigosky	X		
Radin	X		
<i>Nihill</i>			
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>		

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

*Alderman John Marini - Economic Development Committee*

The primary project right now is the Economic Development Plan that Bartram and Cochran has put together for the City. We're in the process of essentially delivering that report from Bartram & Cochran to the Mayor. A meeting should be scheduled some time in the near future where our representative from Bartram & Cochran will make a presentation to the Mayor. I believe he may have already received a draft report. Following that we anticipate a presentation at some time to this Board and to the City.

Second item, I'm working with Corporation Counsel Blake to get him the documents to finalize the loan program for the businesses. It's our intention to have the loan program be part and parcel of the Economic Development Plan when it's rolled out, so that there is something tangible on the table for the businesses to take advantage of by the time the program gets rolled out. Those are the two significant developments.

Through our Movie program, we did attract another production recently. This time from a local monster movie film producing company. They'll be doing a commercial that will air on the Chiller Channel at the Farrel Complex. And if it goes well, they also may be selecting us for the site of one of their upcoming films.

President Sharkey stated, we have not received the information on that Tax Incentive Program from Seymour.

Alderman Marini stated, that was the other item to follow up with. I believe we pretty much have a solid Tax Incentive Program. We had handed it over some time ago to Kurt Miller and the City of Seymour to get a little bit of input from another municipality. My question was going to be if we had heard back.

Mayor Della Volpe replied no, we haven't.

Alderman Marini stated, I think it's time to see what's become of that, because the sooner we have that in place, the sooner we can start enticing businesses and investors to the City.

Alderman Fainer stated, a while back I asked you about the people that got these grants for home improvements and you would give me a list.

Alderman Marini replied, I talked to Lisa Low and I talked to downstairs. A list was not put together. I think what might be best is to have Lisa Low come in and ask her to put the list together, because it certainly exists.

Alderman Fainer continued, what ever happened to the website - the Economic Development website?

Alderman Marini stated, that is also an effort that is going to be linked to the Economic Development Plan. Remember, it's not just going to be an Economic Development Plan, it's a marketing plan. One of the elements that will tie that together and promote it will be the website. We didn't want to be premature and sort of spill the beans on what the marketing plan will be before the plan is rolled out. So the idea is that the website will roll out to support the plan - sort of a multi-media effort that will roll out together. The website is - all information has essentially been provided to the developer who is working on it and we're still retooling sort of what the branding will be. I think when the time is right, the Mayor's Office and some of our other offices will likely want to be involved in making sure we agree on what the marketing plan will look like, before we just kind of go rogue and send it out there.

Alderman Fainer asked, will we see something come soon?

Alderman Marini replied, with the Plan. When the plan is presented we should have that website - the demo of the website - with us.

Alderman Stowe asked, does anyone here have an anticipation of when will first business will get the loan - what date that will be?

Alderman Marini stated, it's pretty much together so we could roll things out very soon. It will take less than a month to put it out there. The question is when - we would like it to coincide with when the plan comes out. We've also thought that maybe it might make sense to have some of the owners take advantage of it before the plan rolls out, so that when we roll the plan out we

could have business owners that could basically say, "we've already received something from the City." So it's sooner than later. Spring.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I've gotten two requests from the two new stores that are going in across the street about their storefronts - they're trying to keep it conforming. I think John is right; I think about two to three months we should be able to roll something out.

Alderman Stowe stated, May?

Alderman Marini stated, I hope Spring. A lot will depend on the meeting with the Mayor and the meeting with this Board. Certainly we're not going to go ahead with anything before the Board resolves.

Alderman Stowe stated, I would love to see that happen before the bike ride.

Alderman Marini stated, I would love to get into this more when we roll the plan out, but the idea is really to roll all of the events under the umbrella of the marketing plan that we want to push, to sort of attract a synergy, sort of a networking between our different commissions. We don't want to just roll out one effort that is sort of isolated from everything else. We all really want to fall under what this marketing plan is going to be about. I'll be able to talk more about that after it's accepted by the Mayor and what's being presented to the Board.

Alderman Stowe stated, I know if I was a business and we were going to have a big bike rally which we're hoping to have, I would like to have my storefront finished before that rally started.

Alderman Knapp asked, will we as a Board get the report prior to the presentation, so we have time to take a look at it? I'd like to have time to look at it and read it prior to the presentation so I can prepare any questions.

Alderman Marini stated, as soon as the Mayor accepts it I think we can get it right out to the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I've seen a draft of it already and I'm pretty comfortable with it. I talked to Vinny Scarlata about it and we're moving along on it.

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

### School Security

President Sharkey stated, we have a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow with members of the Police Commission, the Chief, members of the Board of Education, all about School Security. I sent out a couple of e-mails; I know many

people have picked up their packet already. Please read them; look at them. There's some good recommendations in them. We should be ready to discuss them tomorrow night.

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

**Alderman Knapp 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 13-0.**

### ***Tax Refunds***

**Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

Alderman Knapp asked, why do we get this Refund Report every month?

President Sharkey replied, we have to pay the bills, and we have to okay any money that goes out. They can't actually refund any money unless we approve it. They provide us a list.

Alderman Knapp stated, okay, but why is there one person listed here six times, another is listed three times.

President Sharkey stated, when you look at the dates, it's for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011...

Alderman Tripp stated, my name was on the report once - one time I refinanced my house. The old mortgage company took money out for taxes, and then the new mortgage company took money out for taxes. So I got hit twice to pay the same taxes. So I needed a refund on one of them; that is why my name appeared on that report. That is one type of thing - we refund taxes to people that have double-paid or over-paid.

Corporation Counsel Blake explained, the reason you do this is that only the Tax board and this Board of Aldermen can rebate taxes.

**Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the refund report and pay the refunds in the amount of \$2,297.21 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

### ***Communications***

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept all of the communications, place them on file, and take them up as President Sharkey has organized them; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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**Communication #1****From: Acting Comptroller Richard Bshara****Re: Approval of Use of Capital Fund for Levee Project**

President Sharkey explained, it's terminology giving approval to use money on the Levee Project, spending the money down and taking the balance to zero.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to approve the use of the Capital Reserve Fund for use on the Levee Project in the amount of \$280,179, bringing the account balance to zero; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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**Communication #2****From: Acting Comptroller Richard Bshara****Re: Approval of Chase Leasing Agreement**

President Sharkey stated, we are taking up Communication #2, Communication #11, Resolution #3 and Resolution #5 all together - all of which deal with the Chase Leasing Agreement.

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**Communication #11****From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake****Re: Chase Leasing Closing Documents**

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**Resolution #3****Re: Chase Leasing Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement**

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia is purchasing two dump trucks with plows for the Department of Public Works and an ambulance for Ansonia Rescue Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia would like to enter into a lease agreement with Chase Leasing for the lease purchase of the aforementioned motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned motor vehicles were budgeted in the 2012-2013 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen hereby agrees to approve the City of Ansonia to enter into with Chase Leasing a lease purchase of two dump trucks with plows for the Department of Public Works and an ambulance for Ansonia Rescue Medical Services and that the Mayor is empowered to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Ansonia provided all necessary financing is in place.

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We are finally buying our ambulance and buying the two plow dump trucks. We found the best leasing arrangement was with Chase Lease. We had explored many different possibilities; we are actually saving quite a bit of money on the purchase of these trucks off the State bid list. We are saving money from what we anticipated; I think we're saving as much as \$15,000 for each one of the plows. We are now buying through Chase Leasing rather than buying from an ambulance leasing company and the truck leasing company. We are holding this in-house. We've worked with Chase Leasing before on things that we've bought, so this is our recommendation to go there. The Board of Apportionment and Taxation put away \$100,000 that is actually going to be \$85,356 annually, because we're doing better than what was anticipated.

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Resolution #5

Re: Chase Leasing Resolution and Declaration of Official Intent

[This Resolution and Declaration of Official Intent may be viewed in its entirety in the Office of the Town and City Clerk at Ansonia City Hall]

**Alderman Tripp MOVED to accept Communications 2 and 11, and approve this lease for vehicles through Chase Leasing; and further,**

**MOVED to ADOPT Resolutions #3 and #5 as presented. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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Communication #3

From: Police Chief Kevin Hale

Re: Approval for Vehicle Trade-In

President Sharkey explained, they have a car that was used exclusively for undercover purposes - this car has outlasted its usefulness to us. They are requesting approval from this Board to trade in the vehicle on a new one. We are the only people that can dispense with any City property.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to authorize the trade in of the Police Department's 2004 Chevy Malibu for a new vehicle for the Detective Bureau; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Communication #4

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Ansonia Police Department Boiler Consultant

President Sharkey explained, Communication #4 and Resolution #2 both

concern the boiler for the Ansonia Police Department.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to take up Communication #4 and Resolution #2 together; SECONDED by Alderman Mott. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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Resolution #2

Re: Design Consultant for Ansonia Police Station Heating System

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ansonia Police Station has over the recent months been experiencing an increased problem with its heating system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia needs to employ a consultant to assist with the design of a heating system for the Ansonia Police Station; and

WHEREAS, the BL Companies of Meriden, Connecticut is experienced in providing the necessary services to assist the City of Ansonia in designing a heating system for the Ansonia Police Department at a cost of \$21,400;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen hereby selects the BL Companies of Meriden, Connecticut to design a heating system for the Ansonia Police Department and that Mayor James Della Volpe be empowered to execute an Agreement with the BL Companies for consulting services pertaining to developing a heating system for the Ansonia Police Station.

Alderman Stowe stated, a while back we were dealing with Seaman's and for whatever reason it didn't work out. Mr. Marini has mentioned a concern which is quite valid. If something happens and this money can't be transferred from the school to the Police Department, are we going to be able to get somebody like Seaman's back here to do that?

President Sharkey stated, we could - the reason we looked at Seaman's, it was a good deal, we all thought when we listened to the project it really had merit. The only way we fund everything that's done there is we have to fund it through energy savings. The only buildings where we would reap the amount of savings in order to go forward with this project from CCM was actually in the school buildings. The school buildings have been brought to be more energy efficient than we thought. One of the biggest things is they've all changed from oil to natural gas. That would have been the biggest savings that we had there. The money on the Board of Education side wasn't there, even though it would reflect back to the City of Ansonia. It truthfully wasn't there. We did not have enough savings in energy savings to go forward with the CCM project. Actually, with CCM, all they did was recommend to us certain banks and we'd go take a note anyway. This would be the same as Alderman Marini has proposed, if we do this maybe go into bonding and we do it anyway. They were saying,

basically do the same thing. They were just saying, but in order to pay down whatever note we did, we would find the savings in energy savings. Those savings aren't there any more.

Alderman Stowe stated, but you have a Plan B. I trust your judgment, you've been doing this a long time. I'm sure we're going to get that money that's left over just in case. You talk about security; we've got to have the Police Department with a proper running heating system.

President Sharkey stated, we have several ways of doing this, one of which is, I proposed using savings from the school roof project. That money came out of our reserve fund. That money, any savings from the State side of it, it has to go back into the reserve fund and then the Board of Apportionment and Taxation has to take money out of the reserve fund if they decide to do it this way. Apportionment and Taxation could actually do it several different ways. They can also agree that maybe a bond is the better way - there are many different ways. The money has to go back into the reserve fund. That's the only way that we can do it.

This is only talking about going forward with the boiler design. Even when we're talking about how we're going to fund the whole project, the boiler system has to be designed. That has to be probably in place, ready to order equipment, by June or July if it's going to be installed for October. We're under the gun of actually starting now to do this, and then as we go further with the whole Police project, it would have to go to this Board, have the whole project be approved and sent to Apportionment and Taxation for funding.

Alderman Marini asked, who has the final say in terms of how it's going to be funded - what money is going to be expended?

President Sharkey replied, I think it's the Board of Apportionment and Taxation.

Apportionment and Taxation Chairman Sturges spoke from the audience stating, the Board of Apportionment and Taxation doesn't find money. If we have the money in reserve, we can take it out, but if we don't use reserve money to go out and get loans or bonds, that's not what [inaudible].

President Sharkey asked, could this Board recommend to use reserve funds?

Mr. Sturges stated, you could recommend and we would have to approve it.

President Sharkey stated, when we decided to take the money as the School Building Commission out of the reserve fund, we had our bond counsel come and discuss with us the best thing for us to do on that project. That money that we recouped, the State side of it, has all been, from what I understand, already put back in. All they're doing is finalizing the figures and deciding. Right now there's an additional \$261,000 that was a change order on Prendergast roof. They're deciding will they fund that at 76 percent or would the City of Ansonia

be on the hook for that change order. If we are, we're on the hook for the \$261,000; if they refunded it 76 percent we're only on the hook for \$60,000 of that. That is what we're playing with right now.

Alderman Marini asked, what is the amount of money going into the reserve fund so far?

Mr. Bshara stated, we originally took \$3.6 million and it's now standing at about \$1.6. \$2.8 is reserved for the school roof project - our best indication, it's going to be around \$1 million that we need, could be \$1.2 million. Right now it stands at around \$1 million.

President Sharkey stated, our indication was that it will be around \$1 million. We have around \$1.6 sitting, waiting. We think we're on the hook for \$1 million. We think as much as \$600,000 could be put back into the reserve fund that we didn't expect to put back in.

Alderman Marini stated, I would say obviously it's too early for the decision, but again I feel strongly that \$600,000 or it could be less than that if we're on the hook, but I think that money should be put toward mitigating the tax increase and we should pursue alternate funding, whether it be bonding or some other type of schedule payments for the boiler. I do believe it's going to be a major impact.

President Sharkey stated, several times what the Board of Apportionment and Taxation does in its deliberations on the budget is they talk about putting money into the reserve fund every year to slowly build up our reserve fund. I don't think they put any money in last year and I don't think our budget calls for any money going in this year. This money has to go back in, and then what it would be is, we would have to request it, to lower the taxes, they could take money out of the reserve fund to lower the taxes.

Alderman Marini stated, this revaluation is going to be poisonous for a lot of people. The personal property taxes are going to be very hurtful for people. They're going to be surprised. There are a lot of people that are going to be shocked by it.

President Sharkey stated, it's one of the things they would have to look at, and as we get closer to doing this in April, May, and we find out because they'll be close to finalizing the budget on their end, we may be looking to go to a bonding issue to do this. At that point we might as well look because it's very expensive to go for one item like this; we might look at something else that we might want to roll into that bond - some other major thing.

Alderman Stowe stated, I remember at one of the meetings I went to for the Police Department that there was a Comptroller in Hartford that you were talking to that was supposed to more or less sign off on this.

President Sharkey stated, the Board of Education business manager was talking to him, and I told you exactly what he told me - that the person who approves the paperwork sent it on and they're just waiting for a signature. He felt assured that she would sign off on it.

Alderman Stowe stated, as far as when to anticipate that, you're not sure yet?

President Sharkey stated, I was told late Spring. I check with Mr. Gaskins all the time to ask if he's heard anything.

Alderman Knapp stated, so we're talking in the area of \$600,000, \$650,000...

President Sharkey stated, on the high side, part of this is, I think we're close to about \$70,000 for a generator and for the labor on the generator, the Emergency Operations Center is part of the Police Department. Some grants have just opened up recently in order to get some money through the EOC. We're taking all of our generator information requests, specs and all to our grant writer who is trying to get that portion of the Police Department update through an EOC grant.

Alderman Knapp stated, the refund from the school roof is somewhere in the area of \$600,000?

President Sharkey stated, it could be \$600,000; it could be \$400,000.

Alderman Knapp stated, and now with this new glitch thing it's \$271,000...

President Sharkey stated, that's the whole thing. It's either close to \$600,000 or it's close to \$400,000. We don't know which one it's going to be. We're either on the hook for another \$60,000... It could be where \$1,060,000 or \$1,260,000. We don't know. But right now it's about \$1.6 million we have sitting out there.

**Alderman Marcinko MOVED to approve Communication #4 and go forward with the design of the boiler system at Ansonia Police Department and further,**

**MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2;SECONDED by Alderman Mott. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Consideration of Job Descriptions

**Alderman Radin MOVED to approve the following job descriptions:**

**Land Use Secretary/Clerk  
EMT/Driver**

**EMT/Supervisor****Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center/Ranger 1**

**SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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**Communication #6**

From: Aldermanic President Gene Sharkey

Re: Woodbridge Land Trust

President Sharkey stated, I've had several communications with Mr. Thorpe. I can explain what happened here. The Woodbridge Land Trust received a parcel of land. They do not tell us where the land is and it's not even told how big it is, however it has to be on the border of Woodbridge and Ansonia; it's partially in each. I surmise it's someplace around the old Nike Site up on Ford Road. It's got to be in there. They say they did not look for this piece of property to be given to them; it was left in a will to them. They were given a tax bill in July of 2012 of \$2,762.24, which they paid. They got a second installment that was handed to them on January 1, 2013. They approached our Assessor, Ms. Dzywonchyk about getting that money sent back to them. She told them they were not listed in Ansonia as a non-profit. She told them how to get all the paperwork straightened out, which they did. They are now a non-profit organization. They have applied to Ansonia so in the future they would be tax deferred; they would not get their tax bill. Part of this, the third paragraph down, they're requesting that you refund the Woodbridge Land Trust the money they already paid in July and they want us to wipe out the payment for January.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, no one can will you anything; they have to first notify you. So if someone passes away and they want to give you a piece of property that is contaminated with everything under the sun, and you have to pay to clean up, you'd have a probate hearing and you'd get notified, and you could say "I don't want it." So for them to say that they did not know about it - I have questions about.

Secondly, you'd have to go to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, find the \$2,762.24 to pay that back. They're also asking about the same amount of money to be abated - they haven't paid the January installment.

This item will be further discussed in Executive Session.

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**Communication #7**

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Workers Compensation Matter of Leslie Jamison

To be discussed in Executive Session.

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**Communication #8****From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake****Re: Workers Compensation Matter of William DiCicco**

To be discussed in Executive Session.

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**Communication #9****From: Bartholomew Flaherty, Smilow Board of Advisors****Re: Waiver of Building Fees for Smilow Boys and Girls Club**

President Sharkey stated, when the Boys and Girls Club started the demolition on the old Pine School they approached our Board and they asked us to waive the building permit fees, which we did. That whole building was rehabbed, rebuilt, and we did waive the fees. They are now to the point where they need to finish off one other multi-purpose room and they're asking us to waive the building permit fees. The Building Department would have done it, however they don't have a letter on file any more. Part of this, if approved, is to send a letter from the Board of Aldermen to the Building Department waiving the building permit fees.

Alderman Tripp **MOVED** to waive the building department fees and send a letter to the Building Department; **SECONDED** by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the **MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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**Communication #10****From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake****Re: Joanne Marino, Code of Ordinances**

To be discussed in Executive Session.

***Resignations***

**Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Daniel Bogen from the Economic Development Commission; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.**

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

***Appointments*****Economic Development Commission**

**Alderman Tripp MOVED to appoint Jeffrey Sweeney of 11 Cottage Avenue, Bogen replacement, term to expire 2-28-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.**

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

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to reappoint Gregg Seccombe of 35 Deer Run Road, Seymour, term to expire 2-28-2018; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.**

Alderman Knapp questioned the fact that Mr. Seccombe lives in Seymour.

President Sharkey explained that Mr. Seccombe is a taxpayer and business owner in Ansonia.

Alderman Knapp asked, so anyone that owns a business in Ansonia can serve on a board?

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, this is specific to the Economic Development Commission.

Alderman Knapp stated, so we set a precedent with this.

Corporation Counsel Blake replied no, this is allowed for this board.

Alderman Knapp stated, if we allow him to sit on this board, any other store owner who would want to sit on the Recreation Board, the Library Board or whatever... why not?

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, this specific commission, they allow this.

Alderman Knapp stated, why not?

Alderman Tripp stated, Mr. Seccombe is very heavily involved in Economic Development and is very earnest about his...

Alderman Knapp interjected, I'm not questioning his donation of time and his effort and his contribution that he makes to the City. All I'm questioning is a resident from Seymour serving on an Ansonia commission.

President Sharkey stated, that is allowed under the Economic Development Commission setup. We approved it.

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

#### Planning and Zoning Commission

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to appoint Andrew Mark of 11 South Westwood Road to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

Retirement Board

**Alderman Mott MOVED to appoint John Finnucan of 22 New Street, Public Works Representative, term to expire 12-31-2013; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

***Resolutions***

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**Resolution #1**

**Re: State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development as Connecticut Small Cities Block Grant Program**

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Section 5301 et. seq., as amended, also known as Public Law 93-383, and administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development as the Connecticut Small Cities Community Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c and Part IV of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such federal monies to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Ansonia make an application to the State for \$400,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and
2. That the filing of an application by the City of Ansonia in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 is hereby approved, and that Mayor James T. Della Volpe is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut, financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Ansonia.

**Alderman Mott MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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Resolution #4

Re: Compensation of Volunteers for FEMA-Declared Disasters

Resolution withdrawn.

***Unfinished Business***

***New Business***

***Executive Session***

**At approximately 8:23 p.m., Alderman Mott MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items:**

1. (Communication #6) Possible Litigation - Woodbridge Land Trust
2. (Communication #7) Workers Compensation - Leslie Jamison
3. (Communication #8) Workers Compensation - William DiCicco
4. (Communication #10) Possible Litigation - Joanne Marino, Code of Ordinance 143 South

The following persons remained in the Aldermanic Chambers during the Executive Session:

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake, Mayor Della Volpe, Police Chief Kevin Hale, Acting Personnel Director Tara Kolakowski.

**SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

***Return to Regular Session***

**At approximately 8:49 p.m., Alderman Adamowski MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

***Items from Executive Session***

1. Woodbridge Land Trust

**Alderman Fainer MOVED to retain the taxes they paid and abate the future taxes from January 1, 2013 on; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 1 No (Knapp), 0 Abstentions.**

2. Workers Compensation - Leslie Jamison

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to empower Corporation Counsel Blake to handle the Workers Compensation matter of Leslie Jamison as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

3. Workers Compensation - William DiCicco

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to empower Corporation Counsel Blake to handle the Workers Compensation matter of William DiCicco as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

4. 143 S. Cliff Street

**Alderman Stowe MOVED, in order to maintain the structural integrity of the house, to notify the Building Department to allow the permit to be issued to allow Mrs. Marino to fix the roof in accordance with section 25a-2 of the City Code; SECONDED by Alderman Mott.**

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<b>Alderman</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Adamowski	X		
Marcinko	X		
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Mott	X		
Jeanette	X		
Fainer		X	
DeLucia	X		
Madigosky	X		
Radin	X		
Nihill			
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, 0 Abstentions.**

*Adjournment*

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen