



# CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

## Regular Meeting – March 12, 2013

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### *Call to Order*

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Gene Sharkey. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### *Roll Call*

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1 - present  
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 - present  
John Marini, R7 - present  
David Knapp, D7 - present  
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present

President Sharkey declared a quorum of 14 present, 0 absent.

### *Consideration of Previous Minutes*

1. Special Meeting of February 19, 2013

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the minutes; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

### *Public Session*

Randolph Carroll, Chairman, Historic Commission

I wanted to thank Gene for letting us use the Fire Museum to store a photograph that was donated to us. It's 72 x 43 and we believe it was taken by the Army during World War II. It's the whole Valley and Ansonia is right in the middle of it. As soon as I get my budget settled and I get it framed with UV plexiglass it will be hung in the Erlingheuser Room. Thank you for letting us store it there because we had no place to put it.

Edward Musante, 21 Castle Lane

Main Street on the right hand side, I noticed the lights haven't been lit from the Housing Authority down to [inaudible].

I have a thing where you can call the Governor about that electric sign on Route 8 you can call and try to get that electric sign on Route 8 saying before [inaudible]. That thing that I gave Eddie on the electric sign, they have problems on Route 8 going south and I went out of my way to get numbers and everything, to get online and see if we can do that.

Then I found out about the buyback on these guns. There's a federal thing from the state. You go and call them. I found that out.

Then up on Clifton Avenue I understand that you changed the hours there on the parking. I spoke to the Chief Wednesday. He said that they were 9-5 before but now they just put up No Parking from Mary Street up to Hull Street. They were taken down by the plows or whatever.

President Sharkey stated, anything to do with parking or signage should be brought up with the Police Commission, not us.

Mr. Musante continued, Mike Schryver's guys did a good job last week.

Ken Plavnick, 15 Mountain View Road

About three years ago I submitted a form for the Small Cities Grant and I was awarded it in November. Right now they're doing the work on my house, they're about halfway through, and it's an excellent thing to go by. Whoever started it or whoever initiated it, or whoever is following through with it, it's a very good program to get. I guess being disabled I was qualified for it a little easier than if I wasn't disabled. They help out a lot with stair rails

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 had a resident homeowner from Sheasby Road come to my office and ask if the City would take over some land. I would request that the Land Use Committee meet to discuss this, and also, please discuss some paper roads that we have in town.

As you see in the Valley Independent Sentinel, we received a letter from the Hilltop Health Center saying that they've declared bankruptcy and will be winding down their operations and closing their doors on or about May 10<sup>th</sup>.

I've been in touch with Rep. Gentile and Human Resources at Hilltop and we'll discuss what type of actions we should pursue.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> I'll be meeting with the Steering Committee with regard to the Economic Development Consultant's report. I'm hoping we can move things along more quickly than we have been. There has been a lot of work put into this and I'm looking forward to great results from these programs. Not only that but the Storefront Loan Program and the Tax Incentive Program.

I spoke with David White at Coordinated Transportation Systems and he informed me they obtained a contract with the State of Maine and will rehire 25 of the 60 employees they let go last year when they were unable to get the contract with the State of Connecticut.

I'd like to congratulate the Ansonia High School Girls' Basketball Team on a very successful year. They had a record of 17-8 and reached the semi-finals of the Naugatuck Valley League and the quarter-finals of the State tournament.

Yesterday at Molto Bene we hosted 25 Mayors and First Selectmen from around the Third Congressional District with Rosa DeLauro and we talked about sequestration. The news wasn't good and obviously we won't have any figures or find out how we're going to get hurt or what programs or funding we're going to lose until after the budget is set.

I'd like to commend the Fire Department for a good stop at Asylum Night Club yesterday. You did a great job. With all this rain, all the snow is going to disappear. I met with Department of Public Works and we're going to get the sweeper out and crews out to make sure the streets are clean.

This is also bulk pick-up season so if you see any bulk in your wards please contact my office and we'll contact Public Works.

I've also talked to former Mayor Thomas Clifford who is the representative on the Regional Water Authority and he's informed me that Ansonia's fire protection rate will be reduced from \$595,947 to \$283 for the upcoming fiscal year. This is a savings of \$311,980. A tremendous reduction. I'd like to thank our former Mayor Tom Clifford and also the former president of the Board of Aldermen Steve Blume for pursuing this and not giving up on it. We were able to have a great deduction and that's good news for the upcoming budget.

I participated in the Word Bird Delivers presentation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders at Prendergast School recently. It's a personalized powerful vocabulary education for children and I'd like to congratulate Terry Murphy who is the founder. It's truly a wonderful program. You get a word, you use it, and it's in your vocabulary forever. It's a great program. I was in Mrs. Williams' class and she did a great job along with her students.

I'll open it up to any questions the Board may have.

Alderman Radin has had phone calls about the minutes not being in in a timely fashion. I don't look at my minutes there so I don't know. They said the minutes have been coming in late, very close to before the meeting or around the meeting. Maybe you could look into that.

I also had someone asking me about the Senior Center. They said there's nobody down there, they haven't had any pamphlets out as to where they're going or any trips or anything going on. Have they hired a new person to run that?

Mayor Della Volpe replied, we posted it, and had the applications. We're having the interviews next week.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, the interviews will be next week and hopefully by April 1<sup>st</sup> we'll have a permanent director.

Alderman Radin continued, she said she was very disappointed because she went down there and there was nobody there and there were no pamphlets or any trips. I knew there was a problem with that.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, there is a monthly newsletter because it gets sent to our offices. That comes out monthly and it's posted at the Senior Center also. They do get posted and they get passed out to the people that do come. As far as trips, they like to run them but a lot of times they don't have full participation so they have to cancel the trip because the price wouldn't be economically feasible.

Alderman Radin continued, I was looking through the list of the members on the different commissions and that's got to be an old list because there are still names on there that I don't know who updates it but I think it would be a great idea if somebody could look into it and do it because a lot of the names are still people that aren't here any more that aren't even on the, this is the list where they have the commissions, on the website for the City.

I talked to Eileen about putting a time in on the calendar. I usually print the calendar and put it up so I'd know. Some of the meetings I don't know what the times are and I forget to look up and see when they are. Also, where do they put the cancellations if there's a cancellation. I went to a meeting the other night and it was already canceled.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, the cancellations are posted with the Town and City Clerk and posted on the doors of City Hall.

Alderman Radin stated, it was down at ARMS. I go from my store at 6 o'clock and I get down there and the place is all dark and there's nobody there. I'm sitting there waiting for somebody to show up and finally one of the fellows

showed up and said it had been canceled and they were having it the next week. That didn't make that much difference. It didn't put me out that much.

President Sharkey stated, I have a couple of things to add. The Mayor mentioned this reduction in the water use/hydrant rates. Tom Clifford and Steve Blume worked tirelessly on this for years. They fought and attended meetings, and when we thought all was lost, it worked out to the best.

The Mayor mentioned the street sweeper going around. Mike Schryver informed us he's going to try and work on some of the sidewalks too. In order to move the snow from the large snowstorm they had to, with the pay loader, throw it on peoples sidewalks, so there's a lot of sand in places where it never was before.

If the Land Use Committee is going to get together to discuss Sheasby Road, Quarry Road and Beach Street, whoever the Chairman of the Land Use is, we'd like to probably pull the WPCA Committee in with that too because all of the streets would have implications for WPCA also. They should have input on it also.

Alderman Stowe asked, when you were mentioning the figures, could you repeat the figures?

President Sharkey stated, I believe it is a reduction of \$311,000.

Alderman Stowe continued, Mr. Mayor, when you met with Rosa DeLauro, did she offer any ideas of how the federal government, especially her with us, going to help work with us to solve our fiscal problems that we're going to have in the years ahead? Did she have any ideas or what she thinking about maybe coming up with some? We all know that next year is going to be...

Mayor Della Volpe stated, she blamed it on gridlock, you know, what's going on in Washington. Hopefully they can get through that and they can work together and we'll start seeing some cooperation down there between both parties.

Alderman Stowe asked, so, she's not going to abandon us?

Mayor Della Volpe replied no, she's not.

Alderman Stowe stated, before I was an Alderman I called Rosa DeLauro about some things and her phone was bombarded with asking her to do certain votes. She just refused to listen to the populous. So I'm hoping, like you said, it's time for us to grow together.

Alderman Tripp stated, in speaking about the sweeping, I heard somebody talk about sidewalks as well, and I did have a couple of residents in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward discuss a concern about the sidewalks in the vicinity of the Library and the two churches across the street. There are a lot of walkways and sidewalks and

stonework that we own. They did have a concern about the condition of some of the steps there. If the Bobcat or street sweeper could get by to that very heavily-used area between the Library, and I know there's a sidewalk going down to East Main Street - at least the sidewalks on South Cliff Street there, if somebody could give those some attention. Thank you.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to send a letter to former Mayor Tom Clifford and former Alderman Steve Blume thanking them for their tireless effort on sticking with this long battle with the utility on the overcharging of Ansonia, and due to their efforts we're going to realize a substantial savings; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

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Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Executive session should be very quick; I just want to give you the status of those two cases.

There's a late communication, and Resolution #2, just to be clear, because of the snowstorm canceled a public hearing. We will need to rescind the resolution from last month and put this in its place. The State needed certain steps in order to approve the Resolution and we didn't have the public hearing. That is why that's on again.

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Tara Kolakowski, Acting Personnel Director

You have my personnel monthly report in front of you and if you have any questions I'll take them. I was going to bring up the Senior Center Director position if anybody has any questions on that I can answer them.

Lieutenant Wayne Williams, Ansonia Police Department

Chief Hale is attending a Chiefs' meeting tonight. In front of you tonight there are two communications from the Police Department for consideration.

Chief Hale wanted me to make you aware that our increased school security is continuing and will remain in effect until the end of the school year.

The Emergency Operations Center after action meeting from this past blizzard will take place next week; all the members on that committee have been notified.

The AC (Anti-Crime) Unit we have at the Police Department executed a couple of search warrants over the last couple of weeks on the West Side - Holbrook Street and last week on High Street it made three or four arrests in those cases. Additionally they've been picking up people on arrest warrants for narcotics violations from other cases from the North End and the West Side. They're also

going down to New York this week to pick up a suspect that's being detained there. If I'm correct, the cases they did on the West Side for the search warrants were from public complaints and/or Aldermen who had called in reporting that their constituents had reported things. Those complaints are continuing to come in and we follow up on them. If there are any questions I can try to answer them.

Alderman Radin stated, I spoke to the Chief about it - there are two stop signs I'd like to see taken care of. One is on High and Lester, one is on Bridge and East Main by Birmingham. If they could replace those.

### ***Committee Reports***

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

Alderman Adamowski stated, the Finance Committee is also attending the Board of Apportionment and Taxation meetings for the budget. Everybody has gotten their e-mails on the dates for those, and if you haven't let me know. I'd like as many people to attend those meetings as possible. We did an excellent job on the budget and I'd like to personally have most of us see it all the way through.

Salaries and Personnel - I'll be scheduling a meeting on that within the next couple of weeks. I'll be sending out an e-mail, and Alderman Radin, I'll notify you by phone or stop by your store.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

1. Authorization to Pay Bills

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

#### ***Nihill - ARMS Committee***

For the month of February, ARMS was dispatched to 230 calls resulting in 174 patient transports, 66 with advanced life support medic. We provided 22 mutual aid calls to Derby, one to Orange, two to Seymour and three to Shelton. We were very active during the blizzard and took a mutual aid call because of our four wheel drive ambulance during the blizzard to Orange, and also transported a resident to their dialysis during the blizzard.

Before you there is one Late Communication from ARMS and I apologize for the lateness. Due to the bidding process we couldn't meet until last night to award the bid. If you have any questions at that time feel free to ask.

We billed out \$93,479 in February. Of that, thus far we collected \$54,513, or 58 percent.

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

*Alderman John Marini - Economic Development Committee*

[Presentation by Dr. Lisa Low]

**Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

*Alderman John Marini - Economic Development Committee*

Three years ago, the Economic Development Commission, Office of the Mayor, and this Board hired Lisa Low and Associates as its Small Cities Consultant. At her recommendation we pursued a grant for housing rehabilitation - something the City had not done in about 10 years. As a result for the last three years we've had about \$900,000 come into the City by way of the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant. Lisa Low has submitted a letter on behalf of Lisa Low and Associates detailing the program and attempting to answer some questions the Board has had about the program. She is here with us tonight.

25:07-42:02 [At this point, Ms. Lisa Low explained the program, let the Board know what good has been done with the program, and answered several questions.]

Alderman Marini continued, to wrap up the Economic Development report, obviously Dr. Low is going to be in communication with the Economic Development commission but we want to make sure she is in coordination with all of us, really. So I'm really going to be trying to include her with what this Board does, with what we do in terms of putting together again the Development Plan for the City. I think she really does bring a lot of strengths and I'm really impressed with what she's been able to do for the City in terms of getting us money that we hadn't been getting for years. I'm really happy to have her on board in terms of a total overall effort.

Economic Development Commission's meeting, which will be the third Thursday of this month, the recent new purchasers of the Farrell Property have been invited to talk and to share some of their ideas. They are really looking for ideas from the Economic Development Commission and from the City about what we'd like to see developed. I would really extend an invitation to all members of this Board, any members of the City, any residents, to really get

down to the meeting and to have the opportunity to weigh in and to meet the purchasers and share your ideas. Thanks.

Alderman Stowe stated, last week Kimberly Parsons Whittaker was there thanks to the Mayor. We pay our dues to the Connecticut Main Street, and she had a lot of interesting ideas. She talked about our floodwall, how different cities were able to do things to decorate their floodwalls. It was very interesting. Some of you guys ought to pop in there. I think the month before that we had Linda Gentile there discussing land use and Brownfields. I can't stress this enough - our economic future really depends on how we can bring business back to this town. I would hate to be next year arguing in the same position that we were in this year about our budget.

Alderman Marini stated, before I forget, you mentioned the floodwalls. I brought up a while ago that there's a problem with graffiti on the floodwall, obviously the big solution requires money, which isn't available. It is quite a blighted area and is a turnoff for investors. Every year there has been a "Graffiti Hurts" grant available from the Keep America Beautiful foundation. They're supposed to put their new grant out early in 2013 but no details have appeared on this foundation's website. They promised it was supposed to appear early in 2013; it's not there yet. I would ask our grant writer to be cognizant of that. I haven't seen any details at all about it being offered this year. I think the only way to secure a contract to get that wall cleaned is really with a grant program like that one.

President Sharkey stated, in conjunction with the Economic Development meeting on the third Thursday, I'd like to recommend that as many members, especially the Finance Committee, might be able to make that meeting. I think we have some input to bring there. Very soon I have a feeling the Housing Authority is going to ask us to review a plan for Riverside Drive over there, and I think we should talk about that area, especially with its impact on Economic Development. I intend to be there and I hope as many as possible will be able to attend that night.

**Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

Alderman Jerome Fainer - Ordinance Committee

The Ordinance Committee will meet tomorrow at 6:30. We have two ordinances being proposed - one by the Recreation Board on use of fields so they can enforce some of the rules, and the other is the Police Chief wants to do something about chronic nuisance properties in town.

Alderman Stowe asked, the directors of the ball fields, Donna Lindgren was very concerned and I think there may be a little oversight or under sight on the wording - she is concerned that they're going to be taking over her part of the parks.

Alderman Fainer stated, that's not the final thing. The bottom line is, she works for them.

Alderman Stowe stated, I'm a little curious, I just would like to know, are the directors of the ball fields going to take over the Nature Center's part?

Alderman Fainer stated, it's the use of the fields.

Alderman Stowe stated, the ball fields, I completely understand that but they have all kinds of activities at their fields where they are in their pavilions and their hiking trails and I'm just, are they going to be able to work together?

Alderman Fainer stated, I would hope so, this has been going on for over a year. Donna's talking like it just came out yesterday. The Police came a year ago because they had people playing football up on Nolan Field on Sundays, they come from all over creation and not from Ansonia, and they're wrecking the fields, and the only way they can enforce it is with an ordinance. I went to the Rec Board and said you guys have to come up with some ideas, we have some from Prospect, we have some from here and there. They've been working on this for over a year.

Alderman Stowe stated, I was there at that last ordinance meeting, but the way it's worded it's almost like she's out of the loop as being a director of where her areas are, and I'm wondering how we're going to accommodate that.

President Sharkey stated, I'm sure they didn't intend to do that because she actually works under the direction of the Recreation Board and the Mayor, and if there was a conflict between the Board and her I'm sure the Mayor could intervene.

Alderman Fainer stated, that piece of paper isn't the final thing.

Alderman Stowe stated, by mentioning it I hope you'll have some thought - give you some time to have some thought before tomorrow.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

*Alderman Gene Sharkey - Fire Committee*

It was great work by the Fire Department on the Asylum fire as the Mayor mentioned. The reason he can speak first hand is that he was on the scene; he was called at 3:45 a.m. to come see what the Fire Department was doing. I'm sure he could reflect on what a stubborn fire it was and how hard it was to get to the root of the fire. He witnessed that and even commented to me at one time we thought we were going to lose the building because we couldn't get to the root of the fire.

Something that goes in tandem with that, we had two thermal imaging cameras that we carry in the City, one of which we couldn't get to operate that night because they're outdated. Along that line, through the work of our grant writer Eileen and Ed Adamowski working with her, we were able to secure a grant to get two brand new thermal imaging state of the art cameras for the Fire Department with a small matching grant by the City of Ansonia. We're going to go out to bid soon on that, and hopefully we won't have that problem again.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

### *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 Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

### *Tax Collector's Report and Request for Refunds*

President Sharkey noted that there was no report from the Tax Collector.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the refund report and pay the refunds in the amount of \$980.96 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

### *Claims*

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to refer the following claims to Corporation Counsel Blake and the Claims Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp.**

01-13-808 Steven P. Kulas  
02-13-809 Maureen Monaco  
02-13-810 Tomasso Dipalma  
02-13-811 Mustafa Salahuddin

**A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

### *Communications*

**Alderman Radin MOVED to accept all of the communications and one late communication, place them on file, and take them up in their order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

President Sharkey opened the Public Session on Late Communication #1 regarding the bid award for generator project at ARMS. He asked three times if any member of the Board wished to speak. Being none he declared the public session closed.

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Communication #1

From: Chairman Richard Sturges, Board of Apportionment and Taxation  
Re: Portable Classrooms

President Sharkey stated, I attended the last Apportionment and Taxation meeting - they became aware that the lease on the portable classrooms to the Board of Education has expired, and the leaser is increasing the monthly charge by \$200. They questioned, rightly, why with the buildings being older? Now with the lease being expired, instead of renegotiating at a lesser price, the lease actually went up. They had two things in front of them. Number one, someone needs to renegotiate the lease and two, there was even the possibility of finding out what the owner wanted, maybe they'll want to sell them outright to the City of Ansonia. I think two of the portables are at the middle school, one is at Central Office, one may be at Prendergast and one may be at the high school. They are all in use. If they couldn't come to an agreement, if the charge is actually higher than what they were paying before, maybe we need to have a new lease person bring in new portables. It's like buying a used car and paying more than the car was worth when you originally bought it. My recommendation would be to have the Corporation Counsel get involved. I don't know who the leaser is.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I've already been in contact and have a meeting scheduled with Mr. Gaskins. He gave me the lease today.

Alderman Nihill stated, it would be prudent of the City to look into options. First, communications with the Board of Education to see if the portables are still needed, and if not, what do we need. Secondly, look into the price of leasing new ones versus these older models, and third, looking to buy these outright or buy new ones outright. We need to get all our options out there and see which is fiscally best for the City.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to send a letter to Board of Education asking them to get together to discuss the options; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

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Communication #2

From: Police Chief Kevin Hale  
Re: Approval to Scrap Mobile Radar Trailer

**Alderman Fainer MOVED to approve the request of Chief Hale to scrap the mobile radar trailer; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

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Communication #3

From: Police Chief Kevin Hale

Re: Bid Waiver to Purchase Used Vehicles

**Alderman Tripp MOVED to approve the bid waiver and authorize the purchase of a 2012 Chevrolet Traverse from Auto Repairs Unlimited at a cost of \$12,310; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

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Communication #4

From: Registrar of Voters Nancy Valentine

Re: Emergency Operations Plan for Elections

President Sharkey explained, the Office of the Secretary of State of Connecticut is saying all these things must be in place while there are elections. It covers every imaginable emergency. I mentioned last night at the budget hearings that this may have some monetary implications. We don't know until we dig into the budget. This mentions flashlights, cell phones, and these sort of things at every polling place. I think that would need to be done if any funding will have to be added to the Elections part, you have to let the Board of Apportionment and Taxation know before May.

Ms. Valentine stated, I'm going to have to send them a letter for their next meeting that we got word from the State that the State is no longer going to maintain our memory card tabulators and it's going to cost us, with the amount of equipment we have for 7 wards, an additional \$3,200 just for that. We have already purchased our first aid kits; we've been using our supply money. We have our cell phones. We've been gradually trying to address some of it, and I think we can probably use our supply line items to get through the rest of the essentials that we're going to need for the next elections. I'll get that letter out tomorrow.

In response to a question from Alderman Knapp, Ms. Valentine explained, the State has been paying the maintenance on the machines since we got the new tabulators. That is ceasing this year, and we're in charge of the maintenance now, the memory cards. We can continue to use the old memory cards for a while; there is a newer one that costs even more money. They're talking about replacing these machines entirely. Whether there's going to be any money to follow that is certainly unknown at this time. We have a lot of equipment for a small town and its very costly to maintain.

Alderman Stowe asked, couldn't we, through Charter Revision, create maybe three polling places, maybe right on the borders of the wards?

President Sharkey stated, there was talk about it, and I'd imagine that would

have to be well thought out. I can remember when the City used different polling places than they use right now. Probably back when I started voting I can tell you many people walked to the polling places. Today you have to have adequate parking. I don't know how many people on the Hilltop alone would be able to go to one polling place. I can tell you when there is something controversial or a major election, there are still lines at some of the polling places. One of the things we don't want to do is turn people off because they have to ... we would have to pick three central ones, and I can imagine you're talking about only putting one polling place, if that, on the West Side, and then we'd have to find a place to put one.

Ms. Valentine added, also part of this plan, we have to have an alternative site for our polling places. We are going to address Charter Revision as well and see if we can come up with some ideas, guidelines and suggestions. If we had a great turnout I'd say keep them all, but our turnout is embarrassingly low. It's not cost efficient. Fountain Hose is not a safe and conducive place; we should not be there at all. We can ask permission from the State to hold two wards in one location - that is something to look into. Part of this emergency plan says we have to have an alternative for everyone. There have been emergencies in the past that were handled beautifully.

Alderman Radin noted a few typos in the document that need to be corrected.

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the communication, place it on file, and monitor that it is addressed in a timely manner prior to the next Election; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

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Late Communication #1

From: ARMS Committee Chairman Scott Nihill and ARMS Chief Jared Heon

Re: Bid Award Generator

**Alderman Nihill MOVED, per the recommendation of the ARMS Committee, to award the bid award for the replacement of the emergency communications generator at Prendergast School to John Coyne Electrical Contracting of East Greenbush, NY in the amount of \$66,900, of which \$50,000 will come from grant funds awarded for this project and remaining \$16,900 to be funded by the Connecticut Department of Public Safety Division of State Police. The project will not proceed until all funding is received. SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

*Resignations*

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the resignation of Shaun Supp from the Ansonia Housing Authority and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the resignation of Michael Vacca from the Ansonia Housing Authority and send him a letter of thanks for his many years of service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of John Erlingheuser from the Charter Revision Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, as Justice of the Peace and as Registrar of Voters, and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

*Appointments*Inland Wetlands Commission

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint Kevin Cegelka of 117 Ford Street, term to expire 3-6-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint Timothy Holman of 48 Elm Street, term to expire 3-6-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to reappoint David Madar of 27 Finney Street Ext., term to expire 3-6-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

*Resolutions*

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*Resolution #1*

Re: Endorsement of Fair Housing Policy

Alderman Madigosky MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

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*Resolution #2*

Re: Small Cities Grant Program

Alderman Mott MOVED to rescind Resolution #1 from the February 19, 2013 meeting of the Board of Aldermen titled "State of Connecticut Department

of Economic and Community Development as Connecticut Small Cities Block Grant Program”; **SECONDED** by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the **MOTION PASSED 14-0**.

President Sharkey noted that Resolution #2 is worded entirely and exactly the same, the only thing was that we had a timeline we had to fall within.

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

### *Unfinished Business*

None presented.

### *New Business*

President Sharkey explained, I have been able to research some relatives of mine - and I researched a gentleman who lived in Ansonia who was named Eugene F. Sharkey. He was a cousin of my father's. He was part of the 1900 census and the 1910 census - he lived on Root Avenue in Ansonia and I lost track, I could not find where this gentleman was. Through numerous records I found he enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard - part of the Armory - 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry of the 26<sup>th</sup> Yankee Division and he went in WWI, he was part of the American Expeditionary force. I do have records that he was severely wounded, he was subsequently a Prisoner of War, he died and is buried in American Cemetery in Romagna France. I enlisted my friend Phil Tripp's help to try and get some of this information, and come to find out his name is not on the stone outside. The man not only served in WWI he was a Prisoner of War and died.

Mr. Carroll stated, this is on our agenda and will see that his name is added.

President Sharkey thanked Mr. Carroll, and he thanked Alderman Tripp for his help in this matter.

### *Executive Session*

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

1. Workers Compensation - Leslie Jamison
2. Workers Compensation - William DiCicco

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

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake, Mayor Della Volpe, Acting Personnel Director Tara Kolakowski, Lieutenant Wayne Williams.

**SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

***Return to Regular Session***

**At approximately 8:32 p.m., Alderman Jeanette MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

***Executive Session***

**At approximately 8:33 p.m., Alderman Fainer MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss school security, and invited Corporation Counsel Blake, Mayor Della Volpe, Lieutenant Williams and Ms. Kolakowski to remain; SECONDED by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

***Return to Regular Session***

**At approximately 8:45 p.m., Alderman Fainer MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman DeLucia. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

***Items from Executive Session***

1. Workers Compensation - Leslie Jamison

No action.

2. Workers Compensation - William DiCicco

No action.

***Adjournment***

**Alderman Nihill MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen