



# CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

## *Regular Meeting – December 10, 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 Philip Tripp. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Alderman Joan Radin.

### *Roll Call*

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1– present  
Charles Stowe, R1 – present  
Philip Tripp, R2 – present  
Lorie Vaccaro, R2 – present  
Denice Hunt, D3 – present  
Joseph Jeanette, D3– present  
Anthony DeLucia, D4 – present

Jerome Fainer, D4 – absent  
Anthony Casseti, R5 – present  
Joan Radin, R5 – present  
Matthew Edo, R6– present  
Patrick Henri, R6 – present  
David Blackwell, Jr., R7 – present  
Daniel Evans, R7 - present

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

### *Consideration of Previous Minutes*

**Alderman Henri MOVED to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Regular Meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

### *Public Session*

President Tripp asked if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none he declared the public session closed.

### Randolph Carroll

Mr. Carroll explained that there is a lot of damage being done by dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles around the two ponds at Fountain Lake. The Conservation Commission had placed three signs banning such activity, and the signs were torn

down within 24 hours. Mr. Carroll replaced those signs himself, out of pocket, and those signs were torn down as well.

Mr. Carroll contacted the Woodbridge Land Trust who recommended that the Board of Aldermen pass an Ordinance prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles on the Fountain Lake property. Mr. Carroll offered to have the Aldermen walk the property with him to survey the damage that has been done.

Alderman Radin noted that this area is in her Ward and she would be happy to work with Mr. Carroll in drafting an Ordinance.

President Tripp thanked Mr. Carroll and noted that this will be taken up under New Business. He 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 David Cassetti

Good evening. I first want to express thanks and gratitude to Mayor Della Volpe for ensuring a smooth transition process. I also want to thank for their services those City employees who will be leaving their positions with the City, in particular, Eileen Krugel, James Tanner and Brittany Shortell. I also ask that this Board send a formal letter of gratitude to them.

Today saw the first snowfall of the year of this administration. I am pleased to report that the condition of the City is good. Plows hit the street at approximately 9:30 this morning and are still making the rounds. No major accidents or road closures have been announced.

I also want to update the Board on a bus accident that took place yesterday involving 12 Ansonia High School students. The students were taken to Griffin Hospital for examination. No major injuries were reported. I will be visiting the schools tomorrow to check on their progress.

Now I want to make a special announcement concerning the new team members in City Hall. As you can see from my appointment sheet, I am appointing Chris Tymniak to the spot of Government Liaison. Chris has worked for Governor Jodi Rell's administration and with the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles. Additionally, Sheila O'Malley has been hired as the City's new Grant Writer. You may know Sheila from her time as Economic Development Director from Derby. Sheila brings a wealth of experience to the table and we are very pleased to have her on board. It is my hope that Chris and Sheila along with our Economic Development Director Peter Kelly will form something of a dream team in City Hall. I encourage everybody to stop by City Hall and get to know them.

Mr. President, this is only the first Board of Aldermen meeting of this new administration but there is no time to waste. I would like to work with this Board to take immediate action on a number of initiatives.

I joined several Aldermen in proposing three resolutions on the agenda tonight. I urge passage of each. The first opens Charter Revision process. This will allow me to appoint a Charter Revision Commission to explore changes to our City government including revisions to a budgetary process and examination of a City Manager form of government.

The next calls for creation of the Ansonia's first Cost Cutting Commission. We need a serious commitment to controlling costs. This resolution creates a commission concerned solely with saving taxpayers' money.

Finally, we need to get video cameras back in the Chambers here. The last resolution was officially a restart of a City-endorsed video recording process to be coordinated by the Technology Committee of this Board.

I also call upon the Salary Committee of the Board of Aldermen to call meetings this month to address pressing issues regarding the Town Clerk's Office. Specifically, I would like to see a change in the way the Town Clerk is compensated. Presently we operate under an antiquated system where the Clerk receives a small base salary and is also compensated with fees taken in through the Clerk's Office. We are one of two cities in the State that operate in this manner. I would like to see 100 percent of the Clerk's compensation come from a City salary with the collected fees put directly into the General Fund. The current system has already resulted in confusion. Soon after taking office I learned of the existence of a bank account bearing a City ID and containing a balance of \$300,000. This account has never been included in the City budget. It is my understanding that these funds represent an accumulation of fees taken in by the Town Clerk over the past decade. I have decided to place this account and its contents under examination so we could determine the correct course of action.

Finally, budget season is upon us. As you know, the Mayor is afforded no role in the budget process by the City Charter. However, I was not elected to pass the buck and avoid tough decisions. I will break with tradition and work directly with the Board to craft the City budget. It is time for the City Hall to step up and take responsibility. Thank you.

President Tripp asked if anyone had questions of the Mayor.

Alderman Adamowski asked Mayor Cassetti if the salaries for the Government Liaison and the Grant Writer will stay the same or change.

Mayor Cassetti replied that there will be a change, a probable increase, in an amount to be determined.

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Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

I would be remiss if I didn't give you a full agenda tonight with some matters for executive session. I have some people here to talk about some other things. We did get some claims in.

We received a formal complaint from HUD regarding Olson Drive. That has been sent with a request for an extension of time to file a reply to give the new administration some time to respond to that. I will follow up tomorrow to see if they granted my request for an extension of time.

Again, I wish you all good luck. Thank you for letting me serve.

Alderman Stowe asked why the information from HUD was sent along stating that there were no negotiations going on about open space.

Corporation Counsel Blake asked, in terms of that the City was never going to allow open space or allow any building there?

Alderman Stowe stated, it seemed in that documentation that it was saying that we had our own ideas in here as Aldermen that I thought we were going to... we added on to the bond. We thought we were going to have an opportunity to possibly purchase it and leave it as open space. Then when we got the documents from her it said there are no negotiations of any kind of that going on. I would like to know.

Corporation Counsel Blake explained, Mayor Della Volpe and I met two months ago in Senator Murphy's office with HUD and other representatives to address the possibility of buying that south section of property as open space and negotiating for the north side to change the amount of residents there. There was still an open discussion. This complaint came in and the City must address it. She wants to come back and build and live back on the south side of Olson Drive.

Alderman Stowe stated, I would like to thank you for all your years of service here in Ansonia. You've done many good things for the taxpayers. I was honored to work with you.

Corporation Counsel Blake thanked Alderman Stowe.

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Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

Winter parking rules are in effect. Parking is on the odd side of the street through March 31<sup>st</sup>, however there are exceptions, which can be viewed on the City website. We began enforcement several days ago. Normally the first week or so

we issue warning fliers. I did not hear of any major problems with parking today. I will continue to follow up on that.

Alderman Radin reported that there have been five cars parked on the wrong side of Jackson Street for several days.

You have a letter and resolution before you tonight. I see representatives from Bus Shield just walked in. This is a project where you have cameras on school buses to catch and ticket people who violate red lights and the standing school bus. I've worked with the Superintendent of Schools on this, we've had a number of meetings with the bus company and with Bus Shield. They've been very cooperative. There is no cost to the City; there is actually a revenue sharing. Obviously the more important thing is the safety of our children. You would be surprised at how many cars pass standing school buses, not only here but across America. I think it's a great plan and again, no cost to the City. I would encourage your support on that resolution.

In response to questions, Chief Hale explained that the way the statute is written the videos provided by Bus Shield are only supposed to be used for drivers who are violating the red light and the stop gate. So technically if there is a crime being committed on the video we are not supposed to use that as evidence. That is the way the statute is written, we don't agree with it, and we hope that will be amended at some point in time.

Alderman Radin thanked Chief Hale and Superintendent Merlone for getting the bus issue done so quickly.

Carol Merlone, Superintendent of Schools

President Tripp explained that Superintendent Merlone had been asked to attend tonight's meeting but had an emergency to attend to. She asked me to share that the Board of Education has received a \$311,000 grant for the purchase of computers for the school system. We look forward to her being here next month.

Donna Lindgren, Director, Ansonia Nature Center

Mrs. Lindgren explained that she has been the Director of the Ansonia Nature Center for 34 years, and on December 31<sup>st</sup> will be retiring from that position. She stated, I am hoping you will be supportive of the Center and it's new director now as you have been for me all these years.

Mrs. Lindgren introduced the new Director Allison Rubelmann, who has been the Assistant Director for the past 16 years. [Applause rang throughout the forum.]

President Tripp stated, I would like to thank you for your service to the people of the City of Ansonia; you have made the Nature Center a much better place. [Applause rang throughout the forum.]

### ***Committee Reports***

Chairman Tripp distributed the list of Aldermanic Committees to the Aldermen.

#### *Finance Committee – Alderman Lorie Vaccaro*

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

#### *ARMS Committee – Alderman Joan Radin*

Alderman Radin reported that ARMS dispatched 226 responses, transported 159 patients, 54 with advanced life support. Mutual aid was provided 17 to Derby, 9 to Seymour, two to Shelton and one to New Haven. No first calls were passed, two second calls, one third call, and one fourth call were passed. 125 went to Griffin, 8 went to Yale, 8 went to Yale Pediatric, 4 went to St. Raphael's Campus and two went to Bridgeport. The financial statement this month was \$46,944.48.

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

#### *Public Works Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe*

I do know that there was demolition under way over there. We're in a transition here so it will take some time.

#### *Economic Development Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe*

I know we have some support that the website will be on line by January 1<sup>st</sup> , is that correct?

Mr. Kelly explained, the website has been largely configured and we are in the process of trying to determine whether the format is appropriate and whether or not it has sufficient content and the correct content.

After explaining some technical details, Mr. Kelly noted that it will take a little more time, we are moving in the right direction and there is more planning to do. It is something that should be online in the very near future.

In response to a question Mr. Kelly explained that he has received inquiry from one individual who is interested in applying for façade loans for multiple storefronts. Other members of the Economic Development Commission have seen other

businesses and entities express interest. There haven't been any formal applications to this point.

Mr. Kelly stated, Economic Development is an incremental process and we are moving in the right direction. The previous administration did a pretty good job and I'm sure the new administration is going to provide helpful guidance and direction. We have a couple of entities interested in potentially relocating in to our community and negotiations are ongoing. Hopefully we'll get more as time goes on. The process of making Ansonia into a place that naturally attracts capital instead of going out and chasing businesses – we'll recruit but the key is making Ansonia a place that people want to come to and invest in in the first place. That is something that takes time and requires careful planning and adherence to well defined and carefully considered strategy. We will get there.

Salary Committee – Alderman David Blackwell

**Alderman Blackwell MOVED, in light of the Mayor's talks tonight and in light of what has been discovered in the Clerk's Office, I would like the Board of Aldermen to approve two special meetings of the Salary Committee to discuss a possible restructuring of that department, and also discuss the new hires that the City has taken on this month; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.**

The Salary Committee meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 12 and Monday, December 16 in the Aldermanic Chambers at Ansonia City Hall.

Alderman Jeanette asked Corporation Counsel Blake who sets the special meeting date.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, the Mayor will put forth the call of the Special Meeting. What positions are the Salary Committee meetings for?

Alderman Stowe replied, Chris Tymniak, Sheila O'Malley, and the Town Clerk.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, the Town Clerk is an elected official. That probably should not go to Salary Committee. The other two can, but not that. That's something you talk about in Charter Revision. We're still having discussions with the Town Clerk with regard to that account, but that should not be part of the Salary Committee; that is an elected official. I'm not sure you can do that.

Alderman Henri stated, I don't see why the Salary Committee can't go ahead and talk about it.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, you'd have to change the whole thing and right now that's set up as an elected official – she has a Resolution as to what she gets and how that thing's done and how the State, how she gets paid by the fees and everything else. It's a more complicated thing than just the Salary Committee.

Alderman Stowe stated, Kevin, really, there's a transition going on here and we're a little bit inexperienced, or whatever you would like to call it. Is it possible that our new Corporation Counsel can be involved in this conversation?

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I would recommend for that meeting, I would not put that position on the agenda at this time. That one I would hold off.

Alderman Stowe repeated his question.

President Tripp stated, yes, as a subject matter expert, I would say yes.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I am not available on any of those dates, especially the 12<sup>th</sup>. I cannot be there. You are going to need a labor counsel there at the Salary Committee regarding the Town and City Clerk if that is going to be addressed. I recommend it should not be addressed.

Alderman Stowe requested again that the incoming Corporation Counsel be allowed to speak on the subject.

Attorney John Marini stated, ladies and gentlemen of the Board thank you very much. I am not Corporation Counsel yet, however I was Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission and on Charter Revision we did take up changes, possible changes, to the Town Clerk's salary. Our conclusion was that the Charter Revision Commission was not the proper forum, and this was a matter that needed to go through this Board, and in fact, through the Salary Committee. I would also say, and it is just simply my opinion and really the opinion of a former Alderman at this point that this change needs to be done by the first of the year; that the changes are not affected to the position of the Town Clerk the way the system is set up before the first of the year we may in fact be locked into that system for the next two years. This Board can work at its pleasure, but I would advise that at the very least the Salary Committee meet on this matter. If another committee is appropriate then that committee meets on this matter. But that all of these matters be dealt with in December and that a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen be called within the next two weeks before the holidays to approve any of the changes recommended by those committees. Time is not on our side.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I would disagree with that. She is elected. I disagree with that at this time.

President Tripp stated, we're discussing two Salary Committee meetings and a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen. It is the Board of Aldermen's prerogative, Corporation Counsel, to make this decision?

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, yes, you make the decisions.

President Tripp stated, if Mr. Blackwell as Chair of the Salary Committee decides to call for a meeting, the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held at 7 p.m. on the December 19. The Salary Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday December 12 and Monday December 16.

Alderman Stowe stated, listening to Mr. Blake and Mr. Marini, we have a Charter Revision which supposedly he's saying with the Clerk, is that correct?

Attorney Marini stated, I don't believe at this time it is a Charter Revision question, however obviously we...

Alderman Stowe interjected, should we as the Board of Aldermen vote to pass one issue, which would be the Mayor's Liaison and our new Grant Writer separate from the Clerk? .

Attorney Marini stated, what the Board is doing right now is at it's pleasure scheduling a committee meeting, which does not require a vote of this Board. Simply the Chairman of the Committee to schedule the meeting. On the agenda for that meeting he may put "Consideration of the Town and City Clerk" issue, and he can put "Consideration of..." any other issue that he wants. If it be "Consideration of Positions in City Hall" that's absolutely fine. But this Board doesn't need to take any vote to approve that. That's not the way the Committees work. However this Board will have to agree to come together for a special meeting if it wants to approve any work done by the Salary Committee before the first of the year.

**Alderman Stowe MOVED to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 7 p.m. on December 19, 2013; SECONDED by Alderman Vacarro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

#### *Municipal Reports / Annual Reports*

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

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

**Alderman Edo MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and pay the refunds in the amount of \$1087.70 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

*Claims*

**Alderman Henri MOVED to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel and/or the Claims Committee as Corporation Counsel sees fit; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

*Communications*

**Alderman Cassetti MOVED to accept all of the communications, 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 13-0.**

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*Communication #1*

From: Chairman Gene Sharkey, Ansonia Fire Commission  
Re: Nomination of Lisa Cayson, Ansonia Fire Police

**Alderman Edo MOVED, per the recommendation of the Ansonia Fire Commission, to accept the appointment of Lisa Cayson as Ansonia Fire Police; SECONDED by Alderman DeLucia. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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*Communication #2*

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake  
Re: Claim of Seccombe's Men's Shop

To be discussed in Executive Session.

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*Communication #3*

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake  
Re: Bus Shield, LLC

(and Resolution #1)

Louis Delong, Managing Member, Sales & Technology, Bus Shield addressed the Board with the details of Bus Shield, a company that puts cameras inside and outside of school buses, and uses new technology to provide law enforcement with the tools to make a decision whether or not it is a viable infraction. There is no cost to the City for this service. The State takes 20% of the infraction fee off the top, and Bus Shield would take a fee from the City's percentage, based upon the amount of equipment the City decides to utilize.

Chief Hale stated, I would appreciate the Board's support - the technology is what

it is, and the State legislature has recognized this and has changed this law so we can work in concert with this. It works, it makes it safer for buses to go on their routes, I am all for it.

Several of the Aldermen expressed their agreement with this concept, citing most importantly the safety of the children.

**Alderman Radin MOVED to adopt Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

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Communication #4

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: License Agreement – Dad’s Food Truck

(and Resolution #2)

Corporation Counsel Blake explained that the City decided to have license agreements with food vendors that wished to go on City property, primarily to be sure they have their food licenses, their Hawker’s license, and insurance. We require \$1 million insurance. This gentleman who wants to go up to the Nature Center on the Fall Festival Day up there and sell hot dogs and hamburgers. We put this in place, it’s a two-year contract. We have this type of agreement with a couple of vendors – just the ones that want to go on to City parks – Nelligan, Nolan Field, Nature Center. Everything is in order. These vendors have in the past and generally do make donations back to the sports programs in the City; they’ve been good neighbors.

Chief Hale explained the difference between vendors that simply need a Hawker’s permit to drive around selling ice cream and vendors that wish to prepare and sell food on City property.

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Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Claim of Paul Mudry

To be discussed in Executive Session.

### ***Resignations***

**Alderman Evans MOVED to accept the resignation of Mary Gibson from the Ansonia Cultural Commission, and to send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

***Appointments***Government Liaison

Alderman Stowe MOVED to appoint Christopher Tymniak (R) of 543 Old Mill Road, Fairfield, term to expire 12-31-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 yes, 2 no.

Corporation Counsel

Alderman Stowe MOVED to appoint John P. Marini (R) of 11 Hawley Drive, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Henri.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		

Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No.

Labor Counsel

Alderman Stowe MOVED to waive the bidding process and appoint the firm of Berchem, Moses & Devlin, PC of Milford, Connecticut, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski			X
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	12		1

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Building Inspector

Alderman Edo MOVED to reappoint Nicholas Behun (D) of 25 Prindle Avenue, term to expire 11-30-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		

Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No.

Electrical Inspector/Plumbing Heating Inspector

Alderman Edo MOVED to reappoint Robert Dunn of 51 Hubbell Avenue, term to expire 11-30-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No.

Ansonia Housing Authority

Alderman Evans

MOVED to appoint Joseph Pinto (R) of One Condon Drive to fill a vacancy, term to expire 10-31-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Radin

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		

Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	x		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Board of Apportionment and Taxation

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint Daniel King (R) of 62 Beaver Street, Sturges replacement, term to expire 12-31-2016; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Alderman Stowe MOVED to appoint Victoria Geruntho (D) of 36 Granite Terrace, Banks replacement, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		

Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Alderman Stowe MOVED to appoint Janet V. Waugh (R) of 83 Prospect Street to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		x	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri		X	
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	10	3	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 10 Yes, 3 No.

Alderman Stowe MOVED to appoint Natalie Biasucci (R) of 57 Rockwood Avenue to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-2016; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		

Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Alderman Edo MOVED to appoint Sarah Blackwell (R) of 31 Oak Lane to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe.

Alderman Adamowski asked if Mrs. Blackwell is an employee of the City of Ansonia?

President Tripp replied, yes, I believe that she is.

Alderman Adamowski quoted Section 38 of the City Charter as follows: *“There shall be in said City a Board of Apportionment and Taxation consisting of 12 members who shall be electors and freeholders and who shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen as provided for in this Section 9 and who will serve without pay. No person shall be eligible as a member of said Board who holds any other office of said City. Said Board members shall be divided equally between two leading political parties and all vacancies of said Board shall be filled from the political party in which the vacancy occurs, by nomination, by the Mayor, and confirmation of the Board of Aldermen as provided in Section 9 of this act.”* I don’t believe that an employee can serve on the Board of Apportionment and Taxation if he or she or whomever is going to appropriating money to the City. I could be wrong but I’d like to hear Corporation Counsel Blake on this.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, my opinion is that in the position she holds now, she is not disqualified from being on the Tax Board. She is eligible.

Alderman Adamowski stated, that’s good enough for me. Thank you.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		

Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell			X
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	1	1

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention.

Alderman Evans MOVED to appoint Jessica Pinto (R) of One Condon Drive, Strumello replacement, term to expire 12-31-2016; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Alderman Evans MOVED to appoint Stacey Payne-Izzo (D) of 10 Birchwood Drive, Williams replacement, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		

Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Alderman Edo MOVED to appoint Michael D’Alessio (D) of 168 Prospect Street to fill a vacancy, term to expire 1-31-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to appoint Charles Stowe (R) of 23 Granite Terrace, Board of Aldermen representative, term to expire 1-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe			X

Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	x		
TOTALS:	12	0	1

Alderman Stowe stated, I can never, could never replace Mr. Howie Madigosky and the things that he's done with that treatment plant and for the City, and I am honored to be able to be sitting there.

President Tripp stated, I also was honored to serve with him on the Board of Aldermen during his term. He is a good friend of mine as well.

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to appoint Andrew Geruntho of 36 Granite Terrace to fill a vacancy, term to expire 1-31-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to appoint Nunzio Parente (D) of 29 Chester Street to fill a vacancy, term to expire 1-31-2014; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Alderman Edo MOVED to appoint William Malerba (U) of 145 Myrtle Avenue, Martin replacement, term to expire 12-31-2018; SECONDED by Alderman Evans.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 yes, 0 No.

Board of Police Commissioners

Alderman Evans MOVED to reappoint Robert Goldson, Sr. (R) of 29 Glen Drive, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	x		
TOTALS:	13	0	

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

Economic Development Commission

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to appoint William Luneski of 93 Jackson Street, term to expire 12-31-2018; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		

Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No.

Board of Public Works

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint Kenneth Plavnicky (R) of 15 Mountainview Road, McGowan replacement, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to appoint Andrew Geruntho (U) of 36 Granite Terrace, Blake replacement, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		

Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

Library Commission

Alderman Blackwell MOVED to appoint Tamara Chisefsky (R) of 6 Fairview Street to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Evans.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0-	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No.

Recreation Commission

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint Jeffrey Devine (R) of 12 Arlene Drive, Puro replacement, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia		X	
Fainer			

Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	

The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 Yes, 2 No.

### **Resolutions**

[The full text of the following Resolutions is on file in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia CT 06401]

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#### Resolution #1

From Aldermen Edward Adamowski and Joseph Jeanette of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, respectively

Re: Agreement between the City of Ansonia and Bus Shield, LLC

Previously acted upon. See Communication #3.

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#### Resolution #2

From Aldermen Joseph Jeanette and Jerome Fainer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wards, respectively

Re: License Agreement – Dad’s Food Truck

(See Communication #4 for discussion)

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to adopt Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

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#### Resolution #3

From Mayor David Cassetti and Aldermen Charles Stowe, Philip Tripp, Lorie Vaccaro, Joan Radin, Anthony Cassetti, Patrick Henri, Matthew Edo, David Blackwell and Daniel Evans of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards, respectively

Re: Creation of a Cost-Cutting Commission

Alderman Evans MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #3; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Alderman DeLucia asked if this is the same Committee as is listed on the list of newly-appointed Aldermanic Subcommittees. After discussion, Attorney Marini clarified that this is the resolution defining the make-up of the Mayoral-appointed Committee, and that the people listed on the Aldermanic Subcommittee list are the Aldermanic representatives chosen to oversee this committee, once it is actually appointed.

Alderman Adamowski requested that the Resolution be introduced from All Aldermen of All Wards.

President Tripp asked if there are any Aldermen that do not wish to be on the Resolution. Being none he instructed the Secretary to amend the heading to "All Aldermen of All Wards".

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Fainer			
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	13	0	

The Resolution was ADOPTED as amended by a vote of 13-0.

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Resolution #4

From Mayor David Cassetti and Aldermen Charles Stowe, Philip Tripp, Lorie Vaccaro, Joan Radin, Anthony Cassetti, Patrick Henri, Matthew Edo, David Blackwell and Daniel Evans of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards, respectively

Re: Charter Revision for Accountable and Efficient City Government

Alderman Evans MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #4; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Alderman Henri expressed his feelings that this Resolution is a good idea, and as a member of the former Charter Revision Commission he recapped some of the things the last Commission had accomplished and discussed. He feels that while the City is closer to the people being involved with setting the budget, there is still more work to do.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 1 No (Adamowski).

Alderman Stowe asked, now that this Resolution is adopted, Charter Revision will be reopened?

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, now the Mayor needs to appoint between five and 15 people to a Charter Revision Commission.

Resolution #5

From From Mayor David Cassetti and Aldermen Charles Stowe, Philip Tripp, Lorie Vaccaro, Joan Radin, Anthony Cassetti, Patrick Henri, Matthew Edo, David Blackwell and Daniel Evans of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards, respectively

Re: Board of Aldermen on Video

Alderman Henri MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #5; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Alderman Jeanette noted that this was passed this last administration.

Alderman Henri stated, this was revoked by the previous Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Adamowski explained that the video recording was stopped because the last administration went through the process of putting together a subcommittee and somebody was going to record, and what was recorded was going to be brought to the Town Clerk's Office and another copy was going to go to Comcast. Comcast received only one taping – it was of the October, 2012 meeting and no more were sent after that because they couldn't get the entire meeting onto one DVD.

Alderman Adamowski stated, If we're going to do it, can we kindly do it right and stop talking about it, and there must be someone that knows how to do it.

President Tripp stated, we all want to do it, it's just the mechanics of it that has to be worked out.

Corporation Counsel Blake recommended passing the resolution and the policy at the same time. There is a policy already in place that's blessed by the State of Connecticut – they wrote it for Seymour when Seymour got into a jam about three years ago.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I will give you the policy this week and you should adopt the policy at the next Board meeting.

President Tripp stated, we can table this and adopt it all at the next Board meeting.

Alderman Blackwell called the question.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12 Yes, 1 No (Radin).

### ***Unfinished Business***

#### 1. The Workplace

Corporation Counsel Blake recommended that this item remain on the table. There is more discussion to be had between the City and The Workplace.

#### 2. Milliman and Pension Service Agreements

The title of this says Police Pension, but it should read Milliman and the Pension Service Agreements. It was heard last month and tabled. The Police pension is being handled by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Mr. Bshara explained that it would be okay to allow this to remain on the table for one more month so that the incoming Corporation Counsel would have time to review the contracts.

### ***New Business***

#### Motorized Vehicles on Fountain Lake Property - Ordinance Committee Referral

Alderman Radin discussed sending Mr. Randolph Carroll's comments to the Ordinance Committee so that they can draft an ordinance prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles on the Fountain Lake property.

President Tripp agreed that the Ordinance Committee will meet on that matter.

#### Board of Education

Alderman Stowe stated that before we got into the bonding issue we talked about a bipartisan team to work with the Board of Education to understand the problems they have and try to figure out solutions before the budget meetings started. In speaking with Superintendent Carol Merlone she agreed and suggested Alderman Hunt be part of this team.

Alderman Hunt agreed and would be happy to participate.

Alderman Stowe will contact Superintendent Merlone.

#### Posting on City Open Space

Alderman DeLucia asked if all of the City's ponds and lakes are now posted with "No Swimming, No Ice Skating" signage.

Chief Hale stated that they were supposed to have been and he believes they are.

#### Town and City Clerk's Salary

Alderman Blackwell MOVED, getting back to the Mayor's original statement where an account has been identified out of the Town Clerk's office with in excess of \$300,000 in it, until the account has been looked over thoroughly I'm proposing a resolution that the account now be frozen with no more withdrawals out of it and a strict log kept of all deposits going into it until this matter is resolved.

Mrs. Bottone stated, I have some reports that have to go to the State so I have to send those out – it is money due the State.

Alderman Blackwell stated, we would just like a record of everything that goes out of it and freeze everything, no record of, I don't want anything out of that account until we figure out what's going on.

Mrs. Bottone asked, well, I can't send those reports in?

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, that is her account. That is something I don't think the City is not taking [inaudible]. She has paid the City. I do not think you can freeze that account.

To let you know, we are meeting Friday to address this account so that you, you cannot touch that account; that is her account to run that office.

Alderman Blackwell stated, I believe that because it has a City...

Corporation Counsel Blake interjected, it does actually deal with her salary too. I think you might have a labor issue there if you freeze that.

Alderman Stowe requested the incoming Corporation Counsel come to the podium to discuss this with Mr. Blake so we don't have any legal issues.

Alderman Jeanette asked, shouldn't we discuss this in Executive Session?

President Tripp stated, it's not on...

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, you can add anything to Executive Session that you want.

Mrs. Lynch stated, excuse me. Can I ask that this be discussed in Executive Session? [several people speaking at once – inaudible].

Attorney Marini stated, I think Executive Session would be a good forum to discuss any detail.

Mrs. Lynch stated, you totally violated my rights and Madeline's rights here by doing this without our permission.

Alderman Blackwell stated, I believe that because it contains a City ID that we have a right to talk about it.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, she also has a right to have a Union representative here. Part of that is a Union member as part of that salary there. I don't think you can talk about this tonight, even in Executive Session. We are trying to address the issue, but in terms that you have to give notification to the union representative. We are meeting – we actually brought this to this Administration's attention about this account. I think we should be working through it to resolve it. We are actually meeting, not the first time but again, we are meeting on Friday. I would recommend we let that meeting go and there are other issues, you can bring it up at another meeting. That is my recommendation. You have some legal issues here, some union issues here, some privacy issues here and some banking issues here. It is my strong recommendation.

Alderman Evans MOVED to move this discussion to Executive Session and quit discussing it.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, one person is a union member. That person has a right to address it with their union representatives. You have to do that. You have to give the notice ahead of time. I really think you might be violating the union. That is why I think this should not be discussed tonight.

President Tripp stated, understood.

Alderman Blackwell rescinded his motion.

Alderman Stowe asked if the outgoing Corporation Counsel Blake can discuss with the incoming Corporation Counsel Marini the account during executive session.

President Tripp stated, that subject is exhausted.

Alderman Stowe stated, we're going to move to executive session and we're not talking about that any more, correct?

President Tripp replied, that is correct. Alderman Blackwell rescinded.

#### Increasing the Membership of the Recreation Commission

Alderman Edo stated, speaking with representatives of different sports, Little League, Softball, Cheerleading, I wonder if there is a way to have the Recreation Commission expanded to allow proper representation of individuals that run the programs; to include reps from each of the sports to touch upon their respective leagues.

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, that is in the Code – you'd have to bring it to the Ordinance Committee and bring it back here to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Radin stated, anybody can go to the Commission meetings and bring up anything that they want. You don't want a Commission of 20 or 30 people. I go to a lot of meetings and I sit there and listen. If I have something to say, I say it. These people all have a right to attend those meetings and discuss or bring up whatever they want to. There is no need to put more people on the Commission, they can come to the meeting and discuss whatever they'd like.

President Tripp explained that there would be no harm in discussing it in the Recreation and Ordinance Committees – discussion is good. They can make a proposal to us if they decide to.

#### City Charters and City Directories for All Aldermen

Alderman Stowe asked that all of the Aldermen receive copies of the City Charter.

Alderman Jeanette requested that all of the Aldermen receive a City Directory.

President Tripp stated, that is on the City website, you can access it that way.

Alderman Radin stated this is something that is going to be in the works.

President Tripp explained that it's a project Mayor Cassetti and Mr. Marini will be working on. I'm sure they'll have a finished product in a timely fashion.

#### ***Executive Session***

**At approximately 9:25 p.m. Alderman Radin MOVED to enter Executive Session and invited Mayor Cassetti and Corporation Counsel Blake; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.**

*Return to Regular Session*

At approximately 9:50 p.m., Alderman Adamowski MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Evans MOVED to resolve the claim with the Seccombes; SECONDED by Alderman DeLucia. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

*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 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen