

**CITY OF ANSONIA
BOARD OF ALDERMEN****Minutes of the Special Meeting – August 26, 2014**

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ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT**1. Call to Order**

The Special 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.

2. Public Session

Harry Danley, 52 North Cliff Street

I'm here in regard to reopening the tennis courts at Abe Stone Park. I have started a petition of the surrounding neighbors. I've gotten 51 signatures in about 2.5 hours and I was asking if the Aldermen would consider this petition and if I could have a little more time to get more signatures in regard to reopening and renovating the tennis courts.

President Tripp stated, you can turn that petition in to the Town and City Clerk. It's your right to do petitions whenever you want, so we're not placing limitations on you. You are welcome to turn it in.

Alderman Radin asked, have they already started to remove these courts? The court itself looks good - the set up of the court. I believe you are asking not to take it out but to leave it there for the people to use. Looking at this, I'd think this has not been taken care of for years. Nobody could play tennis on this in this condition and I truly do not believe that they should take that court and rip it up until you've had a chance to talk to the people and see if the neighborhood and people of the town would like to. We have a tennis court up at Nolan Field but maybe the Recreation Department would like to see another tennis court somewhere else. I was told they started to remove it. I believe we should wait on that and not do it because it's not fair to the people in the area.

Mr. Danley stated, I agree. Also what happens in the City is that a lot of things are done behind the taxpayers' backs. They leave it up to a board of 12, 14 people to make a decision and the residents and taxpayers aren't notified about these things that are coming up. Dismantling baseball fields, dismantling tennis courts, there should be an announcement prior to making the decision. The people should have a say. That's why I went out and got this petition signed. I can get you more signatures, but I just need a little more time.

Alderman Radin stated, the court itself doesn't look like it's in that bad of condition, it's the area surrounding it – the fences and things which could be done by the Public Works Department and should have been done by the Public Works Department over the years.

Mr. Danley stated, yes, it was neglected. Another thing is, to be honest with you, I'm not a fence expert but I will tell you that by looking at the tennis courts, the fence that's there, before they started to dismantle the fence, they were in better shape than the little league fence on the west side of town and the surrounding fence where they practice Pop Warner and High School football. You could take the time to go look for yourself. That would be more of a priority on the other side of town than Colony Park. The safety issue on the other side of town was addressed to the Superintendent a week ago and it still hasn't been addressed, but we're worried about putting up fences where there was no existing fence on the entrance of coming into the Public Works Department when I think that a priority should be over there on the west side where there are holes in fences bowed out and a hole where a child could stick their head in and get caught. It hasn't been addressed, and I just drove out of there prior to this meeting and it's still not addressed but we're worried about putting up a fence on the entrance of Public Works.

Alderman Radin stated, I really think that's very little of open property we have but I think it would make it better for the people, it's two tennis courts, maybe we'll get more people out there.

Mr. Danley stated, safety is a big thing in the City, in any workplace, and even in the parks. That issue was not addressed and should have been addressed prior to putting up the fence at the entrance into Public Works.

Recreation Director Jeff Coppola, 43 Glen Drive

Just some comments about the fence – actually it's been going around for 2.5 hours – Mr. Daley came to me a week ago with the petition with 150 I believe at the time. I has been more than a week. My comments - it's not a Public Works issue – this was a collaboration of something that some of my Board members talked about, and myself as Recreation Director. We've been doing a lot of stuff with Public Works trying to get every park, you know, Public Works has worked on, together with Recreation, we're prettying up the town as you can see. They're doing a great job with the parks. Prendergast looks much better, you go to Linnett, it looks fantastic. We've done some basketball courts. We meaning the City of Ansonia, that includes Public Works, the guys behind me, have done. We are going park to park to see what we can do and see what we can utilize with these parks. As far as the tennis court, it's a tennis court that hasn't been used in 25 years. It got that way because of non-use. I know back in the 70s and 80s tennis was popular. I believe as a City, Public Works and Recreation, we are thinking of putting

something there, but what can we utilize that space for and make the neighborhood look better and get more use out of it? Decisions have to be made. If it's boards, if it's Public Works, if it's Recreation, decisions have to be made and it's not just 12 people as the City, it's boards. I've seen watching baseball games and soccer games and I've run over there and stopped kids from climbing up that fence and getting hurt. I've seen and gotten phone calls on late-night alcohol and drinking and partying going on back there because it's a fenced-in area and that's where they go and so forth. I've been here for eight years in Recreation and I haven't gotten one phone call on bringing back the tennis courts.

Alderman Radin stated, maybe people have just gotten disgusted looking at the mess and not bothered.

Mr. Coppola stated, I'm not sure, but why. I've gotten phone calls on the basketball courts and Colony Pond at Abe Stone Park and so forth. We have tennis courts at Nolan Field if somebody wanted to go there. As a City, we're going to think of what we can do over there. There are options - there are dog parks and skate parks that we need. If you own a dog, that's different; everyone has opinions. As Recreation Director and the department - we were on board of getting rid of the eyesore that was there and not being used at all. If we put money in there to put a tennis court in there, the Board voted no - to take it down and utilize it and put something there. Like I said, I can honestly tell you I have not had a phone call. Besides Mr. Danley, no one has called me since hearing about the tennis courts fences being taken down.

Ed Norman, 51 Grove Street, Vice Chairman of Ansonia Housing Authority

First off, you have an appointment of Rev. Samuel Levey on your agenda. We've always had a resident commissioner on the Board. A few years ago they passed a regulation or mandate that we had to hold an election. We held an election throughout all of the public subsidized housing throughout the City where we have control, and Rev. Samuel Levey was elected to that position. Tonight's nomination is for that resident commissioner.

The other thing that I would like to address is, in the package I found these four items - I guess these are the four referendum questions. It leaves quite a slippery slope as far as what I see here. Also, I take offense to item 2, and I know it's been said quite often by several members of this board and others, of "unelected" officials within the City. They're not "unelected." Like Mr. Levey, they are nominated and this Board actually elects those individuals to sit on your volunteer boards. I think by using this term "unelected" it's almost like a slap in the face to all the people that voluntarily sit on boards and commissions throughout your town that run City business. I know that was the perception of one of the folks that had been on the commission and also with this, I'm sure you realize because I've spoken before, I disagree with the disbanding of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. I spoke

on it before that the Board was set up based on the Charter of New York City, and the reason that it was an appointed board was specifically to take the politics out of it. The way you're reversing it, you're going right back to that trend. If any of you watch the national news, you see what our state of the economy is, what the federal budget is, what your taxes are based on political maneuvers of the budget process in Washington, D.C. That is exactly what can come back here.

With the resolution of the Wards and representation of the Wards and cutting down on the number of Wards – one thing that has always been brought up in the past was minority representation on those boards, similar to what you have on the Board of Education, that in an election, if you have three Aldermen to be elected in a Ward, there should be minority representation as far as the political parties on the board, so with a nine-member Board, in the past you know that it was controlled all by one party or another, but you would no longer have that gridlock. Or when there is a minority representation on the Board, I've seen boards here in my time where there was one minority party with 13 other representatives from the same party. Of course he really had no voice. I think that's something that should be looked at and considered. It only makes it fair and transparent.

On the other ones, Item 3 is very vague as far as changing the powers and duties. Are those spelled out somewhere exactly what those powers and duties are going to be? Or is it going to be carte blanche where you could just give the authority to the Mayor or take the authority away from the Mayor? In newspaper articles they talked about the Mayor's authority over the Police Department. Back some time ago that authority was taken away with the Charter Revision. It was something that was handed over to the Chief. I think something like that, if there is more detail behind those items. It should be published as to what those powers and duties are.

Doug Novak, Superintendent of Public Works, 107 Simmon Road, Milford

I just wanted to clarify something that was brought up earlier in regard to the fencing that's being installed at Public Works. I've been to my Board previously and requested through my Board and through BOAT money to install a security fence at Public Works. That is what we're doing right now. We're changing the date and adding some cage fence to the gate area to secure the property. As I've stated in the past, we are also working on trying to upgrade some things at Public Works and one of the things is the gas pumps because it was a free for all forever and it still can be. That's why I'm putting up the fence right now. I'm going to finish with the gate installation which will be a card reader.

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

3. 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 – absent

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

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

4. Greenskies Solar Panel Project – Consideration of Agreement for Cost Savings

Chris Tymniak stated, you have a large packet from Greenskies, it's the legal contract that Attorney Marini has reviewed. We're asking you to go ahead and authorize the Mayor to sign it. It's the same proposal for the solar panels on the landfill. You might have read in the Valley Independent that Derby did the same thing earlier this week. It will give a cost savings to the City over a 20-year period. They will probably come to the September Alderman meeting to give a full presentation of what they're doing and the timeline and that type of thing going forward. That is what you have before you right now.

Alderman Fainer stated, you said that they're going to come here and explain it? I'd like to have the explanation before voting on going forward. There's a lot of information here, but if Greenskies was here to explain it to us we'd have a better handle on it.

Alderman Henri stated, we had them here last month, last week.

Mr. Tymniak stated, last month we had Turtle & Hughes here, not Greenskies Energy. Greenskies Energy was unable to attend. What basically needs to occur – one, they needed to have it presented before all the boards, which we did last time. We have the contract in front of us – it was a special meeting the last time. They didn't make that meeting. The last time I talked to them which was about a week and a half ago, they wanted to go ahead and have engineers come, site the property, go ahead and have a final plan submitted, start construction in October and hopefully be done by November. That was the plan from Greenskies.

We are basically saying that we all support the idea, we have this opportunity through the State of Connecticut through the ZREC program that we all agree that solar is the way of the future, utilizing the landfill for solar energy power plant is essentially what we want to do. We want to become a greener, cleaner City. The

contract that I wanted to have in front of you last time is what you have in front of you this time.

Alderman Fainer asked, is DEEP on board with it?

Mr. Tymniak replied, yes. It's a growing trend - sealed landfills in Fairfield, Hartford, Bridgeport, Derby and one other town, and then hopefully Ansonia – I was told there is a five-foot depth they can't go past. They said they won't be close to five feet with these things – I don't know if they can anchor them in at 2 feet or how it goes. In total it is about a \$1.1 million investment of solar equipment. It's at no cost to the City whatsoever.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to authorize Mayor Cassetti to sign the contract between the City of Ansonia and Greenskies Energy; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Alderman Stowe stated, this was explained in good detail at our last meeting. I'm in favor of getting this signed so they can begin work in October.

Mr. Tymniak stated, Greenskies will attend to give a full overview. They want to show how it's going to lay out.

Alderman Fainer stated, the point is, they want the job but they're not showing up. They knew we had this meeting coming up; why couldn't they be here? I'm an electrical contractor and I want the job, I'm here. We're putting the cart before the horse.

Mr. Tymniak stated, this was a special meeting which I put this contract on. It was late for the last meeting and I couldn't put in on in the amount of days approved. I am sure they will be here at the next meeting. If you don't like what you hear...

Alderman Fainer interjected, well next month is too late, we're already signing the contract.

Alderman Radin asked, if it's not costing the City anything, who is paying for it? Is it going to cost us something later on? I'm only hearing that somebody's giving something away for free. I know nothing is free.

Alderman Fainer asked, does this go back on the grid?

Mr. Tymniak stated, they go ahead and they put solar panels up on the landfill – as a general overview, the more I talk about the less comfortable I am – they make the investment themselves. They are a private company, the municipality can't do this. They can sell the future tax credits and sell the profit of the energy over a 12-year period to another bidder, another purchaser. So whether it's a larger company or not, they go ahead and they do that so they can get their investment back right

away. The City will receive, and I'm not comfortable throwing out a quote, but for conversation here, 20 percent of the solar energy billed from this and the company will take the remaining. The projections we talked about last month were \$1.6 million over a 20-year period, that is what was in the packet. Initial savings the first year was \$43,000 – that money was going to be seen on our UI bill. The numbers for Derby which was quoted in the newspaper last week was like \$1.4 million for Derby's solar power.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, if there is a concern over the ability of the company to get the project done, it's very clearly stated in the agreement that if there is a delay, the host, Ansonia, has the ability to terminate the agreement. So if they're not able to do what they promised to and they're late in doing it, then we have the option to get out of it.

Mr. Tymniak stated, their plan is to do an engineering survey of the landfill and then come out with a whole layout. The layout will be presented to the Board of Aldermen at that time, and would begin construction after the layout. They still have a whole bunch of permitting and all this other stuff they'll be doing.

[Alderman Adamowski left the room at this point 7:25 p.m. 10 present, 4 absent]

Alderman Henri asked the Chair to move the question.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8 Yes, 1 No (Fainer), 1 Abstention (Jeanette).

5. Nomination for Housing Authority Appointment – Rev. Samuel Levey

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept the appointment of Mr. Samuel Levey for the vacant Resident Commissioner position on the Ansonia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

6. Consideration of ARMS Bids

Alderman Stowe MOVED to accept the bids for ARMS; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7. Consideration of Draft Report – Charter Revision; Proposed Changes to Charter

Alderman Henri MOVED to accept the Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission as written; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Alderman Fainer stated, regarding modifying the powers and duties of the Mayor, you're making the Mayor the personnel director, head of all the departments. I think you're creating a monster – I'm not saying Dave, just the Mayor's position. You're

making him a little dictator in charge of everything. He does all the hiring, all the firing. That's what we have department heads for, and that's what we have boards for. I object to giving the Mayor too much power.

If you're going to go to the three Wards, I would rather see five Wards.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, Attorney Brian LeClerc from Berchem Moses and Devlin is here. He has assisted the Charter Revision Commission in coming up with the changes that are before you. Before there is a vote we welcome the opportunity to walk through some of the changes, answer any questions.

There is certainly no unilateral power being given to the Mayor with regards to personnel. There is a system of checks and balances. So while the Charter is clarifying that the Mayor is the personnel director, you have to remember it is the Mayor or his designee. So the Mayor has the ability of designating authority to a personnel director, to a committee of his choosing. There is actually more flexibility on the Mayor's side. The other part is the fact that this Board of Aldermen still has the ability to set job descriptions and also to set salaries. So if there was a decision made by the Mayor to appoint someone that the Board of Aldermen disagreed with, you could set the salary for \$1 and destroy all the job descriptions effectively rendering his hire moot. There certainly is a check and a balance mixed in there. It is really not so much of a change as a clarification. If you look at the Charter now, it is simply not clear who is the agent who hires or fires. In the past we've seen in both this administration and the previous administration certain at-will hires that did not come before the Board of Aldermen, certain staff position in City Hall and elsewhere that simply were hired by the Mayor. The same thing with terminations. If you look at the actual Charter, it doesn't actually give the hire and fire authority to anybody. There is a little mention in the Board of Aldermen section that you have the ability to appoint officials or employees, which might suggest that this Board has the ability to hire. Then again, there are other portions of the Charter which say, for example, the Public Works Committee has the ability to employ people on the department. Does that mean hire? Does it mean just fund through their budget? It's really not clear. This is a way of resolving the ambiguity, really in line with what Ansonia has already been doing. Certainly there are other regulations that come into play when we're talking about unions and union contracts. Nothing here could ever supersede union contracts or the way unions are regulated in the State. So the Mayor certainly doesn't have a blank check to do whatever he wants to do.

Another point, the Board of Apportionment and Taxation is not being disbanded. It still exists in this version of the Charter. It still has an important job to do. All of the work put in by BOAT members in the past – that will still continue. The idea of having a board that would specialize in finances and work with the Comptroller to get a very good grip on the City's finances, to advise the elected officials, including the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, that is still there. The main point in this change was accountability – making sure that elected officials had the responsibility to actually pass a budget and have a final say in the money that is being transferred,

especially new money. Again, it's a system of checks and balances and even the final budget process is still very much a check and a balance because the Board of Aldermen could be checked by the people themselves. There is still that public referendum option if taxes go 3 percent or higher.

There are other changes and Attorney LeClerc and I welcome any questions as to what has been done and why it's been done. In terms of the process, this board can vote to accept the changes as a final report and in that case final actions need to be done by this Board and we need to determine what questions will be posed on the ballot and we also need to make other clerical and administrative decisions. If our recommendation is to change what has been done, we have to refer it back to Charter Revision Commission for tonight so we can bounce it back to them and then have it come back to us. We can possibly get it all done tonight.

Attorney LeClerc stated, the procedure tonight is if you have any recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission, this board can vote on those. If there are recommendations to go back to the Commission, they are to discuss your recommendations and submit a final report. They don't necessarily have to comply with your recommendations. If they send their final report back, you can confer with them and you can vote on the final report. If you do not have any recommendations on the report they've sent to you, these changes have technically become final and you'd have to approve or reject. You can take action on final report. You should take that tonight. At the same time you have to vote when you would like this to be voted upon by the voters – I recommend the general election in November because you need a certain percentage of your voters to come out, and you don't want to pay for a separate election.

You also should select questions to appear on the ballot on the voting machines, and coordinate with the Town Clerk on publication in the next 30 days so everyone in town can see the proposed changes.

That is the procedure and that is why we have a number of meetings scheduled for tonight, in the event you do make recommendations there will be a meeting tonight of the Charter Revision Commission, conferring with this body, having you all meet to make a final report. This body then acts on the final report.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, in light of the public session, one change I think that would be fair to make is in the questions, number 2, the 5th sentence, it refers to "unelected" Board of Apportionment and Taxation. I think a fair term would be "appointed" Board of Apportionment and Taxation.

Alderman Henri AMENDED HIS MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED to approve the final report of the Charter Revision Commission, to set the voting date for November 4, 2014 and to set the questions as proposed:

1. **Shall the Ansonia City Charter be amended to reduce the number of Wards to three (3) and the number of Aldermen to nine (9)?**
2. **Shall the Ansonia City Charter be amended to modify the budget process including the following:**
 1. **Requiring the Mayor to submit an annual budget proposal;**
 2. **Requiring the Board of Aldermen to approve the budget recommended by the appointed Board of Apportionment and Taxation; and**
 3. **Providing Board of Aldermen oversight of budget transfers**
3. **Shall the Ansonia City Charter be amended to clarify and modify the powers and duties of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen?**
4. **Shall the Ansonia City Charter be amended to correct grammar, spelling, terminology, statutory references and outdated provisions of the Charter, resolve inconsistencies and make other technical changes and revisions as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission?**

SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, further clarification, I think it was said in the public session about the questions, is it open-ended enough, if I understood it correctly, could changes be made after the fact. A question like, shall the Ansonia City Charter be amended to clarify and modify the powers and duties of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. I believe the question was, with something like that, could the powers be expanded any way that the drafter wants. And the answer is no, we're limited to the changes that we have here before you tonight. That links up with question 3, it can't be altered beyond tonight. So the question is watered down to make it easier to understand for the voters. And at the ballots, full copies of changes have to be provided and also full copies of the changes will be provided on the website and published in the newspaper to allow the voters to see the full version. He also did a shorthand description of changes which includes everything – a very easy to understand summary that covers 100 percent of everything. We'll do an updated version of that as well.

Alderman Stowe noted that there was great effort taken in the language of 2 and 3, the budget process and the Mayor's powers. The voters at the last election wanted the Aldermen and the Mayor, being that they're elected officials, to be responsible for what happens in the City, and I am going to be proud to vote for this because the responsibility is going to be finally given to the Board of Aldermen for the budget. The Mayor, when he hires and runs this City, and he's been doing a

good job so far, if the people don't like how he's handling himself, he won't get reelected. I think the Charter Revision Commission did the best job they could do to try to accommodate this.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, we had speakers during the public hearing that said they were in favor of this and it was pretty much taxation with representation. We are the elected representatives of the people and we are accountable to the people. Thank you.

Alderman Henri stated, I would like to thank the Charter Revision Commission and the Registrars of Voters – they've done a lot of work, a lot of research. I'm in favor of reducing the Wards to three. Like Mr. Norman said, I was also in favor of minority representation. I will still vote for this as is because that is what was presented to us and I don't want to go back and forth. Charter Revision has discussed that and it hasn't come up for our vote. I think everything here is good. If we want to make any progress and advance this town we have to take some risks, make some changes. That's what this is about. Thank you.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 1 No (Fainer).

Attorney LeClerc stated, if I may, I would like to acknowledge the work of the Charter Revision Commission. I've worked with a number of commissions in different towns over the years on Charters, and you have excellent commissioners appointed. They are really dedicated. I think you should compliment them at some point on the time we spent with the Charter.

8. Abe Stone Park Tennis Court – Consideration of Renovation or Removal of Courts

Mayor Cassetti stated, I think our Public Works Director could make a statement about that Abe Stone Park. I had asked him to contact someone who does tennis courts to get a price on what it would cost to refurbish that tennis court.

Mr. Novak stated, I spoke to Upton Tennis Courts who is one of the reputable companies in the State of Connecticut and their rep informed me that any repairs could cost between \$20,000 and \$80,000. There were drainage issues. Over the years there was some drainage behind the eastern portion of the property behind the fence – that's all filled in over the years. Someone told me today there was a boat back there one time. The courts themselves have big cracks in the surface. To repair those cracks properly because the tennis courts were built on a wet area they'd have to be torn up and rebuilt all over again. The cost would be, I think, prohibitive. If we could take that money and spend it someplace else. I don't have a written estimate yet from the company. That was a verbal estimate after going out there.

Alderman Henri stated, there are or there were tennis courts at the Emmett O'Brien complex on Ford Street, tucked away in the back. They're renovating the whole

school, all the grounds. I don't know if tennis courts are included. But people who want to play tennis, that still may be an option in the future to go up there. I don't know that tennis courts are an option for every neighborhood park. I mean, we have to be practical too.

Alderman Stowe stated, I went up there with the Superintendent of Public Works and my background in excavations is pretty good. There are water issues there and the money that would have to be invested to make something out of that would be much better spent on the tennis courts at Nolan Field. There is some research done here and part of the research we found out was that people don't even take passes any more for the tennis courts at Nolan Field. Nolan Field is available for people to use. If we were going to enhance anything, I think Doug would agree, it would be much better spent over there than here because the drainage problem isn't going to go away.

Alderman Henri stated, I'm happy to hear the input from the Alderman of that Ward; that carries a lot of weight. I'm sure there are soccer games over there, I'm sure that field does get plenty of attention in very positive ways. I would defer to Recreation, Public Works and the Aldermen in that Ward.

Alderman Blackwell MOVED to demolish the tennis courts at Colony Park; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

9. *Appointments – See Mayor's letter dated August 21, 2014*

Public Safety Building Committee

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to appoint the following persons to the Public Safety Building Committee with terms to expire 12/31/2016:

John Marini, Corporation Counsel
Paul Heon (R) of 12 White Oak Road
Kevin Hale, Chief of Police
Judd Blaze (U) of 18 West Roosevelt Drive
Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Donald Day (D) of 59 Pleasant Street
Michael Ehemann (D) of 15 South Cliff Street

SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Vaccaro abstained on his own name).

10. *Executive Session – Detective Gerald Tenney*

At approximately 7:52 p.m., Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to enter Executive Session and invite Corporation Counsel Marini to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers;

SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

At approximately 8:05 p.m., Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

11. Action on Executive Session if needed

No action.

12. Adjournment

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to ADJOURN, SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

President Tripp declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. and stated, all other scheduled meetings for tonight will be canceled for lack of business.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen