



**Ansonia Board of Aldermen  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 9, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Aldermanic President Philip Tripp. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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**Roll Call**

The secretary called the roll:

Randolph Carroll, R1	Present	Ward 4	Vacancy
Charles Stowe, R1	Present	Anthony Cassetti, R5	Present
Philip Tripp, R2	Present	Joan Radin, R5	Present
Lorie Vaccaro, R2	Present	Ward 6	Vacancy
Denice Hunt, D3	Absent	Patrick Henri, R6	Present
Joseph Jeanette, D3	Present	David Blackwell, Jr., R7	Absent
Richard Kaslaitis, III, R4	Present	Frank DeLibero, R7	Present

President Tripp declared a quorum of 10 present, 2 absent, 2 vacancies.

[NOTE: Any reference in these minutes to "BOAT" refers to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation]

**Add-On**

**Alderman Carroll MOVED to add Late Communications #1 and 2 to the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Alderman Carroll MOVED to accept the following meeting minutes:**

- July 11 full Board of Aldermen
- July 19 special Board of Aldermen

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

**Public Session**

Elizabeth Lynch, 15 Macintosh Lane

As many of you know, I spent 16 years working at City Hall; 11 years in the Mayor's Office. My duties at that time were to fill all the appointment letters and vacancies and monthly meeting notices. In that period of time, I would guess there were at least 10 elected officials that resigned and were replaced. At every point it was done by a special meeting called by the Town Clerk to fill the vacancy. It was never a nomination or an appointment by the Mayor. It's right in the Charter. Section 143 is specific to elected officials only. The rest of the Charter pertains to other boards and commissions. That's in writing; that's the way it's always been. Thank you.

David Blackwell, Sr., 52 Finney Street

Last Alderman meeting I went into Executive Session for a problem that was happening and I just want to let you know, I want to thank [inaudible], the work is being completed for the first time on Lester Street since 2010 so she is holding up her end of the bargain. Thank you again.

Emily Ennis, Consultant, The Cecil Group

I have a presentation for you tonight. You can take it now in the public session which is what I was told to do, or however the Board of Aldermen wish to take it. I would be happy to wait until everybody else has spoken.

President Tripp stated, I was not aware of this.

Ms. Ennis continued, we've been working with the City for the Village District Zoning report.

Alderman Carroll stated, I'm the one that requested this lady to give the package. I've been attending her meetings. I would suggest we bring this up under New Business.

**Alderman Carroll MOVED to add the Village District Zoning Report to the agenda under New Business; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

Michael Egan, 103 Benz Street

I have a comment and a question. I haven't been able to make a lot of these City meetings, but there has been something on the Internet about Historical District. One thing I would like to ask the members of the Board of Aldermen to proceed with caution on restricting certain areas for certain purposes. I can remember 10, 20 years ago the State was planning on redoing the Maple Street bridge and they wanted to take out a building on the corner there – Gardella's building – which I don't know who it was squawked about it being a historical building. At one time it was historical, it had Gardella's Market in it. That has long gone, the front has changed, the back has changed. Now the State would have put in a bridge that would have invited people into this City, instead of redoing what they did do on the existing area. So if you make any decisions in the future, please be aware that you may have to change things in the future. Don't lock the City into something.

I have a question concerning the Board of Aldermen, elected officials. Is there a job description or guidelines that they should work under? It seems to me that they're voted to represent the voters of the City but apparently they just mainly represent the school administration. Is there any guideline or job description? Or, do we have to fall back on, as Mr. Stowe had said about just kicking them out at election time. Thank you.

Edward Musante, 21 Castle Lane

On July 9<sup>th</sup> I spoke with Sheila and Dave Cassetti and Mike D'Alessio. Winters Bros. were picking the left side of the street. The right side, they were not picking up. 147 North Prospect Street Extension, they didn't touch. 25 Castle Lane they didn't touch. Granite Terrace they didn't touch. I just want to let you know about this here.

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

### ***Public Official Session***

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*Mayor David Cassetti*

Good evening members of the Board of Aldermen, residents of the great City of Ansonia. I want to first begin by recognizing an individual who, through his generosity and kindness has transformed the Ansonia Nature Center. I want to thank Larry Janeski and his company, Basement Systems, for their generous donation of time, labor and equipment. We now have a beautiful, state-of-the-art playground for Ansonia children and others to enjoy. This playground is a testament to the fact that there are people out there, out of the goodness of their hearts, have decided to make this community and this world a better place. Tonight we honor Larry and his team by presenting them for the first time a key to the City of Ansonia. You are now an honorary citizen of the City of Ansonia. I encourage you to patronize or keep in mind Basement Systems if you ever need such services. I believe the grand opening for the Nature Center Playground will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>.

I want to remind everyone of our premier event, Rock the Valley, on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 10 pm. I encourage and invite everyone to attend. There will be vendors with food, crafts, and games, fireworks, and of course for all of you Beatles fans, there will be Beatlemania. In lieu of a fee, we are encouraging everyone to donate money or supplies to the Valley Save Our Youth. This organization has been successful in raising money and school supplies for children in need of back to school items. Please consider a donation. There will be volunteers at the gate. I also encourage these Board of Aldermen members to help in the back to school effort for our children. See you on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for a great summer event in Ansonia.

I am excited to announce that Eversource Gas will be expanding its gas lines into the lower Hilltop area. I want to thank all of the residents who came to the public forum and expressed their desire to have natural gas. Seventy-two percent of the residents showed their support and made this project possible. Thank you. I am working with Eversource Gas on expanding this project into other parts of Ansonia. It is an important incentive for homeowners and future businesses to make affordable and accessible natural gas.

Looking at various ways to plan for our future and to prepare for the future, you will hear tonight from the Cecil Group who are consultants that have created a draft feasibility study for our downtown. The study was made possible by a grant received from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. I want to thank Emily Ennis and Brad Schide for your help in putting this together. There will be another public forum where residents can learn more about the Village District study and the feasibility report before it is finalized in the fall.

As we plan for our future, this Board will be setting the public hearing tonight for our Capital Improvement Plan. I want to thank the Board of Finance, Rich Bshara, Bob Jaskilka, and the Finance Department for their hard work on this plan. A lot of time and effort has gone into planning for the future. The Capital Improvement Plan will help residents improve their community by doing more for less. This Board has recommended paving projects, for example, that will help improve our neighborhoods and other infrastructure projects to be made over the course of five years. I am proud that we are taking the time to plan ahead so that our residents will not be surprised by any unexpected repairs and purchases, and they will not see an increase in their taxes as a result of this. Please remember that not only will there be no tax increase with this plan, but there will be no increase in our indebtedness. We are paying off all of our old debt as well.

Finally, I'm looking forward to scheduling a Mayor's Night Out so that we can talk more about the Capital Improvement Plan and other things, and all of the good things that are happening in Ansonia. Thank you and good evening.

**Alderman Carroll MOVED that the Board of Aldermen send Larry Janesky a letter of thanks for his generosity; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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*Corporation Counsel John Marini*

Members of the Board, an update on the lien sale, we talked about for some time in the past several months. We conducted a sale of tax liens for the first time, including both the City and the WPCA. I am happy to announce some very, very positive results. Altogether, between the City and the WPCA, we brought in just under \$1.6 million on the liens - on the City side, just under \$1 million; and WPCA about \$650,000. The bidder, Caz, LLC, didn't place a bid on every lien, but with respect to the liens that they did bid on, altogether between the City and the WPCA we have over a 100 percent return – 105% return – so it's over the total face value of those liens. And the City retains the remaining liens that we did not sell, and it's going to be up to the City and up to the Aldermen how to deal with them. That means we are still collecting interest on those liens. We could decide to pursue foreclosure on some properties, we could decide to go to property auctions – that's going to be up to the Board's pleasure and something to look at. In terms of generating the revenue, we did very well in terms of our target. There was a lot of discussion about what amount we were going to put into the budget as a projection of what we were going to generate with this lien sale. At the end of the day, we picked the number of around \$800,000 and we have exceeded that target by over \$200,000. So that money will go to a surplus for this year's budget. We're in very good shape with that. Congratulations to the Board for making that happen and generating this revenue. It definitely improves our tax collection rate and also

improves the collection rate of the WPCA. It also helps a lot of individuals to start to dig out of the hole.

In addition to that, we're going to talk about a lot of development issues tonight and some in executive session. We're also going to talk about the Capital Plan. I will remind the Board at this point that if there is a consensus of the completion of the Capital Plan, it is now time to put it out to the voters and to schedule a special meeting to finalize it before it goes to the ballot. I would recommend no later than the last week in August to schedule a public hearing and also a special meeting where this Board would formally approve of the Capital Plan and thereby send that package to the voters at referendum in November. It will be on the general election ballot, so when you go vote for President, there will also be ballot questions authorizing this. As the Mayor said, a lot of attention, this is a credit to the Board of Aldermen and Finance Committee in particular for keeping a very close eye on our level of indebtedness so that this plan will in no way increase our indebtedness. Our debt is rolling off to be replaced by new debt, the yearly debt will not increase. That is all because of the conservative approach taken by the Board of Aldermen, keeping a very close eye not just on the total amount of these projects, but also the corresponding amount of debt that they carry.

President Tripp asked Corporation Counsel Marini if a motion is needed to approve the tax lien sale.

Corporation Counsel Marini explained, the tax lien sale was already approved when it was set in motion originally. It's just to accept the results.

Alderman Carroll asked why there were five \$1 liens, and six \$3 and change liens.

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, it is odd, we can look at that and figure out what they were. On the City side the only ones we sent out were five years or \$5,000 or more. WPCA followed similar criteria but we can look into that and figure out why.

Alderman Vaccaro asked if we know the amount of liens that weren't sold, and if so can they be rebid.

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, the liens that were not sold were liens that were very old. The bidders were looking at the return on their money; they're not going to buy a lien when their chances of collecting on the interest are going to be very slim. This Board should plan to review that list as a group.

**Alderman DeLibero MOVED to accept Communication #6; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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*Sheila O'Malley, Economic Development Director*

President Tripp I apologize because I didn't get to talk with you before this meeting, but I've invited, the Mayor spoke a little bit about the grant that we received – it was a \$50,000 grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. Brad Schide is here as a representative of that organization, and also Emily Ennis from the Cecil Group is here.

They did a study regarding Village District Zoning and they did a feasibility study for us for the downtown. I've invited Emily here to make a presentation – she did come from Boston. I would like to give the balance of my time to her to give that presentation. In addition to that I've asked Mr. Don Smith tonight to talk about the Armory and his recommendations – to share those with you. I don't know at what point we can have Mr. Smith speak, but I'd like those two items addressed.

**Alderman Stowe MOVED to deviate from the agenda to allow the presentation immediately following the Public Official Session; SECONDED by Alderman Delibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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*Richard Dziekan, Director of Constituent Services*

As the Mayor said, Rock the Valley is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We're getting everything lined up, all the permits and everything. It's going to be a great time.

We're working on an energy audit for the City – going back three years and reviewing all the bills. Hopefully there will be some savings there between electric and gas.

Summer concerts are ending tomorrow.

I've continued talking to the constituents and taking care of their problems as they come in.

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*Acting Comptroller Rich Bshara*

Pretty much status quo in Finance; we've been working on the long range Capital Plan that you'll be looking at tonight.

We've been working on the bonding process which will be going on in September; we're working on the official statement and the paperwork needed for that.

We're also working with the auditors and started the audit process for fiscal year 2015-16, and we're opening up the new year.

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*Chief Kevin Hale – Ansonia Police Department*

As promised, two of our newest officers were here, but then they got called away on calls. Officer Suarez and Officer Young were here. They were transfers from Waterbury. They're doing very well so far; they were released to solo status at the end of July. We will get them back here. Officers Luna and Caruso are in the middle of their training - they'll be through sometime in September.

We have another Officer that's retiring in October that we weren't aware of. That came up kind of suddenly so we are in the process of going through some applications. We expect to hire in January – we expect two more retirements in January.

Patrick Lynch has been working as a Lieutenant and we've actually been very busy trying to cross-train Lieutenants into their new positions. There's a lot going on and we expect more promotions in October as well.

We are getting back up to full strength.

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*Public Works Director Mike D'Alessio*

The Transfer Station should be ready in about two weeks. There are computers going in, desks going in, the line stripes are done, the shrubs, trees and signage looks pretty good. We'll have a grand opening after it's running.

Webster Hose is almost finished; we're doing the basement, painting, putting in a new ceiling, the lights. It's about 2-3 weeks out.

We have our line striping machine and we're finally finished with our stop bars and cross walks for the schools. We're ahead of schedule from last year.

We've been doing the weeds in the sidewalks, the West Side is done and we'll start the East Side sometime this week.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we're starting our milling, the 17<sup>th</sup> we'll start paving, and by the end of the month we should have that wrapped up.

Alderman Carroll thanked Mr. D'Alessio for taking care of the weeds in front of Ansonia Copper & Brass, as well as all the garbage. He also thanked Mr. D'Alessio for taking down the sign at the four corners and for cleaning up the sidewalk in front of SHW.

President Tripp also thanked Mr. D'Alessio for doing an excellent job at Public Works.

Alderman Carroll thanked Blight Officer David Blackwell for promptly taking care of his constituents' complaints.

Alderman Jeanette thanked Chief Heon, ARMS personnel, and the Police Department for their excellent response to his recent 911 call.

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*Presentation*

*Emily Ennis, Senior Planner, the Cecil Group  
Boston, Maine and New Hampshire*

Ms. Ennis presented a slide show outlining the Village District Zoning and Historic Building Redevelopment plan for the City of Ansonia.

She noted that they've been working mainly with Sheila O'Malley, and have held two public forums and two meetings with the Planning and Zoning Commission. The status of the report is that it is now in draft form. They are looking for comments by August 11<sup>th</sup> – the plan

is on the City website. Once the comments are received they will be preparing the final report for Planning and Zoning. Their job at that point will be, if they take the zoning changes up and the design guidelines up, it will be done through the normal process for doing zoning changes, and so there will be public hearings and discussions at that point.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Ennis answered questions of the Aldermen.

Alderman Carroll stated, on page 47, regarding 501 East Main, the recommendations – that should be changed; we should allow multiple housing, professional offices, retail cells.

Ms. Ennis stated, 501 East Main Street is also part of the City Center zoning, some of those uses are allowed under City Center.

Also, on page 46 – the Armory is not a listed building. I would hate to see that building torn down.

Ms. Ennis stated, the State Armory, if you did a straight division of the number of square feet per lot into the 2-point-something acres of the State Armory, 11 houses would be the maximum but you'd have to account for driveway access and potential road for a subdivision, so it would be less than that. That obviously would require the taking down of the Armory. We did not test that scenario because it was clear through the public process there was absolutely no interest in even considering that. Test studies looked at what would happen if you kept the Armory and the different uses that would go in.

Alderman Carroll stated, the Armory is an historic building. In 1932 it is where the Purple Heart was reinstated. It is not a listed building and he would hate to see it torn down.

He continued, upper Main Street is not a historic district according to the City of Ansonia, it is a historic district listed with the State and feels the City should adopt it as a historic district because all of the buildings are listed on the National Historic Register. The same rules that apply to the historic district on Elm Street should apply on upper Main Street.

Mr. Schide with the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation explained that the goal of this study is action – he is here to help implement Village District Zoning here. He is available to come back and help in this effort where needed.

Ms. O'Malley distributed a letter from Civil Engineer Don Smith concerning his review of the Armory and the environmental reports. She read the opening paragraph aloud as follows:

*We understand that the City has obtained approximately \$500,000 in grant funding for the building with the initial expenditure being for the replacement of the gym floor. Unfortunately we do not agree with this proposal. We firmly believe, as will most engineers and architects, that rehabilitation of the building's exterior envelope, roof, walls, and windows, should receive the highest priority when considering a building's rehabilitation and future use. If water is allowed to infiltrate into the structure of the building (ie – inside the masonry walls) not only will it find its way into the occupied space causing damage to the various surfaces and finishes, but it will also ultimately destroy the structural integrity of the wall itself, leading to a total failure.*

Mr. Smith spoke about his inspection of the Armory. Although work has recently been done on the roof, around the perimeter of the roof there are concrete capstones that are crumbling. There are minor issues with roof drains in the building, there is still water coming in someplace near the northwest corner. The north parapet wall is in very bad condition, allowing water into the building. The reports on the gym floor did not consider or include any costs of abatement of hazardous materials. There are some high levels of lead in the basement due to the former shooting range. In the report that was done, it says there is a minor amount of asbestos on the lower level, and some lead paint in the lower level. The presence of lead paint is not really a big deal and is something that needs to be abated. The ability to use the building as a daycare or not depends on that level. The bigger issue is the lead dust from the former shooting range that is in a greater concentration in the lower level. There is no asbestos in the floor system – it is wood – under the floor is a concrete slab.

Alderman Carroll questioned the location and amount of asbestos, noting in the report it says a 'minor' amount of asbestos.

Alderman Stowe would like the Board to determine the future use of the building, along with the costs of shoring up the outside and the costs of making the interior safe and usable, and present that to the public. When is the Board going to make a definitive plan?

Ms. O'Malley explained, the grant money needs to be allocated to a project, whether to shore up the outside of the building, or work on the gym floor, or allocate it to a different project. That needs to be expended or returned to the State. We need to get some better cost estimates on environmental tests, on total cost of renovation of the Armory. At that point we can decide whether to seek more grants, spend more money and preserve the building, or move in a different direction.

Alderman Jeanette asked if there is a timeframe to spend the \$500,000.

Ms. O'Malley explained that the Board needs to move in the path of spending it. You can't ask for more money until you've spent the money that you have.

Alderman Radin suggested ultimately using the Armory as a community center, but shoring up the outside the building first with the \$500,000 grant. Aldermen DeLibero and Carroll agreed.

**Alderman Stowe MOVED to allocate the \$500,000 grant for outside work on the Armory building to prevent leaking, snow and ice damage, as soon as possible; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro.**

Alderman Henri asked if the Board uses this money to fix the building, is the City obligated to own the building or can we put a for sale sign on it in the future?

Ms. O'Malley stated, you're obligated to use the grant funds for what you tell them you're going to use it for. Using it on the outside instead of the inside of that building should not be a problem.

Mr. Smith stated, the rehabilitation of the interior is in the \$1.5 to \$2 million range.

Alderman Carroll stated, the Armory is a great place for the Senior Center and the Fire Marshal's Offices.

Alderman Jeanette added that it would be a good shelter for the residents in case of any disasters.

Ms. O'Malley stated, other grants will be available in the future.

**A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

### ***Committee Reports***

#### *Finance Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe*

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

**Alderman Stowe MOVED, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to**

- **Pass the Capital Improvement Plan as finalized at the August 8 Finance Committee meeting;**
- **Require the City Engineer to sign off on all road paving;**
- **Allocate a \$12 million budget to the Public Safety Building Committee for a design/build plan for a new Police facility.**

**And further, MOVED to hold a public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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

There were 253 responses this past month. The total billing revenue is \$62,742.12. ARMS is doing a good job.

Mr. Heon reported the ambulance bid is out, and due back on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hopefully the Board of Aldermen can vote to award the bid at its September meeting.

We are working to fill a vacancy for our full-time supervisor position. We had 13 people leave, and we've replaced them with seven new part-time people and they're in training.

We are working on an Ordinance for our EMS Plan and will give it to Corporation Counsel Marini to review before sending it on to the Ordinance Committee.

We have a contract in front of you tonight for VEMS – the paramedic service for the entire Valley. The State is requiring us to have a contract if we utilize 3<sup>rd</sup> party emergency medical service. That is the purpose for the contract; there is nothing new or different in it.

ARMS has been busy, there have been a couple more overdoses and we've used Narcan twice in the last week.

WPCA Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe

No report

Fire Committee – Alderman Joseph Jeanette

There was a total of 51 calls for the month of July.

Alderman Henri noted that the Fire Department did a great job during the recent microburst storm when about four calls came in around the same time.

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Randolph Carroll

No report.

Housing Committee – Alderman Joan Radin

We met at Woodlawn. The woman that was here at the last meeting – things that she talked about, the wheelchair, etc. - they're trying to clean up the area. They didn't take her wheelchair they moved it. They're trying to beautify the area. She was upset because they wouldn't allow her to plant flowers. They're working on the landscaping. They are doing a great job.

Public Safety Building Committee – Alderman Frank DeLibero

We had our first meeting on the new Police Station and approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to move forward with it.

**Municipal Reports**

Alderman

MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED

**a. Board of Apportionment & Taxation Recommendations from the meeting of August 1, 2016**

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the following transfers:**

- 1. Library - \$1,800 transfer from BOAT Contingency to Fixed Charges**

From 1-001-0200-11-812-0001 BOAT Contingency \$1,800  
To 1-001-0601-17-590-0004 Fixed Charges \$1,800

**2. Police – Increase in expense and revenue line items of Animal Fund**

Increase 2-001-0307-11-010-0009 Animal Fund \$1,650  
Increase 1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Animal Fund \$1,650

**LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Mayor’s Office – \$2,500 transfer from BOAT Contingency to Animal Control Facility**

From 1-001-0200-11-812-0001 BOAT Contingency \$25,000  
To 1-001-0216-11-433-0001 Animal Control Facility \$25,000

**2. Grants/Economic Development - \$20,286 increase in expense and revenue line items of DECD Nature Center Study**

Increase 2-001-0305-17-010-0222 DECD Nature Center Study \$20,286  
Increase 1-001-0850-11-800-0222 DECD Nature Center Study \$20,286

**3. Library - \$2,700 transfer from BOAT Contingency to Building**

From 1-001-0200-11-812-0001 BOAT Contingency  
To 1-001-060117-430-0001 Building \$2,700

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

**INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS – For information only**

**1-A – City Government**

From 1-001-0201-11-411-0005 Gas \$1,090  
To 1-001-0201-11-570-0007 Valley Council of Governments \$1,090

***b. Land Use Department Report***

Alderman Vaccaro read the Land Use Report aloud.

**Alderman Carroll MOVED to approve the Land Use Department Report; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

***Tax Collector Report and Request for Refunds***

**Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to accept the Tax Collector's report and pay the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$1,936.98 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

***Accidents and Claims***

07-16-883 Winters Bros. Waste Systems of CT v. City of Ansonia, Mayor Casseti,  
Sheila O'Malley and Michael D'Alessio  
07-16-884 Raymond J. DelSole v. ARMS

**Alderman Delibero MOVED to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel Marini; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

***Communications***

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Communication #1  
From: Joseph Futchik  
Re: Paving of George Street

**Alderman Carroll MOVED to refer this and the property at Shortell Drive to the Land Sales Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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Communication #2  
From: Ansonia Fire Commission  
Re: Appointment of Jay Fainer as 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Fire Chief

**Alderman Henri MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Alderman Delibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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Communication #3  
From: Ansonia Fire Commission  
Re: Appointment of Edward Norman to Fire Police

**Alderman Henri MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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Communication #4  
From: Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley  
Re: Prindle Avenue/Pulaski Highway

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to waive the bid; SECONDED by Alderman Delibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel John Marini

Re: VEMS Agreement

**Alderman Delibero MOVED to accept the agreement with VEMS; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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Communication #6

From: Corporation Counsel John Marini

Re: Bid Results – Tax Lien Sale

**Previously acted upon – See Page 6**

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Late Communication #1

From: James Gaskins, Business Administrator, Ansonia Public Schools

Re: Clarification of language regarding funding for Mead School Portable Classrooms project

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to clarify the language and include the words “Mead School Portable Classrooms Project”; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

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Late Communication #2

From: President Brad Zealor, Ansonia Youth Cheerleading Executive Board

Re: Allowing Ansonia Youth Cheerleaders to Cheer for Pop Warner Football

Colleen Kieley spoke on behalf of Ansonia Youth Cheerleading, requesting that the cheerleaders be allowed to cheer on the sidelines during Ansonia Pop Warner football games.

Keith Maynard spoke on behalf of Pop Warner Football stating that it is against Pop Warner by-laws to allow this practice, and it could cause the football program to lose its charter. Had the cheerleading program switched to Pop Warner Cheer this would not have been an issue.

**Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to refer Late Communication #2 to the Board of Recreation and add this item to the agenda of the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on August 18, 2016; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

### ***Resignations***

**Alderman Carroll MOVED to accept the resignation of Jeff Gould from the Zoning Board of Appeals and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

**Appointments**

ETHICS COMMISSION

Alderman Delibero MOVED to appoint the following to the Ethics Commission; terms to expire 08-09-2021:

- Larry Boemmels (R) of 4 Renehan Drive
- Rev. Al Smith (U) of 1699 B. Quinpiac Avenue
- Christopher Lisi (D) of Hull Street
- Dorothy Cwanek (R) of 44 Roosevelt Drive
- Kathleen Sullivan (U) of 4 Behrle Drive

Alderman Radin questioned Rev. Al Smith’s residency. He is the Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church. It should be a resident. After discussion it was agreed that if he is not a resident of Ansonia, a new name will be submitted at the next meeting.

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

**Resolutions**

None presented.

**New Business**

**Alderman Jeanette MOVED to appoint an attorney to look into the process of filling vacancies of elected officials, and specifically the Board of Aldermen; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis.**

In discussion it was requested that the person that is hired should understand the Charter and Robert’s Rules of Order, and be as unaffiliated as possible with any of the Aldermen or the administration. They should be able to clarify who nominates – is it the Mayor, the Aldermen or both. They should be able to clarify the veto.

President Tripp called the question.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Carroll	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro		X	
<i>Hunt</i>			
Jeanette	X		
Kaslaitis	X		
<i>Vacancy</i>			
Casseti	X		
Radin	X		
<i>Vacancy</i>			

Henri	X		
<i>Blackwell</i>			
DeLibero		X	
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	8	2	

**The MOTION PASSED 8 Yes, 2 No.**

**Alderman Carroll MOVED that the Ordinance Committee take up the issue of creating a Historic District on Upper Main Street; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

***Old Business***

**Alderman DeLibero MOVED to refer the issue with Hughes Circle to the Ordinance Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.**

Alderman Carroll noted that the property in question is private property. Other condominiums will expect their driveways to be turned over as City streets.

**A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8 Yes, 2 No (Carroll, Jeanette).**

***Executive Session***

**At approximately 9:20 p.m., Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to enter Executive Session after a five-minute recess to discuss the following:**

- 1. 57-59 Prospect Street Blight Lien payoff**
- 2. Sale of ATP/Palmer Buildings**
- 3. Winters Bros. v. City of Ansonia**
- 4. Ansonia v. Washington Management**

**The Mayor, Corporation Counsel, and Economic Development Director were invited to remain during the session, as well as the Blight Enforcement Officer on item 1; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

***Return to Regular Session***

**At approximately 10:07 p.m., Alderman Carroll MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

***Items from Executive Session***

- 1. 57-59 Prospect Street Blight Lien payoff**

No action.

**2. Sale of ATP/Palmer Buildings**

No action.

**3. Winters Bros. v. City of Ansonia**

**Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to authorize the issuance of an RFP; SECONDED by Alderman DeLibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

**4. Ansonia v. Washington Management**

No action.

***Adjournment***

**Alderman Cassetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen