

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
AMMENDED
Thursday, January 02, 2013
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Marie Pitney chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

All those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

At the request of the Chairwoman, the Recording Secretary called the roll. The following Commissioners were present.

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Commissioner Ann Pitney	X		
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka	X		
Commissioner Nicholas Amico	X		
Commissioner Paul Heon	X		

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale

Recording Secretary recorded five Commissioners present at the time of the roll call. The Chairwoman declared a quorum and proceeded with the agenda of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2012, regular meeting. Commissioner Tyszka wanted to note a correction on the December 5th minute. Commissioner Tyszka stated that a spelling correction need to be made on page 2 (public session), under Mr. Musante's. He noted that Mr. Musante was spelled incorrectly. Commissioner Goldson made a

motion to accept the December 5, 2012, regular meeting minutes with the correction noted. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session.

Chief Hale presented Police Officer candidate Brendon Nelson who was approved by the Board of Aldermen and will begin the academy on Friday January 4th. Chief Hale explained that Mr. Nelson is currently going through policies and procedures with two other recruits. All members of the Board congratulated Mr. Nelson.

Edward Musante
21 Castle Lane
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante stated that he called the Public Works Department to let them know that the Wakelee Ave. Funeral Home plows all of the snow from the parking lot right up to handicap sign on the street and it is dangerous. Chief Hale stated that he would look into this matter.

There was no one else for public session. Chairwoman closed the public session.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			

Paul Heon			X			
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COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairwoman stated that there was a late communication dated December 29, 2012, from Chairman Marini of the Charter Revision Commission. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the late communication and place it on file. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

Chief Hale state that he has been working on this a while back and what he has worked on he will be sending to the Board to review and then it will be passed along to JoLynn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Request for island and stop sign on Beverly Drive and its intersection with Highland Ave. **Commissioner Amico spoke with Mr. Schryver who is preparing a budget and proposal for this year.**
2. Mr. Musante’s request for the “No Turn of Red” stop sign at the location of Division Street at Main Street to be moved because currently it is hidden. Mr. Musante also requested an electric sign to be placed on rt. 8 for notification of traffic etc. **Chief Hale stated that a letter has been sent to the State, and they will be getting back to the PD regarding the status of the sign placement. Chief Hale also noted that the electric signs Mr. Musante requested are very expensive but Chief Hale will look into this also.**
3. Request by Ms. Janet Vitarius Waugh for a “no Pet’s Allowed” to be placed at the park near the Ansonia Library. **Chief Hale stated that there is no ordinance against pets being in city parks for the exception of the Riverwalk. Therefore, the no pets allowed sign will not be placed. However park hour signs will be installed by Public Works.**
4. Stop sign request by Ms. Santos at the intersection of Jewett Street and Central Street. **The Board agreed that a stop sign request at the intersection of Jewett Street and Central Street would not help to solve the issues in that area. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to place a 25 mph speed sign north bound on Jewett Street. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			

Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 3 Officers are out on injuries. One is long term; one is possibly going to be long term. These will be discussed in Executive Session in the near future.
- 3 Officers in the Field Training Program. One Officer will be released on Monday to solo status.
- 2 Officers graduated last week.
- Light on FTO's (Field Training Officers), Chief Hale is working on trying to get more.
- 6 Candidates will be interviewed next week.

Miscellaneous:

- There will be a facility meeting for the boiler and generator as well as a tour; this will be held at 6:30 on January 7th.
- Budget hearing will be on January 16th at 7pm.
- 1 Officer will be appointed to Detective on Tuesday.
- Chief Hale is working with the Mayor on school security.
- There is a delay with the SUV's due to equipment they should be available by the end of the month.
- Commissioner Pitney asked the Chief who washes the cruisers. Chief Hale stated that they are taken to the valley car wash.
- There was a shooting on New Years Day and is currently under investigation.
- The department is currently making office changes.
- Mr. Bshara informed Chief Hale that there is no movement on the pension funds discussed last month.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept Chief Hale's oral report. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority