

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann 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 April 3, 2013, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the April 3, 2013 meeting minutes with any corrections if necessary. 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.

Ken Plavnicky

15 Mountain View Road

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Plavnicky wanted to thank Chief Hale along with Carmen Pitney for responding to his request to replace the stop signs near his home.

Edward Musante

21 Castle Lane

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante wanted to know why the parking signs were changed on Wakelee Avenue but not on Clifton Avenue. Commissioner Tyszka wanted to clarify that two studies were conducted regarding parking on Wakelee Avenue. Chief Hale confirmed that two studies were done and informed Mr. Musante that there is a difference in the streets noting that Clifton Avenue is much wider. Mr. Musante also reminded the Board about his request to have the “No Turn on Red” sign by the Shell gas station moved to a visible location. Chief Hale stated that the State of CT informed him that the sign cannot be placed on the wires because there is not enough clearance to do so on those power lines. However, the state may add a second sign further back.

Sunshine Onidi

188 Beaver Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Onidi informed the Board that Chief Hale informed her that the incident report she spoke of at last month’s meeting was going to be revised. Chief Hale stated that the additional report will be forthcoming. She also wanted to make the Board aware that she has filed a complaint and is looking for the Board to reimburse her for the stolen keys. The Board stated that her reimbursement request should also be included in her complaint.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Tyszka 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		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the communication and place them 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			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			

- A. Letter dated April 8, 2013, to the Board from Mr. Jeff Semon requesting that the “Neighborhood Watch” sign located at the end of his driveway be moved to another location so that exiting and entering her driveway can be more visible. **Chief Hale stated that when he went to check the area the sign had already been moved therefore this matter is resolve.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Follow up on Sunshine Onidi complaint. **Matter discussed during public session.**
2. Follow up on request from Lauren Foss, to add timed parking sign(s) in front 34 Clifton Ave. (Please note this location was stated as being Cliff Street) **Chief hale informed the Board that he and Commissioner Heon looked at the area and found that once they know what is going in that store front then a decision can be made in regards to the parking sign request.**
3. Request made by Mr. Mezzatesta’s request for a “Slow Hidden Driveway” sign to be placed at the corner of Prospect Street and Vasseli Court. **Chief Hale stated that he and Commissioner Heon also took a look at this area and found that there is a sight line issue however it is from overgrown bushes and it is difficult to place a sign there to**

resolve the issue because there is not enough clearance. However Chief Hale mentioned that the speeding issue can be reinforced. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to deny Mr. Mezzatesta’s request based on both Chief Hale’s and Commissioner Heon’s recommendation. Commissioner Amico 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			

- Follow up on parking behind City Hall on East Main Street. Chief Hale wanted to inform the Board that he is in favor that parking be removed behind City Hall at the location of the crosswalk. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the Chiefs recommendation. 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			

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approve Phipps Award Selection

Chief Hale informed the Board that the Phipps award subcommittee has made their recommendation for the recipient of the Phipps award to be accepted. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the recipient that was selected to receive the Brian Phipps Award. 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			

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 1 officer is out on injury
- 1 officer is on light duty
- 1 officer returned to full duty
- Currently there are two patrol officer openings

Miscellaneous:

- There currently is nothing to report in regards to the budget.
- Chief Hale thanked the Board for attending the meeting in regards to the boiler system for the department.
- The Ansonia High School mock DUI was very successful. Chief Hale mentioned that Officer Michael Barry along with EMS, the Fire Department and other officers did a great job in making it a success.
- The Ansonia Police Department’s Award Ceremony will be held on Tuesday May 21st at 7:00PM.
- Chief Hale will be attending the New England Chiefs meeting in September, which will be held in Plymouth Massachusetts where he will be taking over as President of the Association. All Board members are welcome to attend.
- The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 26th at 2:00PM.
- The Woodbridge Ave Memorial will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00PM.
- The department is currently looking for police applicants, the closing date will be early June.
- The New Jersey Firefighters Union in addition to Port Authority Police Officers and family members of the victims of Sandy Hook are currently building a new playground at Prendergast school in memory of Catherine Hubbard (one of the victims).
- Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s oral report. Commissioner Heon 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			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Amico 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			

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority