

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

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Bob Goldson 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 Chairman, the Recording Secretary called the roll. The following Commissioners were present.

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

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2013, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to approve the May 1, 2013 meeting minutes with any corrections if necessary. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney						<b>X</b>
Bob Goldson			<b>X</b>			

Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session.  
There was none.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the monthly reports. 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			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the communication and act upon them individually. 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			

- A. Letter to President Pitney from the Department of Transportation regarding a local traffic authority information form that is to be completed. **Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to assign Chief Hale as the designee as a D.O.T. contact person. 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			

- B. Letter dated May 17, 2013, to the Board from Chairman Mr. James Hubbard of the Commission for Elderly Services regarding concerns and solutions on the safety of seniors using the cross walk. **Commissioner Tyszka expressed his concerns on this letter because it implies that the police department is not concerned about the needs of the elderly and asked that the Board respond to Mr. Hubbard’s letter. Chief Hale informed the Board that the department is concerned regarding the mentioned issues and noted that a member of the department is even providing a presentation to the seniors on internet safety and mail fraud etc. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion that a response letter be sent to Mr. Hubbard because we do care for the seniors. 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		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

- C. Letter dated May 24, 2013, carbon copy to the Board, from the Department of Transportation regarding SR 727 (Bridge Street/Pershing Drive) at Olsen Drive, Lester and Crescent Street-State project No. 174-362. **Chief Hale will advise the Mayor of this letter. FYI only.**
- D. Letter dated May 31, 2013, to the Board from Town Clerk Madeline Bottone regarding the Board of Aldermen requesting a complete review of the dangerous intersection of Hill Street, Root Avenue and Orchard Street in addition to parking and school bus stop issues as well as faded out signage. **Chief Hale noted that there are a number of issues in that area including arrests and parking issues and that patrols have increased in that area. Aldermen Tripp spoke on behalf of the Board of Aldermen, first thanking the Ansonia Police Department for their exemplary efforts in this area. He noted that both Aldermen of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wards were concerned with this area and that the Board of Aldermen is on board with the Police Commissioners. He also asked that there be continued vigilance in this area. Chief Hale asked that parking in this area be looked into and revisited at the July meeting. Commissioner Tyszka also noted a major sight line issue in that area as well. Commissioner Amico made a motion that this area be looked into. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Follow up on Sunshine Onidi complaint. **Chief Hale informed the Board that a response to Ms. Onidi’s complaint was sent and the members of the Board received a copy of the response.**
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 recommended that although the board has denied timed parking throughout Ansonia, the Board approved a timed parking sign to be placed in front of Chairio’s a few years back and because the timed parking is for the business in that area, the (Chief’s) recommendation is to place one more timed parking sign so that it is consistent with the rest of the street. Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s recommendation. 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			

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel:**

-Chief Hale informed the Board that he has spoken to one officer who is currently out on injury and that he is progressing well and is hoping for a light duty release in July.

-1 officer is on light duty

-Currently there are two patrol officer openings and the Academy class will be for August.

-There will be 1 retirement and 1 officer who will be moving on to another police department.

**Miscellaneous:**

-The police department budget was approved without any changes.

-Sergeant Guisto met with Carmen Pitney on the signs and reconfiguration of City Hall parking.

-Chief Hale reviewed the exit area of St. Joseph’s Church at Hodge Ave., and recommended that the “No Parking” signs be pushed back 25ft south of the exit. **Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept Chief Hale’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			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

- Chief Hale received a request from Ms. Tammy Lee requesting a children at play sign in the area of Sunset Dr. and W. Brookside Ave. Chief Hale would like to have the Metro Count placed there first.

-The referendum regarding the boiler will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Boiler will not survive another winter and needs to be replaced.

-The letter to Mr. Mezzatesta has been completed and is awaiting Commissioner Pitney’s signature.

-Commissioner Tyszka noted that there has been an increase in vandalism and destruction in the monthly reports. Chief Hale responded that that he has not seen a rash of vandalism in town and the ones accounted for seem to be random.

-Chief Hale noted several issues in the location of 77 Myrtle Ave. There have been several arrests made. Aldermen Tripp also expressed his concerns as well as the concerns of other residents in that area. Chief Hale informed the Board that the Department is monitoring that area.

-Chief Hale also informed the Board that there are several traffic lights out throughout Ansonia and they have been reported to the Department of Transportation.

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	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Paul Heon			<b>X</b>			

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester  
Recording Secretary  
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority