

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 3, 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 5:04		
Commissioner Nicholas Amico	X 5:07		
Commissioner Paul Heon	X		

Also in attendance:

Lieutenant Andrew Cota

Alderman Tripp

Attorney Teodosio

Recording Secretary recorded three 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 June 5, 2013, regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve June 5, 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			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Alderman Philip Tripp

57 Eagle Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Alderman Tripp expressed concern along his neighbor Chuck regarding the residents that are residing at 77 Myrtle Avenue. Alderman Tripp Introduced Chuck to the board and let him speak at this time.

Charles Christopher

50 Orchard Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Christopher informed the Board that recently new residents have moved into 77 Myrtle Avenue. Mr. Christopher would like to know what can be done. He states that these neighbors are very inconsiderate and have disrupted the quality of life in the neighborhood. Mr.

Christopher goes on to say that they are loud, they race cars, dirt bikes, scooters, golf carts, and go carts. They have unregistered motor vehicles, blight, and have vandalized property. Mr. Christopher is requesting that something be done to stop this behavior.

Commissioner Pitney asked Mr. Christopher if he had made complainants with the police department.

Mr. Christopher stated that he has made several complaints with the police department and that they have been very good with responding and trying to address the issue, but a lot of times they do this and leave and or they deny it. Mr. Christopher states that other neighbors have made complaints also.

Commissioner Goldson advised Mr. Christopher that someone at the last meeting had also made a complaint and that Chief Hale along with the police department are well aware of the situation, and that they are doing their best to keep up with the complaints and keep a tight reign on that area.

Mr. Christopher also believes that they were sent some kind of letter; he does not know what the letter stated but thinks it may have asked them to leave. Mr. Christopher said that they are not leaving and have moved other people into the apartment.

Commissioner Pitney asked if they were renting, Mr. Christopher confirmed that they were renters.

Commissioner Pitney asked if the landlord was notified, Mr. Christopher stated he does not know who the owners are but believes that they are from Wallingford. Commissioner Heon thanked Mr. Christopher for coming to the board and speaking. Commissioner Heon advised Mr. Christopher that he feels that Chief Hale is doing everything possible even as far as towing the go cart to control and stop the ongoing issues. Commissioner Heon said that he is not familiar with the nuisance statute but does not believe they can make anyone move. Commissioner Heon advised Mr. Christopher to contact the owners/landlord of the property. Commissioner Heon advised Mr. Christopher that he should be able to get the owner information of the property from Town Hall. Mr. Christopher states that he does not feel that he will have as much success contacting the home owner on his own. He feels the City of Ansonia would have more success. Commissioner Heon asked Lt. Cota about the nuisance Statute. Lt. Cota states that the nuisance ordinance is relatively new and would have to check into a little further. Lt. Cota states that we have been in touch with Jim Tanner from zoning to see what can be done; we are trying to address each issue with the proper department so that we can resolve all the issues together. Lt. Cota states that we have issued three or four summonses, have towed different vehicles out of there, spoken to them, spoken with Jim Tanner to see what he can do, we are aware of it and are doing our best to control the issues. Lt. Cota said that officers that are responding to complaints are required to have a supervisor respond along with them to ensure that proper action is being taken. Lt. Cota states that the nuisance/abatement statute either just got approved or is in the final stages of being approved and he would have to find out what needs to occur to send letters but that does not prevent any of the departments from making contact with the owner/landlord and letting them know what is occurring. Lt. Cota advised Mr. Christopher to keep calling the department along with his neighbors there is a zero tolerance for this behavior and enforcement will be taken. Mr. Christopher also states that there is a black Audi that has not moved in four weeks; Lt. Cota will have it checked out. Mr. Christopher feels that he is deliberately being harassed because the resident will drive by while Mr. Christopher is standing on his patio and rev the engine on his very loud truck. Commissioner Heon advised Mr. Christopher to keep a log so that if down the road any civil or criminal action is taken there will be documentation. Mr. Christopher said he will, Mr. Christopher also stated that the property is still filled with blight. Lt. Cota will e-mail Jim Tanner to check on it. Commissioner Pitney also said to keep a log of all incidents along with the neighbors and stick together as a group so that they would have documentation if they had to do something at a later date. Mr. Christopher thanked the board for their time.

Francis H. Michaud Jr.
158 West Main Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Michaud is requesting the Board's approval to install two hour parking signs on the upper end of West Main Street between Kingston Drive and Railroad Avenue. The request for these signs would be for two hour parking between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. which will be similar to the signs that run the length of Main Street and also on West Main Street from Bridge Street up through Kingston Drive, on both the right and left hand side. The reason for the request for the two hour parking signs would be to prevent individuals taking the train from parking on that portion of the street all day, from the overflow from the senior center when there are events and from employees of businesses located at 158 West Main Street from parking there. Mr. Michaud states that the problem is only going to get worse because there is a new business coming into the building and will generate additional clientele coming into the building. Mr. Michaud feels that the parking of vehicles there all day is not good for business as it prevents clients from parking in front of the business when they are only going to be there for an hour or less. Commissioner Pitney asked if Mr. Michaud's employees used the parking area. Mr. Michaud responded that some of them do. Mr. Michaud stated that the parking lot for the railroad station is not being utilized by their people and there are no signs. Mr. Michaud does not know if he should contact the railroad station or if it's something the Board can do to get them to put up signs telling individuals that are utilizing the train where to park. Commissioner Pitney asks where their parking lot was. Lt. Cota advised Commissioner Pitney that it is across from where Mr. Michaud was talking about facing the tracks. Commissioner Pitney asked if that was our property. Lt. Cota said he would have to check. He states that a lot of it is covered by Metro North. Mr. Michaud advised the Board that he has been in contact with the landlord of the building and he agrees that something has to be done in regards to the parking. Commissioner Pitney asked if two hour parking signs were installed his employees would not be able to park there. Mr. Michaud response was correct. Commissioner Pitney states that the two hour parking would be just for clients or patrons to the businesses; Mr. Michaud's response was exactly. Commissioner Pitney asked if he knew how many signs he would need, Mr. Michaud said that he was not sure there are none there right now, if he had to guess maybe two or three. Commissioner Pitney advised Mr. Michaud that we would take a look at it and see if that can be done. Mr. Michaud thanked the Board.

Ed Musante
21 Castle Lane
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante would like to thank the Police Department and Public Works, He had a tree come down last month up on Castle Lane and Officer Coonan and Public Works responded very quickly. Commissioner thanked Mr. Musante and stated that it was nice to hear that he had

positive things to say. Mr. Musante would also like to discuss two hour parking between Grove Street and Hull Street. Mr. Musante states that there is two hour parking on other streets in the area but no parking on Grove Street and Hull Street. Mr. Musante states that there were signs on Wakelee Avenue in front of the funeral home but they have been cut down. Commissioner Pitney stated that she believes that Grove Street is residential, Commissioner Goldson agreed. Commissioner Pitney asked why he wanted two hour parking on Grove Street. Lt. Cota said are we talking about on Wakelee Avenue. Mr. Musante responded yes Wakelee Avenue; he used Grove Street and Hull Street as the cut off areas. Commissioner Pitney asked what businesses were in the area. Mr. Musante stated Chippy's, Romas Pizza, and Franks Service Station. Mr. Musante would like to know if Frank's Service Station could be put on probation for three months. Lt. Cota states that has already been ruled on. Commissioner Pitney advised Mr. Musante that has already been taken care of and thanked him. Commissioner Pitney asked Lt. Cota to take a look at the two hour parking signs. Mr. Musante states that the parking signs in front of the funeral home are gone. Commissioner Heon asked who took them down. Lt. Cota stated that the no parking signs were actually on the northbound lane on the east side. Those were always no parking along the cemetery. Lt. Cota said he will take a look at it and see if any signs are missing. Mr. Musante said that there were three by the funeral home; Commissioner Pitney said they were no parking signs? Mr. Musante responded yes. Lt. Cota said that they would take a look at it. Commissioner Pitney thanked Mr. Musante.

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 act on them.
 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			

- A. Email sent to the Mayor, from Richard Welch (a copy of email provided to the board) regarding his request for a larger “DO NOT ENTER” sign to replace the one that is existing as well as his request to have a second sign added so that it is more visible to drivers. All Board members agree that a second sign is needed; Lt. Cota states there used to be a “DO NOT ENTER” sign where he is talking about and agrees that the sign should be granted and/or replaced. **Commissioner Admico made a motion to replace the “DO NOT ENTER” sign in its original spot. 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			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Send a response letter to Chairman James Hubbard of the commission for the Elderly Services regarding his request. **Letter has been sent.**
2. Review the issues at the intersection of Hill Street, Root Avenue and Orchard Street.
3. Commissioner Pitney asked if anything was done about the Mrs. Kawalis’s complaint from Hodio Drive about speeding cars. **Lt Cota states that they have spoken to Ms. Kawalis and all that they know at this time is that it is a black suv and a white suv. Lt. Cota states that they have put the metro count out there to see how much traffic is going through. The first time the metro count was used they pulled up the tubes, the second time they cut the tubes. We are waiting for new tubes. Lt. Cota advised Commissioner that we will continue to monitor it .One of our officers, Officer Clifford has spoken to her in person. Were trying to address it for her and ask her if she can try and get us plate numbers it would help. We**

won't tell them who gave us the plate numbers but we will find them and speak with them. We will continue to keep an eye on the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-1 officer is out on injury

-2 officers are on light duty

-1 just began his field training program just graduated the academy 2 weeks ago that will end mid September.

-we are currently testing for patrol officers and doing backgrounds, right now as we speak we have three patrol openings. If everything goes well we are hoping to put 2 in the Milford Academy for August. We have 2 seats reserved in Milford for them. If all goes well with the testing and we get proper approval from the board, If not I believe the next class date will be in Meriden's academy in October.

-1 civilian is on modified duty (admin leave)

Miscellaneous:

-The HVAC System Heating and cooling furnace is going to have to come from the general fund to start because we can't wait until the referendum is rescheduled in November. The existing system will not make another season

-there was a letter to the Board of Alderman to trade in two vehicles and purchase 2 new SUVs for the fleet originally it was car 1 and car 8, but car 1 has had some problems and today I learned that car 1 may be able to be saved. There is another car that is in worse shape so we will sort all that out but we will be trading 2 and purchasing two.

-Metro Count tubes have been damaged/cut they are being replaced.

-Renaissance Fare has been going good it has been busy and no problems to report.

- Signs on Clifton Avenue Lt. Cota believes that they have been completed but will follow up

-O'Neil's Court the new business is parking their trucks at the top of the hill making it difficult to see. Lt. Cota will check into it.

- Commissioner Pitney is asking about a letter from the state traffic control commission that they are going to do some type of traffic control on Bridge Street very complicated map can someone tell me what they are doing. Lt. Cota has not seen the map, it's just legalities they are just updating the lights not changing anything, It's being done by State DOT.

- Commissioner Amico asked about the Rotary/Island at Beverly Drive and Highland Avenue.

Commissioner Amico would like to know what the status is. It is going to be an island. Public works was going to do it this summer, needs to be addressed, Lt. Cota will check with the Chief.

- Commissioner Heon asked about the faded stop signs, is anyone doing an audit. Lt. Cota states we are replacing them. When Carmen is driving around if he sees any he comes right to the police department to get new ones. We have a list of ones that we are working on. We keep ordering them and replacing them. There are approximately 400 stop signs in town. We are replacing them; if anyone comes across them let us know.

-Just a reminder that there is no meeting in August.

Commissioner Heon made a motion to accept Lt. Cota’s oral report. 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			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon	X		X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to go into executive session with Lt. Cota, The members of the Board, Attorney Teodosio, Officer William DiCicco, Mrs. DiCicco and Detective James Frolish- Union Representative to be present. 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						
Paul Heon			X			

The Board went into executive session at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to return to regular session. 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			

The Board returned to regular session at 6:02 pm.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to support the Chief Hales decision of grievance 2013-1; therefore the grievance 2013-1 has been denied. 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			

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Admico 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			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn LaBaire
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority