

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
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 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 November 6, 2013, regular meeting minutes and the November 25, 2013, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the November 6, 2013 regular meeting minutes with any corrections if necessary. Commissioner Tyszka 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			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the November 25, 2013, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson 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			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

At this time Chairwoman mentioned that she and Commissioner Goldson attended the Valley Council for Health and Human Services Award breakfast which honored Chief Hale and the members of the police department. She stated that it was a very nice ceremony and that the department received a plaque that be located on the first floor for viewing.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session. Chairwoman also asked that they state their name and address for the record.

**Edward Musante**  
**21 Castle Lane**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Musante asked for a follow-up regarding the tree branches over on French Street and Woodbridge Ave. Chief Hale responded that Public Works was notified multiple times and he will reach out to them again. Mr. Musante also asked about his request to move the “No Turn on Red” sign located at the Shell Gas Station. Chief Hale informed Mr. Musante and the Board that

he has spoken to several people from the Department of Transportation but there has not been an official resolution to this request. Lastly Mr. Musante asked if the department can look into a gun buy-back program. Commissioner Tyszka stated that this is something we can look into.

**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			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the communication. 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. Request for approval of the City of Ansonia Police Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement. **Chief Hale explained that this pension plan is for retirees prior to MERF. Corporation counsel wanted the Board to have more flexibility to terminate (the plan) if needed. Chief Hale noted that this does not need to go to the Board of Aldermen but feel that this Board should review this pension plan periodically. Commissioner Tyszka recommended that this Board should review it every second quarter. Chief Hale suggested annually. Chairwoman stated that after the Board confirms/reviews this with Rich Bshara, then a formal date should be set. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to approve the police pension plan. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. Commissioner Goldson stated he was under the impression this Board was going to speak with Mr. Bshara prior to approving the plan. Commissioner Tyszka amended his motion stating that this item be tabled until after the Board speak with Mr. Bshara. 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			

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Send letter to Mr. Dodge of the Hilltop Heights Association regarding his request of a “No Outlet Sign” and a “Private Road” sign. **Letter has been sent.**
2. Approval of the Board of Police Commissioners 2014 meeting schedule. **Commissioner Amico made a motion to approve the 2014 Board of Police Commissioners schedule. 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			

**Chief Hale also added that he spoke with Mr. D’Amico regarding the island request for Highland Ave. and Beverly Drive. D’Amico will be drawing up a plan and try to get a temporary island for next week.**

**Chief Hale also reminded the Board of the request to make State Street having two lanes coming down as it was previously, years ago. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to repaint and make lanes the way they were. 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			

**Commissioner Heon stated that he was not at the last meeting and want to know the outcome of Marlin Controls. Chief Hale informed Commissioner Heon that this would**

have to be incorporated into the budget. Commissioner Heon also said that the Board needs to prioritize on the repairs of traffic lights throughout the town.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The Ansonia Police Pension Quarterly Investment Review-Fourth Quarter 2012. **Chief Hale stated that he will reach out to Mr. Richard Bshara and let him know that this is not the most up-to-date review.**

**ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel:**

- 1 officer on extended workman’s comp.
- 3 recruits in POST. Commissioner Tyszka asked if there is anything the department can do to have recruits stay with the department for a certain amount of time. Chief Hale stated that it would need to be contractual and that the State has changed the laws with regards to this.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Boiler system has been completed and final walk through is next week.
- Contract for bus cameras will go to the Board of Aldermen next week.
- Alderman Tripp’s report of loud vehicles on Prospect Street have been resolved and Alderman Tripp has been notified.
- There will be a delay in the Metro North signs due to the train situation that occurred this week.
- Budget preparations are coming and I am waiting to receive the packet.
- APD Holiday Breakfast is on Friday 7-10am.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s report. 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 Amico made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tyszka 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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester  
Recording Secretary  
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority