

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Pitney chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 four 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 March 6, 2013, regular meeting minutes with the following noted corrections; that the year of the March agenda and unfinished business be changed from 2012 to 2013. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve March 6, 2013 meeting minutes with the noted corrections. 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 stated that he noticed the new vehicles for the department and asked if the police department has considered purchasing a Harley for the department as well. Chief Hale responded that the idea has come up and presented to the Board of Aldermen however the need for the motorcycles is currently not a top priority. Chief Hale noted that there are many positive aspects of purchasing a motorcycle but the idea will have to wait. Mr. Plavnicky also informed the Board of two faded stop signs located at the front of his home (Mountain View at Casio and Casio at Benz) and asked if they can be replaced. Chief Hale stated that the department is working on changing faded signs throughout town and that he will include those stops sign to the list.

Edward Musante

21 Castle Lane

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante wanted to thank Chief Hale and his officers for responding to a call he made regarding solicitors who approached him at his home. Mr. Musante was very happy to see the department's quick response.

Sunshine Onidi

188 Beaver Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Onidi informed the Board of a complaint she made in regards to an investigation. She requested a meeting with Chief Hale in order to resolve the issue. Chief Hale stated that he will meet with her and recommended that she speak with his assistant to schedule the appointment.

Lauren Foss

34 Cliff Street- (Business location)

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Foss explained that her boss purchased a building for his heating and cooling business and she explained that 1 hour parking signs are located on Cliff Street however they are not at the location in front of their business and because of this, customers from the other businesses are parking in front of their business not allowing their customers to have easy access. Chief Hale mentioned that this was an issue that Chiaro’s carpet was having before the Board corrected it. Chief Hale stated that he would look into this matter.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Heon 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
Paul Heon	X		X			

Commissioner Heon stated that he noted an increase on background checks. Chief Hale stated that is due to an increase in pistol permit applications. Commissioner also noted an increase in radar and summons’ as well as a the volume of calls since last year. Commissioner Heon asked Chief Hale about the transfer of money to private duty. Chief Hale explained how private duty works and that the money is funded by the city then reimbursed when the company pays their bill for private duty.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the communication and place them on file. 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			

A. Letter date April 1, 2013, to the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale requesting approval of policies 2.009 and 4.009. **Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the policies with the minor changes that he has presented to Chief Hale. 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			

B. Letter to the Board from Mr. Mezzatesta request a Slow Hidden Driveway sign to be placed at the corner of Prospect Street and Vasseli Court. **Chief Hale stated that once he receives more information on the exact location he would look into this request and report back next month.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Chief Hale to review Mr. Musante’s request regarding placing timed signs (9am-5pm) on Wakelee Ave. from Mary Street to Hull Street. **Chief Hale stated that this matter has been discussed.**
2. Aldermen Tripp’s request for a one-way sign to be placed at the location of 50 North State Street, as well as speed limit signs to be placed at the northern end of Woodbridge Ave. **Chief Hale stated that he agrees with the request and the one-way signs should be at the locations that Aldermen Tripp suggested. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to follow Chief Hale’s 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:

There was no new business.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 1 officer is out on injury
- 2 officers are on light duty
- 1 Part-Time Dispatcher is in training
- 1 civilian is on modified duty (admin leave)

Miscellaneous:

- There currently is nothing to report in regards to the budget.
- 2 new cars are in operation as well as 2 new (used) detective vehicles.
- The Juvenile Review Board is meeting monthly.
- The School security process is continuing and the board of Education is working on modifications from their end.
- The department has received a Justice Assistance grant from Homeland Security, which will cover the full cost of a new building video monitoring system.
- Chief Hale asked for the Boards approval on speed limit signs at the locations recommended by Aldermen Tripp at the March meeting. (Beaver St., Woodbridge Ave., and Jewett St.) Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve Chief Hale’s recommendation. 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			

- Chief Hale informed the Board that the Ansonia Police Department Award Ceremony will be held on May 21, 2013 at 7pm at Ansonia High School.
- There will be a mock DUI on May 1, 2013 at Ansonia High School at 10:00 am.
- Chief Hale asked the Board to review the parking behind City Hall (Parking layout was drawn and given to the Board) Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s oral 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		X			
Nicholas Amico						X
Paul Heon			X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to go into executive session with Chief Kevin Hale, The members of the Board, Attorney Teodosio, Officer William DiCicco, Mrs. DiCicco and Officer Matthew Macero- Union Representative to be present. 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 went into executive session at 5:40 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 6:21 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. 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			

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority