

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 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 5:02pm</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 July 3, 2013, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the July 3, 2013 meeting minutes with any corrections if necessary. 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			

Chairwoman asked for a motion to approve the communication including the two late communications. Commissioner Amico made a motion to approve the communication including the two late communications 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			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

**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.

**Elvis Morales**  
**144 Olson Drive**  
**Ansonia, CT**

Mr. Morales explained to the Board that about two weeks ago his tires were slashed outside of his residence. He explained that the Housing Authority does have insurance but not on personal property and he is now stuck with a \$1000.00 bill for tires. He stated that issues at Olson Drive are escalating and he has made a number of attempts as well as his wife to reach out to the police department regarding these issues but feels that nothing is being done. He also stated that he has not received any help from the Housing Authority either and fears for his and his wife's safety. Chief Hale thanked Mr. Morales and his wife for being active and working towards reducing crime in that area and asked Mr. Morales to provide the recording secretary with his contact information so that Chief Hale can make arrangements to meet with him.

**Edward Musante**

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

Mr. Musante wanted to know why the two parking signs in front of City Hall has a handicap sign on the top (of the post) and underneath there is a No Parking sign. Mr. Musante also stated that he had a suggestion (regarding Olson Drive Complex) that security guards should be placed back at the complex. Chief Hale informed Mr. Musante that the security guards that used to be at the complex some time ago was done through the Housing Authority. Chief Hale also wanted to let Mr. Musante know that the two signs in front of City Hall are for handicap parking and was placed there from the State of Connecticut.

**Alderman Phillip Tripp**  
**57 Eagle Street**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Tripp wanted to thank Chief Hale and the Ansonia Police Department for being helpful to the second ward neighborhoods. Also Alderman Tripp wanted to inform the Board that the bond proposal for the heating system for the police department has been put together and will go to the public on Election Day. Chairwoman asked if other requests are incumbent into one. Alderman Tripp state they will be set up to vote on separately.

**Rick Dunne**  
**Executive Director-VCOG**  
**Main Street Station**  
**Derby, CT 06418**

Mr. Dunne gave a brief follow-up presentation on the Westfield Avenue/Rt. 8 project. He stated that there were three (3) questions he had for the Board and that he would need their response by January. The first question was, what would the Board like to name the street (Coming off of Westfield, its currently being considered Westfield Ave. South). The second question was if the Board wanted the State to maintain off street parking (Does the Board want any parking spaces to be eliminated or keep them). And thirdly, if the Board wanted timed signage for the on street parking. Chief Hale stated that in his opinion, no parking spots should be eliminated but that the Board can think about these questions and inform the him (Chief Hale) of their decision, Chief Hale would then contact Mr. Dunne.

**Richard Bshara**  
**Acting Comptroller**  
**253 Main Street**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Bshara presented the Board with a copy of the Quarterly Executive-Summary of the City of Ansonia Pension Plan from Fiduciary Investments. In addition, Mr. Bshara informed the Board that he is currently working with Wells Fargo Bank in regards to those retired employee that were part of the old pension plan in trying to retrieve any information possible. Mr. Bshara requested that the Board allow him to be the administrator to the old pension for online access etc. Commissioner Tyszka asked that there be a back-up person listed as well should Mr. Bshara not be available. Mr. Bshara named Kimberly DeStefano- Accountant as the back-up administrator. Lastly, Mr. Bshara asked that all of the Board members review the updated signers list for fiduciary Investments. This signers list is updated yearly and he would need approval for both the signers list and authorizing him and Kim as administrators of the old pension account.

**At this time Chairwoman asked that the Board divert from the agenda and go to item 11- Executive Session. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to go into executive session with Chief Hale, members of the Board, Attorney Teodosio, Union President Detective James Frolish, and Officer Williams DiCicco and his wife to be present only. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:45 pm.**

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			

**(After Officer DiCicco and his wife left, Officer Diaz was asked to go into the room)**

**Commissioner Amico 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			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			

**The Board returned to regular session at 6:30 pm.**

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the monthly reports. 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			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

(Motion to accept the communications was made earlier in the meeting)

- A. VCOG/Department of Transportation request for Westfield Avenue/Rt. 8 Project.  
**This item was discussed during the public session.**

**Late Communication 1**

Letter dated September 4, 2013, from Chief Kevin Hale to Mike Schryver-Superintendent of Public Works requesting that the issues of water and mold at the Armory be rectified as soon as possible. **(FYI only)**

**Late Communication 2**

Letter dated August 6, 2013 to Chairwoman Pitney, from Gary Canapinno of the Orange Police Department regarding Chief Hale’s amazing efforts in class. Also attached is a response letter for Chairwoman Pitney. **(FYI only) Commissioner Goldson made a motion for both letters to go into Chief Hale’s personnel file. 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			

At this time Commissioner Tyszka asked to be excused due to his attendance at another meeting. (6:34pm) excuse granted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Request from Mr. Francis Michaud to install timed parking signs on the upper end of West Main Street between Kingston Drive and Railroad Avenue. **Chief Hale explained to the Board that the Police Department does not have the manpower to monitor timed signage and that is why the Board has been working on eliminating these signs. Chief Hale stated that he will be contacting Metro North so that signage can be placed on the parking spaces for the train stations. Chief Hale also noted the West Main Street lot is empty so the employees can park there.**
2. Chairwoman asked if a motion can be made to approve Children at Play sign at Hodio Dr. at Kimberly Dr. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the Children at play sign request. 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			

Chairwoman asked that all communication be date stamped from now on.

Chairwoman also asked if patrol officers/employees have to park in the front of the building, mainly because there is no parking for those who have quick business to deal with at the department. Chief Hale stated that parking is limited in the area therefore they need to park there.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Goldson made a motion approve Rich Bshara the Acting comptroller to transfer the pension funds to Fiduciary Investments. 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			

**Commissioner Tyszka re-entered the meeting at this time (6:40pm)**

**Commissioner Amico made a motion to approve Richard Bshara and Kimberly DeStefano – (back-up) as the authorized administrators for the old pension. 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			

**ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel:**

- 3 in Academy
- 1 in field training

**Miscellaneous:**

- 1 new police vehicle is on the road and 1 will be arriving shortly.
- The HVAC bid will be opening on Thursday.
- The issues at 77 Myrtle Ave. have been rectified. Issues with 31 Columbia Street have not been rectified therefore will be moving to the second step.
- The traffic light situation has been taken care of. Public Works will be changing bulbs for the light. Also Marlin Controls will be coming into town to review issues with our traffic lights.
- The new security camera system is in place and working well.
- School began this year with no issues.
- Police Department employees and Commissioner Photos will be going up on a display soon and placed in the department.

Commissioner Amico asked if the stop sign at Sobin Dr. at Ford Street can be replaced due to fading as well as the one on Ford Street at Ford Road. Chief Hale stated yes and that Carmen Pitney is replacing them as anyone see them.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s oral report. 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			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

**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			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester  
 Recording Secretary  
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority