

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 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		
Commissioner Nicholas Amico	X		
Commissioner Paul Heon	X		

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 September 4, 2013, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the September 4, 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			

Chairman noted to all those present that “That before we start the public session we are not going to entertain any questions about the situation at police quarters and so I would appreciate it if you would not bring up the subject at all okay because there is nothing more we can say to you anyway besides the Chief’s comment. ”

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 stated that on Monday he told an officer about the one-way sign that was gone and before that he told public works about the missing sign right by forth and Liberty Street. I told the officer and Tuesday morning the sign was up. Mr. Musante also noted that on French Street at Liberty there is a tree hanging out into the road and with winter approaching the tree is a hazard. Chief Hale stated that he would speak with public works.

Ken Plavnicky
15 Mountain View Road
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Plavnicky just wanted clarification on the parking signs in front of City Hall. Chief Hale clarified for Mr. Plavnicky and explained that those signs are for handicap parking.

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:

Chairwoman explain that she received a late communication and asked for a motion to accept the communication. Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the late 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			

Late Communication 1

Letter date September 20, 2013 to the Board from Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake regarding the language revision where it discusses termination of an investment manager or fund (pg. 5). **The recommendation for the Board to insert the recommended language is as follows: “to allow the Board of Police Commissioners to terminate the investment manager or fund with a ninety (90) day notice or less if circumstances exist that could immediately harm the city police pension”. Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept Attorney Blake’s recommendation. Commissioner Heon asked if this revision needed to go through the pension company first? Chief Hale recommended that the motion be amended to note that Attorney Blake will need to notify the company. Commissioner Tyszka made the motion to accept Attorney Blake’s recommendation to add the noted language and added that Attorney Blake will need to go back and notify the company (of this addition). 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			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board to respond to Rick Dunne’s questions regarding the Westfield Avenue/Rt. 8 Project. (1. What would the Board like to name the street? (Coming off of Westfield, its currently being considered Westfield Ave. South). 2. Does the Board want the State to maintain on street parking (Does the Board want any parking spaces to be eliminated or keep them). 3. Does the Board want timed signage for the on street parking?)

Commissioner Goldson motioned (1) to defer the decision of naming the street to the Board of Aldermen, (2) to keep the parking spaces and (3) to not have timed signs place for on street parking. 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			

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Hale stated that the Board needed to vote on the request for a stop sign in the area of Hill Street at Root Avenue area. Chief Hale recommended that the Board approve the stop sign request and in addition push back the no parking here sign to corner. Commissioner Amico made the motion to approve 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			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

Chief Hale stated that he had spoken with Chief Heon of ARMS who informed him that ARMS has had a problem with people parking in the ARMS driveway. Chief Hale recommended that the “No Parking begins and No Parking Ends” signs be pushed back to the telephone pole near the driveway. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to approve Chief Hale’s recommendation. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. Four commissioners were in favor and one commissioner abstained.

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

Chief Hale stated that coming east bound on Platt Street people are parking too close to the stop sign therefore parking should be pushed back and a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign should be placed. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adopt 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			

Chairwoman asked if the Hodio Drive sign has been placed yet, Chief Hale stated that the proper supervisor has been informed of this.

Commissioner Tyszka also asked if we were able to concur with those parking signs over at the train station. Chief Hale stated that Metro North is currently having a situation and that when things settle he will reach out to them again and he will report back.

ORAL REPORT:

Miscellaneous:

- Both new vehicles are in use.
- The company working at the police department is doing a great job.
- Chief Hale spoke with Mr. Morales, and he should be somewhat satisfied with the department efforts.
- The police department was approved for 75% reimbursement for the generator which was more than expected.
- Yankee gas will be installing gas lines in two weeks.
- The radio project at Prendergast School is going really well, this is a State project.
- On 10/22 the Rotary club is presenting the public service award, Officer Anderson will be receiving that award and it will be held at Molto Bene at 1:00 p.m.

On 10/12 officer Jackson will be receiving an award from the NAACP for his lifesaving efforts and that will be held at Molto Bene at 6:00 p. m.

Commissioner Heon asked if there was any response from public works regarding deficiencies at the second building. Chief Hale responded yes.

Commissioner Tyszka asked if we had received any response regarding the triangle over at Beverly Drive at Highland Avenue? Chief Hale state we have had no response regarding that matter.

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 Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. 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		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon			X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority