

SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

AMENDED
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 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 December 4, 2013, regular meeting minutes Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve December 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. 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:

Edward Musante
21 Castle Lane
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante thanked Chief Hale for taking care of his complaint on Woodbridge Avenue. He also asked Chief Hale if there is a policy regarding people shoveling snow into the road. Chief Hale responded yes they are suppose to clean it up. Mr. Musante also asked Chief Hale if it is possible to make Rockwood Avenue into a one--way street for the snow removal. Chief Hale stated that that he will let public works know. Chairwoman informed Mr. Musante that his request for the No Turn on Red sign to be placed in another location has been taken care of.

Richard Bshara
Acting Comptroller
City of Ansonia
253 Main Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Bshara stated that currently the Board of Aldermen are reviewing the contracts regarding the old pension plan but asked that the Board's decision be deferred until the Board of Aldermen come to an agreement. Commissioner Goldson asked Mr. Bshara if he knew how long it would take for a decision to be made. Mr. Bshara was unsure. Commissioner Goldson made a motion

to accept Mr. Bshara’s recommendation to defer the approval of the pension contract. 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			

Frank Heusser

Frank’s LLC

145 Wakelee Avenue

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Heusser stated that he is requesting to be placed on the (City) rotational tow list. It has been a year and he has put it in writing (letter given to Chairwoman). Mr. Heusser stated that he currently tows for Seymour, Shelton, and the State Police. Commissioner Goldson stated that the Board will give there response at the next meeting.

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 Tyszka made a motion to accept the communications. 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			

- A. Letter dated December 18, 2013, carbon copy to the Board from Chief Hale regarding the FY 14/15 budget request. **FYI Only.**
- B. Letter dated January 6, 2014, from Chief Kevin J. Hale to the Board regarding his request for approval of policy #4.402. **Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept policy #4.402. 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:

Item 1-Request for approval of the City of Ansonia Police Pension Fund Investment policy statement. **Mr. Bshara discussed this item during the public session.**

Item 2- Request for a new up to date Police Policy Pension Quarterly Investment Review from Acting Comptroller Richard Bshara. **Chief Hale stated that he spoke with Mr. Chris Katchmar and he will be placed on the agenda for the February Board of Police Commissioners meeting to present the final report for 2013.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairwoman asked if the Board members wanted to continue to be part of the sub-committees they are currently in. All of the Board members agreed to stay in their current sub-committees.

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel

- 3 Recruits currently in the police academy
- 1 Patrol Officer opening
- 1 Officer currently out on a worker's compensation injury.

Miscellaneous

- Budget meeting will be held next Thursday at 7pm at City Hall
- The Anti Crime Unit conducted a raid with the Department of Consumer protection and seized evidence. Another store was raided today and they ACU seized more evidence.

- An arrest has been made on the shooting case on Lester Street.
- A request was forwarded from the Mayor’s office requesting a crosswalk on Columbia Street. Chief Hale asked that the Board look into the area.
- Major upgrades to the radio system should be completed tomorrow. This is including the Fire Department and ARMS.
- The heating project for the police department is complete and running well.
- The rifle program is set to begin later this month and it is a four day program that each officer must complete.

Chairwoman asked if the street near the YMCA will still have the right lane (doing downhill). Chief Hale responded yes the lane will remain.

Commissioner Heon asked Chief Hale if the stop sign located on Benz Street and Milan Street is necessary. Chief Hale stated he will talk to Lieutenant Cota to see if an adjustment needs to be made.

Commissioner Tyszka pointed out an increase in numbers on abandoned motor vehicles, disabled motor vehicles, and motor vehicle stops. Commissioner Tyszka stated that he would like to see these efforts to continue.

Commissioner Heon asked if there is anyway to push forward some of the recommendations from Marlin Controls. Chief Hale stated that copies of the report from Marlin will be given to the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment and Taxation and will be brought up in this year’s budget season.

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:

There was none.

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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority