

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Nicholas L. Amico 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 Chairman, the Recording Secretary called the roll. The following Commissioners were present.

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Commissioner Nicholas L. Amico	X		
Commissioner Ann Pitney	X		
Commissioner David Cassetti	X		
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka			X

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale

Chairman noted that Commissioner Tyszka may be a few minutes late.

Recording Secretary recorded four Commissioners present at the time of the roll call. The Chairman declared a quorum and proceeded with the agenda of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2010, regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the April 7, 2010, regular meeting minutes. Chairman stated that because Commissioner Pitney was not at the meeting and Commissioner Cassetti did not receive a copy of the minutes, he would give a second motion. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)		X	X			
Ann Pitney			X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session to please state their name and address for the record. Chairman also noted that each person would have 3 minutes to speak during the public session.

Randy Carroll
40 Fourth Street-(Liberty Pines)
Ansonia, CT 06401

Jennifer Cacchillo
Liberty Pines
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Carroll approached the Board regarding issues at Gatison Park. Mr. Carroll stated that every night there are people from Third Street and Liberty Street drinking and doing drugs. They throw beer bottles into the condo complex. Jennifer Cacchillo informed the Board that she has also been approached by individuals asking if she would like to buy drugs while she waits for the school bus to pick up her daughter for school. Commissioner Cassetti asked Ms. Cacchillo if she sees police officers there when she calls for a patrolman to check the area for her complaints. Ms. Cacchillo stated that she does see the police officers but they never inform her of the outcome. Chief Hale informed the Board that the police presence will be increased in the area.

Frank Heusser Jr.
Frank's LLC
142 Wakelee Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Heusser informed the Board that he put in an FOI request regarding the document of the Wakelee Avenue study. Mr. Heusser expressed his concerns on the information that was provided to the Board regarding the Wakelee Avenue study. Mr. Heusser asked the Board members if they read the study thoroughly because information that was given to the Board as

far as the fire department not being able to maneuver the fire trucks on Wakelee Avenue was not provided in the study. Mr. Heusser requested that the Board reevaluate the Wakelee Avenue study and asked that if the police department/Board is willing to make exception for the Wakelee Avenue Funeral Home, (cars being parked on Mary Street) then he (Mr. Heusser) would like the same consideration to be granted to him when towing a vehicles (on Mary Street) .

Ken Plavnicky
15 Mountain View Road
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Plavnicky approached the members of the Board and explained to them that he did not like the manner in which Commissioner Amico spoke to him at the last Board of Police Commissioners meeting and requested that Commissioner Amico resign from the Board immediately.

Edward Musanti
Old Ansonia Road
Seymour, CT 06483

Mr. Musanti informed the Board that in front of Shelly's hair salon, there is a two hour parking sign. A woman who works there parks in the 2 hour parking slot and leaves her car there all day. Mr. Musanti stated that, she should not be allowed to park there all day and that this matter should be look into.

Edward Norman
51 Grove Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Norman thanked the members of the Board regarding the parking on Wakelee Avenue and expressed that the traffic in the area has improved quite a bit. Mr. Norman also appoligized to the Board for the rudeness and disrespect the members have endured during the past meetings from the public.

Mr. Musanti also noted that the sidewalk on Mary Street was never maintained by the City but by Mr. Heusser.

Bob Barbieri
Chippy's Service Station
136 Wakelee Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Barbieri stated that the traffic on Wakelee Avenue has improved. He stated that although it is difficult for his business now that the no parking signs have been placed, they have made a difference. Mr. Barbieri did however note that maybe the Board should look into the congestion on Mary Street.

Mr. John Zaleski
Wakelee Avenue Funeral Home
167 Wakelee Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Zaleski explained to the Board that the traffic flow on Wakelee Ave. has improved. He explained to the Board that since the no parking signs have been placed, he had 2 abnormally large wakes. Mr. Zaleski mentioned that prior to the service he usually gets an idea of how many people will be attending and if he has the idea that it will be a large amount of people attending he then hires a private duty officer to direct traffic as well as his own paid employees. Mr. Zaleski also wanted to note that when this occurs he has no control of where the private duty officer allows people attending the service on where to park.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney		X	X			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

Commissioner Cassetti asked Chief Hale if overtime is included in the patrolman line item. Chief Hale responded no, overtime has it's own line item. Commissioner Tyszka noted that the letterhead has not been updated. Chief Hale stated that the funds wont be available till June.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the communications a place them on file as presented. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
David Casseti	X		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

- A. Notice dated April 20, 2010 from the Connecticut Department of Transportation to the Board regarding their recommendation that a pedestrian crosswalk not be installed on route 155 (main street) at Columbia street at this time. **Commissioner Pitney noted that she did not agree with this decision but since the Board agreed with the Department of Transportation, then she would support the motion. Commissioner Casseti made the motion to accept the Department of Transportation’s decision to not place the crosswalk on Columbia Street at this time and to also send a letter to Mr. Pasquale Civitella deny his request. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
David Casseti	X		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Review of Dawn Morra’s concerns with speeding on Moulthrop Street. **Chief Hale stated that he has spoken to Ms. Morra of Moulthrop Street a number of times and has also reviewed the area but recommends the Board to review the area on where the signs should be placed but reserve till the next Board of Police Commissioners meeting**
2. Shirley Lindsay’s request for speed limit signs in the area of Howard Avenue and Grove Street. **Chief Hale stated that he will report on this matter at next months Board of Police Commissioners meeting.**

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the Chief’s report on unfinished business. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s report on unfinished business. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
David Casseti			X			

Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman asked the members present if there was any new business.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-One officer is currently out sick, one officer is on modified full duty and one officer is out on Worker’s Compensation.

Miscellaneous:

- The budget process is still continuing. The final budget approval will be May 17th.
- The striking at Hilltop Health continues and there have been minor problems there.
- The Woodbridge Avenue Veterans Memorial will be held May 23rd at 2:00 pm.
- The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 30th.
- The supervisor’s vehicle is out permanently.
- May 11th is the Ansonia Police Department Award Ceremony.
- The policy updates continue. More revisions will be presented to the Board in June.
- Three fill-in Crossing Guards have been hired. The department has been short two fill in crossing guards and a permanent crossing resigned. When the crossing Guards are not available, officers are assigned to their posts.

Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale that when there are problems in certain areas of the town is normal for the department to make sector adjustments. Chief Hale responded yes.

Mr. Norman informed Mr. Carrroll that he is the Block Watch Captain for his location and that Mr. Carroll may want to start one up for his area and recommended that he speak to Detective Tenney and Officer Esposito whom are both very helpful.

Mr. Musanti also recommended that the Chief’s Leased vehicle be cut from the budget. Mr. Norman who is a member of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation informed Mr. Musanti that the lease has been cut from the budget. Commissioner Cassetti also stated that the matter is being worked on.

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s report. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			

Ann Pitney		X	X			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney		X	X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority