

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 1, 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.

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

Also in attendance:  
Chief Kevin J. Hale

Recording Secretary recorded five 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 July 7, 2010, regular meeting and the August 17, 2010 special meeting. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the July 7, 2010, regular meeting minutes and the August 17, 2010, special meeting minutes.

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			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session. There were none.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Commissioner Cassetti 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
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney	X		X			
David Cassetti		X	X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

**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 Tyszka 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 Cassetti	X		X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

- A. Letter dated June 24, 2010, to the Board from the Department of Transportation regarding SR 727 Bridge Street. **FYI Only. Chairman also noted that he received a phone call from Mr. Brett Stouffer of the Department of Transportation on this request. Mr. Stouffer stated that the D.O.T. board is looking to approve this request and revert back once the bridge repair has been completed.**
- B. Letter dated July 21, 2010 (Carbon copy) to the Board from the CT Department of Labor Board of Mediation regarding Grievance 2009-1 has been closed. **FYI Only.**
- C. Letter dated August 16, 2010, to Chief Kevin Hale from Colonel Ronald DaSilva regarding the announcement of Officers' Magera, Oksenberg and Landona who have been chosen to receive the Medal of Valor Award. **FYI Only.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**(Unfinished business from the July 7, 2010, regular meeting)**

- 1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Matter has been tabled.**

**Unfinished business from the August 17, 2010, special meeting)**

- 1. Send a letter to Mayor Della Volpe regarding the Boards request for resolution on grievance number 2010-02. **(Letter has been sent)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Cassetti informed the Board members that he received a call from a resident who requested that the speed limit sign of 25 mph be increased due to him getting pulled over for speeding on Jewett Street. Commissioner Cassetti suggested that it be increased to 30 mph. Commissioner Amico did not agree with the request because he felt that if you change one sign then all would have to be changed. Chief Hale also disagreed with request. Commissioner Tyszka asked if the resident received a ticket. Commissioner Cassetti stated that he received a verbal warning. Commissioner Tyszka disagreed with the speed limit change. He felt that the system was working because he was warned of his speeding and not ticketed.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to deny this request and that the speed limit of 25 mph stand per the city charter. 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 Cassetti			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			

Commissioner Cassetti was approached by neighbors of High Acres Road requesting for two 25 mph speed limit signs to be placed in front of number 6 and number 33 High Acres Road. Chief Hale stated that if the Board chooses to approve this request he would have to look into what signs are left over. Chief Hale noted that there is no money in the signage line item.

Commissioner Pitney made a motion to have two 25mph signs placed on High Acres Road. One sign to be placed entering High Acres Road, and one sign to be placed leaving High Acres Road. Commissioner Goldson 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>
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			<b>X</b>			
Ann Pitney	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
David Cassetti			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka			<b>X</b>			

Lastly, Commissioner Cassetti also received a request for the crosswalk location on Olson Drive, which is now leading to the construction of the Maple Street Bridge to be moved. Commissioner Cassetti also asked for the stop sign at Olson Drive at Maple Street Bridge to be changed from a stop sign to a yield sign. Commissioner Tyszka agreed with changing the crosswalk location but did not agree with changing the stop sign to a yield sign. Chief Hale did not agree with the request to change the stop sign. Commissioner Goldson noted that the crosswalk change would only be temporary. The Board agreed to leave the crosswalk and signage as is. Commissioner Cassetti noted that these suggestions were brought to his attention from residents of Ansonia.

Commissioner Pitney mentioned to the Board member that Father Napolitano of the Holy Rosary Church requested a handicap sign to be placed on Sixth Street at St. Anthony's Church. Chief Hale suggested that the Church could place a temporary handicap sign on Sixth Street during Church services only, as this board has allowed other Churches to do. Commissioner Pitney agreed and advised that she would pass the suggestion to Father Napolitano.

### **ORAL REPORT:**

#### **Personnel:**

-One Sergeant is currently out on injury leave and should be returning in two weeks. One injured officer will be returning in three weeks. One officer is currently out and it is unknown how long it will be before he returns.

-Lieutenant Cota is in week 8 of the 10-week FBINA program.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The digital interview recording system will be in place soon.
- The new supervisor’s vehicle is in.
- The department is going out to bid for the new recording system.
- The air conditioning on the second floor was out of order for a day and a half. It is now working.
- The department is moving forward with the sergeant’s exam. Commissioner Pitney asked how many are going for the position. Chief Hale stated that at least 20 officers are eligible to take the test.
- A narcotics search warrant was served at 30 Hull Street on Monday. Two arrests made.
- Chief Hale, Commissioner Goldson and the three medal of Valor recipients will be attend the New England Chief’s Association Conference September 12-14.
- Lanza’s Restaurant will be hosting a fundraiser on behalf of the two Bridgeport firefighter’s who lost their lives on duty. East Main Street will be blocked off the day of that event. (It will be held September 25 from 1 pm until 2:00 a.m.)
- Chief Hale noted that with the fundraiser coming up and the Harvest Fest, Chief Hale informed the Board that the direction of the one-way section on Tremont Street will be reversed temporarily for the Lanza Fundraiser and the Harvest Fest due to the Maple Street Bridge being under construction. (East Bound to West Bound). Additionally, One-Way signs need to be erected on Rufus Street near Grove Street.

Commissioner Cassetti 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
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale how the department gets additional money for signage. Chief Hale stated that he would have to request it through the Board of Apportionment and Taxation but it would have to be for reasons of urgency.

Commissioner Goldson asked if there were going to be any patrol openings, with the new Sergeant’s exam coming up. Chief Hale responded no because they had already back filled for the sergeant’s position.

Commissioner Pitney requested that a letter of commendation be sent to the Dispatcher who assisted in the August 3, 2010 call of a suicidal person. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to send a letter to the dispatcher who provided assistance on the suicidal call. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			<b>X</b>			
Ann Pitney	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
David Cassetti			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka			<b>X</b>			

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Goldson 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>
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			<b>X</b>			
Ann Pitney			<b>X</b>			
David Cassetti			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester  
 Recording Secretary  
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority