

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
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:

Lieutenant Andrew Cota

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 June 1, 2011, regular meeting. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the June 1, 2011 regular meeting minutes. 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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session.

Corporation Counsel

Kevin Blake

City of Ansonia

253 Main Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Attorney Kevin Blake informed the Board that a site inspection for Copper and Brass located at 75 Liberty Street would be held July 7, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Attorney Blake invited the Board members to attend because the site could be a possible location for a new Police Department in the future. Attorney Blake also noted that the location on Elm Street where the daycare was to be built is also a possibility for a new location for the police department. Commissioner Cassetti asked Attorney Blake how big the property was on the Elm Street location. Attorney Blake responded 3 acres.

Frank Heusser Jr.

Franks LLC

145 Wakelee Avenue

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Heusser informed the Board that he received his letter from Chief Hale denying his request to be on the towns rotational tow list. Mr. Heusser stated that initially when he requested to be on the tow list he was denied due to a civil suit he had pending and now that the civil suit is no longer pending, he questioned why now the reason for denial is because of his working relationships with the Ansonia Police officers. Mr. Heusser stated that he did not have a problem with the officers of the department, but that the officers had a problem with him. Mr. Heusser informed the Board of an incident which involved a Sergeant who was off duty at 6:30 AM that saw him using his cell phone while driving his wrecker. Mr. Heusser explained that three hours later the sergeant went to his place of business and issued him a ticket for the violation. Mr. Heusser also stated that there was another incident in which he was pulled over due to a seat belt violation, which he admitted was his fault. Mr. Heusser stated that the officer was talking a long

time to issue the infraction so he exited the vehicle to speak with a customer and during this time the officer additionally issued him an infraction for improper parking. Mr. Heusser stated that if he couldn't understand that if he's in violation then why are the officers able to park where ever they want. Mr. Heusser showed the present members of the Board a photograph he took of a police cruiser that was parked in a no parking spot in front of Antonio's restaurant for the Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser. Mr. Heusser asked the members of the Board why some people where allowed to park where they wanted but not others, Mr. Heusser also expressed that a Board member was currently parked in a no parking spot. Lieutenant Cota stated that the complaints that Mr. Heusser brought to the Boards attention are being looking into. Commissioner Amico also requested that Mr. Heusser put his complaints in writing.

Chris Schwartz
9 Ridge Road
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Schwartz informed the Board that he was pleased with the extra patrolling in his neighborhood. He wanted to let the members of the Board that he is aware of the extra patrolling and wanted to thank the department for their efforts.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Cassetti 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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the communication including the late communication. 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
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- a. Verbal request from Aldermen Jerome Fainer that the topics of the rules and regulations for greenway/walkway and the Anti-Graffiti ordinance be discussed. **President of the Board of Aldermen, Aldermen Blume and Aldermen Marini spoke on behalf of the greenway/walkway and graffiti ordinances that the Ordinance Committee wanted to put together. Aldermen Marini explained that the draft ordinances were put together by getting the best ideas from nearby towns that have the same ordinance. Aldermen Blume asked that the Board review the ordinances and asked that they provide any suggestions or changes they would like to make. Lieutenant Cota expressed that the ordinances would also have to comply with the Charter and the infraction schedule.**

Late Communication:

- b. Letter dated June 30, 2011, from Detective Paul LoCicero to the Board of Police Commissioners regarding his official retirement date and request for payout of his pension and sick time. Commissioner Pitney stated that she thought the contract said that the employee would have to take the sick time buy back in one lump sum. Lieutenant Cota stated that in the past the employee has asked for two payout dates. He also stated that the City has done it in the past for budget purposes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve Detective LoCicero’s request. 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Still pending**
2. Status of Mr. Diiulio’s request to have the crosswalk on Clifton Avenue relocated. **Approved, but waiting on the Public Works Department.**
3. Griffin Hospital’s request for repainting crosswalks from hospital. **Approved, but waiting on the Public Works Department.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Aldermen Blume presented the Board with three (3) proposed resolutions regarding reward for any information on vandalism and murders in the town of Ansonia. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the resolutions for review. 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

Aldermen Marini explained the purpose of the three resolutions. Edward Adamowski expressed his concerns regarding the resolutions. He stated that it was a good idea but feels that the amounts of the rewards could be a problem. Ansonia is not a wealthy City and is not in a position to afford these rewards. He felt that the Police department was doing a good job in solving the recent crimes in town.

A brief discussion was held regarding the drafted resolutions.

The Board agreed to review the resolutions and table till the September Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

ORAL REPORT: By Lieutenant Cota

Personnel:

-Two officers out on workman compensation. One officer has returned to full duty.

Hiring:

-There are four or five applicants that are in the polygraph phase.

Miscellaneous:

-One vehicle currently being repaired.

-There is progress with the murder cases. The department is awaiting the medical reports in one of the cases.

-The dumpster on Jewett Street has been removed.

Commissioner Pitney also asked if the clean up of the collapsed garage located on the left of Columbia Street has stopped, Tara Kolokowski who was present at the meeting stated that it is in progress.

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept Lieutenant Cota’s oral report. 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 Cassetti	X		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka						X

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to adjourn. 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

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority