

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 6, 2012
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 Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka	X		
Commissioner Paul Heon	X		

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale, Aldermen Tripp, Attorney Kevin Blake

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 May 2, 2012 regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the May 2, 2012 regular meeting minutes with the necessary correction if there be any. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Pitney noted a correction on page 8 of the May 2, 2012 minutes. She mentioned that she was not listed in the comments when Officer Barry was introduced as the School Resource Officer. The correction has been noted in this month’s minutes.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Kostas Kachoulas
82 Dwight Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Kachoulas explained to the Board that he resides on Dwight Street which is a very busy street. The resident at the end of Dwight Street put up a stockade fence, which he is in his rights to do so and it was also approved by zoning, however his concern is that when you reach the stop sign at the end of the street the fence makes it difficult to see as well as cars parking up to the corner which makes it difficult to see when pulling out into the street. Mr. Kachoulas requested that a no parking sign from here to corner be placed at that location. Lieutenant Cota stated he was very familiar with the area. Lieutenant Cota stated the matter will be looked into.

Edward Musanti
138 Old Ansonia Road
Seymour, CT 06483

Mr. Musanti asked the Board as to the status of his request of the do not enter sign at North Cliff Street as well as informing the Board that there are other wrecker company's stealing vin numbers and reminded the Board of his complaint made on another wrecker service back in 2007. Commissioner Tyszka explained to Mr. Musanti that he has informed the Board previously of his complaint back in 2007 and that it is filed with the Ansonia Police Department.

Ken Plavnicky
15 Mountain View Road
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Plavnicky asked the Board as well as Lieutenant Cota how many officers are working the graduation. Lieutenant Cota stated that six officers will be at graduation. Mr. Plavnicky asked why so many and was that necessary. Lieutenant Cota stated that the total officers needed at the graduation was at the request of Mr. Lisi at the high school.

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

Mr. Heusser asked the Board if they have made a decision on adding him to the rotational tow list as well as a decision on the City maintenance bid. Chairman informed Mr. Heusser that those topics will be discussed later in the meeting.

Aldermen Phillip Tripp
57 Eagle Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Aldermen Tripp informed the Board that the town of Ansonia would be on the evening news because of issues at the intersection of Holbrook Street and Clark Street. Lieutenant Cota informed the Board that the Mayor has received call regarding the concerns at that intersection. Channel 8 received complaints of speeding and traffic in the area. Lieutenant Cota informed the Board that the police department will be addressing the problems. The metro count will be placed there as well as officers running radar. Mr. Musanti recommended speed bumps but

Lieutenant Cota explained that they would be destroyed by the snow plows in the winter
 Commissioner Heon also stated that the speed bumps are not always effective.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Pitney 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			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon			X			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Pitney read a card from Ann Curtis thanking the Board for the help on trying to get her situation resolved. The thank you card was placed on file.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the communications including the late communication and place them on file. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney		X	X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon			X			

- A. Letter dated May 1, 2012, carbon copy to the Board from Officer Matthew Macero regarding his request for reimbursement for his personal cell phone that was damaged during an investigation. Bill is enclosed. **Commissioner Goldson asked Lt. Cota what the normal procedure is. Lt. Cota responded that the police contract has a max amount that the City will pay. Chairman stated that the officer should be reimbursed according to the contract. Commissioner Heon also noted that the phone is important in special cases and are needed. Commissioner Pitney asked if the officers are aware that they don't get the full amount. Lieutenant Cota stated yes, it is in their contract. Commissioner Goldson made a motion that pursuing to the contract regulations he is approving the reimbursement of Officer Macero's Phone. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney		X	X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon			X			

- B. Letter dated May 2, 2012, to the Board from Chief EMS at ARMS Mr. Jared Heon regarding his request for a crosswalk to be placed at the intersection of Water Street and West Main Street. **Lieutenant Cota stated that they area will be looked into.**
- C. Letter dated May 2, 2012, to the Board from Chief EMS at ARMS Mr. Jared Heon regarding his appreciation of the performance of Sergeant Jen Guisto, Officer John Fitzgerald and Officer Eric Sturges on a recent cardiac arrest medical call. **Chairman requested that the letter from Mr. Heon be placed on file. Commissioner Pitney also requested that a copy of the letters be placed in their personnel files. Secretary Jennifer Lester informed Commissioner Pitney that a copy has been placed in there file.**
- D. Letter dated May 14, 2012, to the Board from the Social Justice Committee/Church of Assumption regarding their request for the Board to view the lack of center lines on streets and roads of Ansonia. **Mr. Jack Brady informed the Board that for the last six years the center lines in Ansonia have not been maintained. He noted that on Beaver Street you can't see the lines. Mr. Brady has addresses the City on this matter numerous of times and he expressed his concerns on the city decreasing this line item in the budget. Lt. Cota noted also that when the town puts in to have a road repaved the request for street lines isn't put in with the request.**
- E. Letter dated May 23, 2012 to the Board from Attorney Desi Imetovski on behalf of Chiaro's Carpet Cleaning, requesting two business parking signs either hourly parking limits or business hour parking sign in front of the showroom located at 26 Clifton Ave. **The Board reviewed photos taken by Attorney Imetovski in regards to her request. The Board noted that this are was look at previously. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to have a 1 hour parking from 9am to 5pm located in front of Chiaro's Carpet Cleaning showroom. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**
- F. Letter dated May 24, 2012, to the Board from Christ Episcopal Church located at 56 South Cliff Street, requesting a left turn only sign to be placed either at the exit area of the parking lot or across the street opposite of the parking lot. **Lt. Cota stated that he would look and see if there is extra signage left that he may be able to provide the church.**
- G. Pension Report from Fiduciary Investment-FYI Only
- H. Letter dated May 31, 2012, To the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale regarding the 2012 Maintenance and Repair Bid. **FYI Only**

Late Communication- Letter dated June 5, 2012 from Attorney Kevin Blake to the Board regarding the Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles Assigned to the Ansonia Police Department. **The Board felt that it was important for Chief Hale to read the letter provided by Attorney Kevin Blake. Lt. Cota informed the Board that Chief Hale would not be making a recommendation as stated in his letter and that the opinion of Attorney Blake would be provided and the Board could make a decision. Mr. Heusser Jr. Could not understand why there was a question in the completion of his bid. He reiterate that he check his bid prior to submitting it, and he also explained that his mechanic that was in question, renewed his license and was awaiting to receive it. Mr. Heusser also asked Attorney Blake if his bid was complete. Attorney Blake stated that in his letter he explains that, that particular section in the MOU which discusses that the mechanic license has to be submitted in the bid is silent and that the Board can make a decision on what they feel is best for the City. Mr. Heusser wanted to clarify that his bid was complete and that the other companies bid was not complete. Commissioner Tyszka recommended that this discussion be tabled. Lt. Cota reminded the Board that the current maintenance contract expires June 30, 2012, and that he doesn't recommend that the Board wait on this. Mr. Heusser asked the Board why they feel his bid is incomplete if he is the only mechanic and his license was included. Chairman asked that the awarding of the maintenance contract be tabled till the Chief returns. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to table this item until the Chief returns, and a possible special meeting will held. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney	X		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon			X			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Still pending but there is movement on this matter.**
2. Request for North Spring Street to be one-way. **Lt. Cota noted that the area in still being review but the matter will be resolved.**
3. Frank Heusser Jr.'s. request to be added to the Rotational Tow List. **The Board stated they want to wait for the Chief to return in order to make a decision. Commissioner Tyszka informed the Board that this is their decision. Chairman stated to Mr. Heusser Jr. that if he got along with the members of the police department things would be different. You can't flip officers off and call females officers names. Chairman also noted of a more recent event between Mr. Heusser and an officer of**

the police department. Mr. Heusser stated that he requested the tapes of that incident. He noted to the Board that he has problems with that particular officer. Mr. Heusser claims that the officer pulled him over lied on the report, the officer stated that the officer claimed that he was on the cell phone. Mr. Heusser informed the Board that he has documentation from the phone company that shows that during the time he was pulled over he was not on his phone. Mr. Heusser also expressed that he has not been giving the problems. Commissioner Heon explained to Mr. Heusser that there are proper ways to handle complaints on the road and every time you are confronted by a police officer (in Ansonia) there is a problem. Commissioner Tyszka told Mr. Heusser that that he needs to mend fences because he's his own worst enemy. Commissioner Heon explained that the Board would love to have this behind them. Mr. Heusser stated that he told the Chairman that he would ignore the situation. Commissioner Pitney requested that the Board get a copy of the MOU for the Maintenance Contract. Commissioner Heon noted to Mr. Heusser that he has more to lose than the officers. Mr. Musanti expressed that what happened in the past should be let go. Mr. Heusser noted to the Board that back in November 2011 he was told that he was going to have a decision on this matter in December. Commissioner Goldson voted for the matter to be tabled. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-1 officer on light duty, 1 officer in field training, 1 recruit in Milford Academy, a full time dispatcher switch positions with a part time dispatcher, there is 1 opening for a part time dispatcher position. The application list has been received and interviews will be held soon. The department is also testing for new police officers.

Miscellaneous:

- The department is testing out new cruisers because Ford is no longer making the Crown Victoria's.
- the 12-13 budget has been approved.

-Lt. Cota introduced Officer Eric Sturges who has been approved by the Mayor to be promoted to Sergeant. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to award Officer Sturges to Sergeant and forward him to the Board of Aldermen for approval. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney		X	X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon			X			

- The recent raid was successful and there are warrants pending. Commissioner Heon and the Board commended all officer involved as well as the support staff. Commissioner Tyszka noted that he is proud of the officers and support staff for what they did.

-Lt. Cota that he has tried to contact Ms. Curtis to let her know that the department is trying to reach out her tenants to try and solve parking issues in her area.

-Holbrook Street is being addressed.

-The Page Street signs have been placed.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s report presented by Lt. Cota. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			

The Board noted they want to address communication F. They decided that the request should be reviewed no action will be taken on the matter. Commissioner Pitney made a motion no action needed for communication F. Motion seconded by Commissioner Heon. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney	X		X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon		X	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
Nicholas L. Amico			X			
Ann Pitney (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority