

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Nicholas L. Amico chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:01 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

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 6, 2012, regular meeting.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the June 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes with the necessary correction if there be any. Commissioner Tyszka noted a correction under the section that lists also in attendance. He noted that Chief Hale was not in attendance at that meeting and Lieutenant Cota was in attendance. 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
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Aldermen Phillip Tripp

57 Eagle Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Tripp wanted to inform the Board that he has spoken with the residents on Highland Terrace in regards to the parking situation in the area of North State Street to Highland Terrace. Because there is parking on both sides of the road, the residents would like to request a “No Parking” sign be placed on one side of the road as you enter Highland Terrace, preferably on the right side of the road as your turning into Highland Terrace coming off of North State Street. The Board noted that they will be looking into the matter.

Edward Musanti

138 Old Ansonia Road

Seymour, CT 06483

Mr. Musanti explained to the Board that there is a wrecker that has been taken off the tow list but there’s a wrecker company that that stole VIN numbers and they should be looked into, as well as another wrecker going after someone with a crowbar. Chairman explained to Mr. Musanti that he has made this complaint at several of the police commissioner meeting and these complaints have been noted before.

Christine Stauffer

Owner of 258 Main Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Stauffer stated that her son has opened the Chasers Bar located on Water Street. She noted that there are two vehicles parked on Water Street all the time and they hinder business for the bar due to lack of parking in the area. She noted that she is a two hour parking sign located on that street. Mr. Stauffer requested if the Board would approve another timed parking sign to be placed

at the beginning of the street. Chief Hale noted that it was a good idea however the timed parking would eventually affect the customers who go to the bar as well. In other words complaints could be made on the customers at the bar if parked there for too long. Ms. Stauffer also asked that a sign cannot be placed there then she requested that the cars be monitored or tagged if needed. The Board agreed that the request will be looked into.

Frank Heusser Jr.

Frank's LLC

142 Wakelee Ave.

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Heusser asked the Board if they can review the towing Memo of Understanding because there are wreckers who have been violating the MOU specifically section 1496c, 1496e, 1418 when towing vehicles for a police department you have to run stop tail turn lights. He noted that he was removed from the tow list, what about the others who are in violation that the Board is not doing anything too. Chairman asked for Mr. Heusser to put this complaint in writing. Mr. Heusser

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

C. Letter dated July 9, 2012, to the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale requesting the Boards approval of policy # 4.001. **Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept policy number 4.001, Biased Based Policing. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

Late communication A) Thank you card from Jack Brady to Board thanking them for having the center lines painted throughout Ansonia. FYI Only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Still pending.**
2. Request for North Spring Street to be one-way. **Chief Hale recommended that the current “No Parking sign at this location should be pushed back further and another “No Parking” sign should be added to relieve congestion in the area. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the Chief’s recommendation. Commissioners 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			

3. West Main Street request for crosswalk. **This item will be completed sometime in August.**
4. “No Parking” signs on Dwight Street. **This item will be completed sometime in August.**
5. Holbrook Street “Do Not Enter” sign. **This item will be completed sometime next week.**

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-Chief Hale presented two new recruits, Mark Clifford and Joshua Russell. Both were approved by the Board of Aldermen. Chief Hale asked the Board members if they had any questions for the new recruits. Chairman noted that both recruits had been through substantial questionings through the hiring process so he congratulated them and welcomed them to the department. The other present Board members congratulated them also.

-4 officers out injured, 2 that were out returned, there are two out on shorter injuries and two out on long term injuries. -1 recruit is currently in the academy.

-There is one more opening so the interview process will be continuing again.

Miscellaneous:

-Ford has discontinued the make of the Crown Victoria so the department will be purchasing two SUV's this year however they will not be ordered until the end of summer.

-Chief informed the Board that he is still awaiting the approval of "No Turn on Red" signs for the locations of Maple Street and Division Street for the State of Connecticut.

-Chief Hale informed the Board on the raid on High Street that occurred this evening (July 11th). Chief Hale stated that it was successful and three were in custody, two were via warrants, and one was carrying drugs.

-A block watch meeting was held at A.R.M.S. Chairman stated that he attended the meeting and wanted to note what a great job Officer Esposito was doing.

-Chief Hale informed the Board that there have been a rash of car thefts and that the department has increased patrols. He also noted that there are people of interest. The problem is that people are still leaving their vehicles unlocked and with valuables in them as well. Commissioner Heon asked if the department looked at other task forces, Chief Hale responded yes.

-Chief Hale informed the Board that the issues with the department's radio system is being looked into.

-There will be a statewide hurricane drill on July 30 and 31. It is a mock drill. Commissioner Goldson asked what it entails. Chief Hale stated that every community is to take part in this drill to be sure that if an emergency were to occur, all systems are up and running.

-Chief Hale noted that the center lines have been painted. Jackson Street will need to be redone.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale's oral report. 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
Bob Goldson	X		X			

Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Heon 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
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority