

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2012
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Marie Pitney 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.

Chairwoman also wanted to welcome a new member to the Board Commissioner Paul Heon.

ROLL CALL:

At the request of the Chairwoman, 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 Nihill, Aldermen Tripp, Attorney Blake, Attorney Teodosio. Recording Secretary recorded four Commissioners present at the time of the roll call. The Chairwoman declared a quorum and proceeded with the agenda of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2012, organizational and regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the January 4, 2012

organizational and regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Tyszka 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			

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Edward Musanti

138 Old Ansonia Road

Seymour, CT 06483

Mr. Musanti provided the Board a copy of a donation slip to raise funds for the Woodbridge Memorial. Chairwoman stated she would make copies and distribute at a later time. Mr. Musanti also wanted to mention that during the last snow storm (which was on a Friday) a resident called Frank’s LLC to tell him that Stage Coach Road didn’t get plowed and wasn’t going to get plowed until Monday. Mr. Musanti just wanted to let the Board know that Frank (Heusser) is not bad and went out of his way to plow a city street to help the resident.

Chairwoman asked Aldermen Nihill and Aldermen Tripp if they could tell the Board of the meeting that they have been having regarding anti-graffiti. Aldermen Nihill stated that he is not on that committee but Aldermen Tripp was. Aldermen Tripp stated that the committee is working towards a conclusion but no decision has been made.

Aldermen Nihill informed the Board that there have been some complaints of the parking situation on North Spring Street. He suggested that maybe it can be made into a one-way street. Chief Hale mentioned that if North Spring Street is made into a one-way then Carver Street would also have to be changed as well. Chief Hale stated that he would look into that request. Chairwoman asked Chief Hale if this was discussed previously and Chief Hale responded yes.

Aldermen Tripp wanted to thank Chief Hale and the Board regarding the issues on George Street which have been resolved, but also requested continued vigilance on George Street.

Chairwoman asked Frank Heusser Jr. (entered the meeting during public session) if he would like to make any comments.

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

Mr. Heusser Jr. asked the members of the Board if they have made a decision on adding him back onto the town's rotational tow list. Chairwoman stated that the Board was still discussing about that. Mr. Heusser asked how long of a time frame? Chairwoman stated that she could not specify a time and that the Board is waiting for Commissioner Amico who is not feeling well. Mr. Heusser mentioned that it has been a very long time and a lot of the other garages had far worse felonies and crimes and they are back on the tow list. Mr. Heusser also asked if the Board had Anti-Trust Insurance for Anti-Trust law suits. (Mr. Heusser redirected question to Attorney Kevin Blake) Attorney Blake responded not to his knowledge and that he would double check.

Chairwoman stated that the Board received a very nice compliment on Mr. Heusser Jr. from Mr. Musanti, and Chairwoman stated that they (the Board) appreciates anything that you (Mr. Heusser Jr.) do for the City.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

- A. Letter dated January 4, 2012 from the Planning and Zoning Commission, carbon copy to the Board regarding Pershing Drive and Division Street. **Chief Hale stated that the Board can keep an eye on this issue but it is a Derby issue. FYI Only**
- B. Letter dated January 11, 2012, from the Planning and Zoning Commission, to the Board regarding traffic and pedestrian signals at the intersection of West Main Street. **Chief Hale noted that that traffic light belongs to the City but we may need assistance from the State regarding this request. Chief Hale stated that he will be reaching out to Billy Hart and the State for guidance on this.**
- C. Letter dated January 19, 2012, from the State Traffic Commission to the Board regarding the following locations: Pershing Dr., Bridge St., Olson Dr at Crescent St., and Lester St. **Chief Hale informed the Board that the State denied our request on this communication and Commissioner Amico concurred with the State. FYI Only**
- D. Letter dated January 24, 2012, from Diane Miller to the Board requesting a handicap sign to be placed across the street from her home. **Commissioner Goldson made a motion to deny this request. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the request. 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			

Chairwoman explained to those present the Boards policy regarding handicap requests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Still pending but there is movement on this matter.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Tyszka informed Chief Hale that Commissioner Amico had received numerous complaints regarding speeding on Schumacher. Chief Hale stated that officers are enforcing the speeding and not stopping at the stop sign.

Aldermen Nihill also wanted to thank Officer Smith. Aldermen Nihill mentioned that there was suspicious activity in his neighborhood. Officer Smith tracked down the people that were going door to door and handled the situation.

Chairwoman asked if Chief Hale had a recommendation regarding the request made to take down the stop signs on Michael Street and Chester Street. Chief Hale stated that he was inclined to leave them alone. Chief Hale did however say that in the spring time he would like to get a metro count before a final decision has been made. Chief Hale also noted that Lieutenant Cota does walk that area and feels that the stop signs make the area safer and he suggested that the stop signs stay. Chairwoman asked that Chief Hale let Mr. Bshara know of the status.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-1 Sergeant will be retiring, 5 Officers out on workers compensation, 1 Part-Time Dispatcher has resigned, 1 police candidate has graduated and is going through the FTO process, 1 police candidate is currently in the academy, Detective Frolish is now in the bureau.

-the Anti-Crime Unit has a good hit on Howard Avenue last week. Commissioner Tyszka noted that the Board knows they are doing a great job.

Miscellaneous:

- One arrest was made on Monday on a one man operation of motor vehicle thefts in the area.

-the budget process is ongoing. The Board of aldermen will turn over the budget to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation next week. It will be another month till the next hearing.

-Chief Hale received the fee schedule from POST. The Governor ordered fees to be raised in order to fight the financial shortfalls. Fees are as follows: \$1,500.00 per seat in the academy, \$50.00 per person for a 1 day or less training, \$100.00 per person for 2-5 day training, \$200.00 per person for 6-10 day training. Chief Hale asked the Finance Committee for an increase.

Chief Hale mentions his concerns as well as his concern on how these fees will affect the satellite academies, such as Waterbury and Milford.

Chairwoman asked if there are any grants for hiring. Chief Hale said that he was unsure and that he would check with Eileen but he doubts it.

Commissioner Heon asked if the fee increase includes mandated training for the officers. Chief Hale said yes. Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale how much more of an increase did he ask for and if he brought that to B.O.A.T.'s attention. Chief Hale stated that he quadrupled the amount and he did inform B.O.A.T. on this request.

Aldermen Tripp noted to the Board that the Board of Finance was meeting tonight. Aldermen Tripp also wanted to let the Board and Chief Hale know that he is impressed with the improvements on North Main Street and appreciates the great work. Aldermen Tripp also inquired of the 8 police cars at the high school. Chief Hale informed him that it was a training exercise.

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						X
Ann Pitney (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to go into executive session with Chief Hale, Board members, Attorney Blake, and Attorney Teodosio to be present. The Police Union Attorney asked that the discussion regarding the employment status of Officer Brian Harte be held in executive session and that he as well as Officer Harte and Union President Frolish be included in the executive session. The Board as well as all persons listed above entered executive session at 5:34 PM.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to exit the executive session. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Board exited executive session at 6:00 PM

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			

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to return to regular session, Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 6:01 PM

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			

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goldson 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						X
Ann Pitney (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
 Recording Secretary
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority