

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 7, 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

At the request of the Chairwoman, 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 Bob Goldson	<b>X</b>		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka			<b>X</b>
Commissioner Paul Heon	<b>X</b>		

Also in attendance:

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

Recording Secretary recorded three 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 February 2, 2012, organizational and regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the February 2, 2012 regular meeting minutes with the necessary correction if there be any. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. (No corrections needed)

<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						<b>X</b>
Ann Pitney (Chair)			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka						<b>X</b>
Paul Heon		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			

**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 requested that a dead end sign be at North Prospect Street Ext. due to people going up there and turning around because they don't know it's a dead end street. Chairwoman asked if there was a sign there previously. Mr. Musanti responded yes, a long time ago. Chief Hale stated he would look into this matter. Mr. Musanti also noted that there is a pole in front of Eagle Hose that is leaning and may eventually fall landing on a vehicle. Lastly, Mr. Musanti gave a copy of a 2007 report he filed against Sardo for harassing him to the Chairwoman and asked that it be placed on file with this month's minutes. Commissioner asked when Mr. Musanti received that document. Chairwoman responded 2007. Commissioner Goldson asked why Mr. Musanti is presenting the document now. Mr. Musanti sated he gave a copy to David Cassetti and all he wants to have it on file. Commissioner Heon asked if the document Mr. Musanti had forwarded to the Board was already on file at the police department. Mr. Musanti responded yes. Commissioner Heon stated that he couldn't understand why the Board was receiving this complaint if it was filed with the police department and the action has already been resolved. Mr. Musanti stated because other things have been going on and he want it to be on file. Chairwoman asked the recording secretary to make a copy of the document for all of the members of the Board.

**Aldermen Phillip Tripp**

**57 Eagle Street**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Aldermen Tripp requested that the Ansonia Police Department continue vigilance at the road junction at Hill Street and Orchard Street. Aldermen Tripp mentioned that there have been some loitering issues in the area and even though the police patrol, he just wants to make the department aware of the issue. Aldermen Tripp thanked the Board for their time.

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

Mr. Heusser Jr. asked how is it going with placing him back on the tow list. Chairwoman stated that the Board did not make a decision yet, but what has happened is that Mr. Heusser is asking the Board to reverse a decision that the Chief made and due to the fact that the Board has a new member, the Board would like to make sure that all members have all of the information needed to make a decision. The Chairwoman asked that Mr. Heusser write the Board a letter explaining why he should be put back on the towing list so this way the Board will be on the same page as far as where he (Heusser) is coming from and what the Board needs to know. Chairwoman stated she would like to send a letter to Mr. Heusser next week telling him some of the things they would like to know and he can send his response to the department for forwarding to the Commission. This way the members of the Board can read it and then the Board can make a decision. Mr. Heusser asked if the Board wanted a copy of the application as well. Chairwoman stated that he can add that to the letter. Mr. Heusser asked Attorney Blake if he could send him an updated application. Attorney Blake responded yes. Attorney Blake also informed Mr. Heusser that at the last meeting he asked about the Anti-Trust Insurance. Mr. Blake informed Mr. Heusser that he has made a number of attempts to contact the broker who has not called him back but he (Blake) mentioned that he presumes that the City does not have insurance for that because it is against public policy and thinks the only people that can do that is baseball. Mr. Heusser asked the Board if the letter that he is writing is for the hearing. Chairwoman responded no, what the Board wants to know is why he (Heusser) should be put back on the tow list.

Chairwoman asked for a motion to go along with this request. Commissioner Heon made a motion for the Board to send a letter to Mr. Heusser detail what the Board wants specifically from him (Heusser). Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, two yes, one- no (Pitney-Yes, Heon-Yes, Goldson-No)

<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						<b>X</b>
Ann Pitney (Chair)		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson				<b>X</b>		
Frank Tyszka						<b>X</b>
Paul Heon	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			

Aldermen Scott Nihill was not sure if this would be considered unfinished business but asked if the Board had any time to look at the situation on North Spring Street with the parking. Chief Hale stated that he is trying to set up a meeting with Mike Schryver, and he also mentioned he spoke with Ron Burgess of the fire department. Chief Hale mention that it is a difficult street but there are a number of things involved in changing the street to a one way. Chairwoman stated she was opposed to the change. A brief discussion was held regarding the matter. Chief Hale will continue to look into this matter.

Chief Hale introduced new candidate Jonathan Edwards. Chief Hale stated that he did well in all portions of the interview process. The Board congratulated Mr. Edwards and welcomed him to the department.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Heon 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						<b>X</b>
Ann Pitney (Chair)			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka						<b>X</b>
Paul Heon		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Heon made a motion to accept the communications including the late communication and place them on file. 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						X
Ann Pitney (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka						X
Paul Heon	X		X			

- A. Letter dated January 20, 2012, carbon copy to the Board from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the traffic conditions at the intersection of Route 115 at Elm Street in the vicinity of Park Place. **FYI Only**
- B. Letter dated March 2, 2012, to President Amico from the Board of Aldermen, requesting a stop sign coming south bound on West Main Street at the corner of Kingston Drive. **FYI Only**

**Late Communication- Chief Hale mentioned that the packet he had requires a signature from the Chairwoman on allowing a bicycle run that will be held on Sunday July 15, 2012. The packet is for notification purposes. Chairwoman asked if anyone present wished to comment on the late communication. There was none.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Still pending but there is movement on this matter.**
- 2. Traffic light and Pedestrian signals at the intersection of West Main Street. **Chief Hale informed the Board that he will be looking into this matter.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel:**

- Low on personnel, 1-Sergeant retiring tomorrow, 5 officers out - one is on light duty, one will be returning light duty next week, one is to have surgery and possible surgeries for the other two.
- One officer is in field training.
- One officer will be graduating the academy.
- The Chief is expecting multiple retirements in the next three years so he is trying to work out a plan for this possibility.
- The department may be testing for a Sergeants position to relieve the Sergeant that is retiring.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The ACU had another good hit on North Prospect Street. Chief Hale gave credit to the Seymour Police Department who made the initial find over a motor vehicle stop.
- The budget hearing has passed phase 1 the next step is set for March 26 at City Hall.

- The building furnace is on its way out and a grant is being put together in order to replace it.
- Policies will be forwarded to the policy committee (Commissioner Goldson and Commissioner Tyszka)
- There has been an increase in motor vehicle enforcement and there are now two trailers. Commissioner Heon mentioned that the statistics for motor vehicle stops have tripled since last year and he is impressed.

Chairwoman wanted to let Chief Hale know that the residence of Greenfield drive are happy on the signs that was placed except for the one person who was upset the sign had to go on her lawn.

Chairwoman also asked Chief Hale if no parking signs that are placed by residents and are not approved by this Board are legal. Chief Hale explains that these signs are not enforced by the department.

Chairwoman also asked Aldermen Nihill if anything is being done regarding the graffiti on the railroad tracks. Aldermen Nihill stated that there is currently a committee that has been put together in order to deal with the graffiti issue.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s report. Commissioner Heon 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						<b>X</b>
Ann Pitney (Chair)			<b>X</b>			
Bob Goldson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Frank Tyszka						<b>X</b>
Paul Heon		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Heon 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						X
Ann Pitney (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka						X
Paul Heon		X	X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester  
Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority **NOTES ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Arising out of minutes of the**

**February 2, 2012 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting**

1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient.
2. Traffic light and Pedestrian signals at the intersection of West Main Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commission