



CITY OF ANSONIA
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS / TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
5:30 p.m.
Erlingheuser Room
Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Acting Chairman Ann Marie Pitney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Secretary called the roll as follows:

Commissioners	Present	Absent
Nicholas Amico, Chairman		X
David Cassetti	X	
Bruce Goldson	X	
Dennis Phipps	X	
Ann Marie Pitney	X	

Commissioner Pitney declared a quorum of 4 present and 1 absent.

Police Chief Kevin Hale, Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake, and Attorney Francis Teodosio were present as well.

Add-On

Commissioner Pitney MOVED to add as Item 3a – Setting a Time Limit for Public Session, and Handling of Literature from the Public; SECONDED by Commissioner Goldson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED that effective immediately, any member of the public who wishes to address the Board of Police Commissioners will be limited to five minutes; and further,

MOVED that any literature that a member of the public wishes to share with the Board of Police Commissioners will be mailed to the Chief of Police or the President of the Board of Police Commissioners so that it can be dealt with all under Correspondence; SECONDED by Commissioner Goldson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Phipps MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2009; SECONDED by Commissioner Goldson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Public Session

Robert Barbieri, Chippy's Service Station

The reason I'm here tonight is I'm hoping the Police Commission can do something with the parking situation on Wakelee Avenue. Over the years the businesses have grown. We have Frank here, we have the funeral parlor, we have Opticare and we have the Hearing Center. The businesses have grown quite a bit, and the parking ends up on street. We've had some really bad accidents. I'm hoping that the Police Commission can conduct a traffic study, look at it, see what they can do. We have emergency vehicles running down that highway – it's a main route to Griffin Hospital. We have fire trucks coming down the side streets; they can't make the turns. We have tractor trailers that try to back into places; they can't get in. I would like to see one side of the street parking. I don't know if it can be done. It's not to hurt the businesses, because the businesses are priority one, but something has to be done before somebody gets killed. We've had some serious accidents.

Commissioner Cassetti stated, this section you're talking about – it's not all of Wakelee Avenue – you're talking about a certain section.

Mr. Barbieri stated, it's basically from Hall Street to Mary Street. The road narrows too. Then if you want to go further, go up to the stop sign on Wakelee Avenue by Scotland Street, to almost Hull Street there. I'll tell you right now, you can't drive a truck down that road when cars are parked by Mr. Sheehy's office – it's bad. When you're trying to drive a wrecker, weaving in and out, and people are stopping at the stop sign, you just can't do it.

Commissioner Cassetti stated, the Hearing Center has ample parking, don't they?

Commissioner Pitney stated, my concern would be the private property owners. If we put no parking on one side or the other, they're going to be limited to where they can park also. Most of them have driveways.

Mr. Barbieri stated, where our section is, there are a few houses there. They do have off-street parking. I'm concerned about what happens when people park on both sides of the street, nothing can get by. From Hall Street to Mary Street is a very bad section. When the fire truck comes out of Hall Street, it's got to go all the way over to the other side of the street to make the turn because of the drain that's there. It's really low. What happens is, the truck goes this way, and they'll roll it over. So they go all the way out and around. Now, you have emergency vehicles, you have the paramedics running down the Avenue, you have the ambulances running down from Ansonia, Seymour.

Commissioner Cassetti stated, between Hall and Mary on the right side if you're heading north, you have the pizzeria business, the package store.

Mr. Barbieri stated, you have the pizza place backing out, the package store backing out onto Wakelee Avenue too. The laundry company too. There are no residences in that area.

On the Wakelee Avenue side, my side, Frank's side, there is no parking all the way down from the traffic light. Because there's no sidewalk.

Stephen Eberle, The Hearing Center, LLC, 149 Wakelee Avenue

I want to thank you for letting me speak tonight. This is regarding the parking situation on the west side of Wakelee Avenue between Hall and Mary Streets. As the owner of The Hearing Center located at 149 Wakelee, I wish to bring the Commission's attention an unsafe traffic condition on Wakelee Avenue resulting from heavy parking on the west side of the street.

This parking results in the obstruction of the line of sight as traffic proceeds south on Wakelee Avenue. You should note that there is a large parking lot on the west side of the street, opposite of Hall that is between the car dealership, Opticare and our lot, and all of our parking is in that parking lot. We do not park in the street. Traffic exiting this lot is in danger of being struck by southbound traffic that cannot be seen looking north from Wakelee Avenue and entering the roadway. I, myself, have almost been hit several times exiting that lot.

Currently there are no parking signs on the west side of Wakelee Avenue. There are two parking signs on the west side of Wakelee Avenue opposite Frank's Service Station. They are not being obeyed by vehicles from the service station and possibly others. As of 4:45 this afternoon one of Frank's wreckers was parked in front of the no parking sign. This is on the west side, up in front of the Stelray company.

Sometimes there are lines of cars and trucks parked end-to-end at the curb in that area. Case of point would be last Thursday when the line of cars was struck in a traffic accident. This line of cars sometimes extends all the way from the area across from Frank's Service Station past Stelray, past my place of business, to the Post Office box located at the corner.

There are many close calls resulting in the narrowing of the roadway in the area. As I mentioned today, the picture I took, one wrecker was parked there today, 22 inches from it's wheel to the curb, further narrowing the street. I therefore would request a no parking zone for public safety be posted, and no parking signs be put up and enforced and left in place, extending from opposite of the service station to the parking lot opposite of Hall Street.

John Zaleski, Operator of the Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home, 167 Wakelee Avenue

I, too, am concerned with the parking and traffic issues on Wakelee Avenue. I purchased the funeral home about 2 years ago, this fall it will be 3 years. I've undergone four renovations to my facility. In those years the entire exterior has been renovated and beautified, and I've just gained 20 parking spots in my own parking lot. At times there are services that no funeral home can accommodate. When we have services such as these, excess parking is utilized on Mary Street. Again, with the normal line of cars parked along the cemetery, it's very difficult for people to cross Wakelee Avenue, because they're walking out into the street, you can't see any oncoming traffic until you're clear [inaudible], and this presents a big problem, especially when

people come to the funeral home, because many times they're elderly people. In wintertime, the risk increases because the wakes go until 8 p.m. and it's already dark.

The other thing I'd like to add is, Frank's Service Station has an electronic telephone ring that's on an exterior speaker, and it's is extremely audible. I'm sure they hear it in The Hearing Center even without their hearing aids. It's not really an issue with me, but my two neighbors on both sides of me on Wakelee Avenue have asked me to bring this up. That speaker goes 24/7 and being in the recovery business, that phone rings all the time at all hours, and it makes it difficult for somebody to get a good night's sleep. If that could be addressed at some time, some how, I'm sure the neighborhood would appreciate it.

As I spend so much money on the renovations to my facility, I would like to see Wakelee Avenue cleaned up a bit. I'd like to see the Bare Plains Cemetery improved. In fact, I'm also on the board of Housatonic Council Boy Scouts and I've encouraged the Boy Scouts to take that on as an Eagle Project. I'd like the City to look into that as well to reestablish the sidewalk that used to be there and replacing the fence. Thank you.

Mr. Zaleski later added that in winter, with snow on the roads the problem is greatly exaggerated.

Commissioner Phipps asked, do you have any type of working arrangements with the other commercial properties for excess parking if you have that particular type of overload? Do you normally have someone on duty to manage the parking?

Mr. Zaleski replied, we have a lot attendant on staff, and we have an outside service we hire to act as a crossing guard to Mary Street.

Thank you.

Larry Safren, Property Owner of 133-151 Wakelee Avenue, Business Owner of Stelray

It's been the better part of two decades that we've been trying to make the Police Department and Police Commission aware of the parking situation on Wakelee Avenue, of the tremendous congestion in front of our building, of the volume of traffic, the parking in front of our property as well as in front of Frank's. There have been many, many complaints, many, many accidents, many, many near misses.

I have about 30 employees myself that are trying to get out onto the Avenue on a daily basis. My tenants, Opticare and The Hearing Center, as well as JES Motors, their customers and clients. It's very problematic. This has been going on for many years. We've will send this to the Police Chief. There have been many, many letters written, correspondence back and forth between the Department, the Board of Aldermen, the Traffic Commission that convey the seriousness of the situation. There have been mixed results. It's a very bad situation; the speed and volume of traffic and the dense parking situation.

Commissioner Pitney stated, these gentlemen had a resolution to the problem to suggest, what are you suggesting be done?

Mr. Safren stated, all the other business owners seem to have been able to establish their own parking on their properties. I know I have, and all the other neighboring businesses appear to have been able to establish their own parking. I would expect that Frank's can do the same. Everybody else manages to utilize their own property.

I'd like to add that I find the situation around the cemetery on the corner of Mary Street also very offensive in terms of the complete disrespect and disregard for the cemetery situation. It's shameful what is going on there. I think that should be addressed as well. Thank you.

Ed Norman, 51 Grove Street

I've come before this Board a number of times. I've communicated with this Board, I've communicated with the Board of Aldermen. As a matter of fact, I was a member of the Board of Aldermen lodging complaints about exactly what is being addressed here. In fact, when Dave Cassetti and I were both on the Board of Aldermen it was probably back then. I requested that the City re-initiate that curb that is there now. There was a sidewalk at one time; there were actually steps leading into Bare Plains Cemetery at one time. Bare Plains Cemetery is City property – it's a disgrace that the City maintains that property – more or less sacred ground – in the condition that it is, and allows the parking on that property. It really is a disgrace. It's worse. Some of the comments made back to me by officials in town are, "well the businesses in town have to operate during the day," and that's where we have vehicles parking right underneath no parking signs. There have been no parking signs there – there is a 'no parking here to corner,' – they would not put an interim sign on Wakelee where it belongs on that same curb in front of the cemetery because there were businesses trying to do business there.

One of the greatest hazards is trying to come out of Mary Street. As I said, I live on Grove Street, trying to come out on Mary, you cannot see the vehicles coming northbound on Wakelee Avenue when you come out of Mary because of the way vehicles are parked. The other part of that is, you walk in the neighborhood, supposedly out there getting exercise. Wakelee Avenue is one of the best level streets in the City to walk on, except when you get to that cemetery property – you're actually forced out into the middle of the road because they're parking on what used to be the sidewalk, on top of the curb, so they're forcing you out into traffic.

Someone mentioned the speed of traffic on Wakelee Avenue. It's always been a problem. The VEMS vehicles – Valley Emergency Medical Services – fly down that Avenue. They start from the traffic light on Wakelee and Division and by the time they get to Frank's some of them are going 90 miles an hour. That is no lie and that is no exaggeration - sirens and lights going, blasting through that area. The other day there was an accident out there.

Someone had mentioned the condition. Their business has transitioned from a gas station and mechanical shop to almost like a junk yard. The other day, out on the sidewalk for several days, was a green minibus, no doors, no wheels, obstructing the sidewalk. One of the things I always

bring up to this Board and the Board of Aldermen is, I don't see how our Police and our City officials can drive around this town and not see the same things that I see that are hazards – as I said you're forcing people out into the road, you can't see on Mary Street, you can't see coming out of Mary Street. Really, it's been ongoing for 20-30 years. That is a very hazardous section, again from Hall Street to Mary Street – it's very dangerous. A lot of it has to do with just not obeying the existing laws, and the existing laws not being enforced. Thank you.

Frank Heusser, Jr., Owner, Frank's LLC

I'm here about the complaints. One addressed, Mr. Norman, about problems with parking. If he goes down to Chippy's, he parks half on the sidewalk and half on the street on Mary Street. We even have pictures, he's claiming that people are parked illegally. One of the other gentlemen from the business owners says that they have enough room in their parking lots, all the businesses, Chippy's parks on the street and uses the house behind him himself. So it's not only myself that they're coming out here about. The pizza place, the package store, also park on the street.

Also, somebody has been changing signs on Wakelee Avenue in front of Mary Street. It's supposed to say "No Parking Here to Corner." Back in 1992 they put up No Parking signs from Mary Street all the way down to my property. They also put "No Parking Loading Zone" signs on Wakelee Avenue across from my property in front of the Stelray Products. In 1992 they had a special committee that voted on it. It went several years, and I dropped off a packet to Chief Hale today stating there is parking on Wakelee Avenue from my place straight down to Mary Street except for, I'm not sure if it's 25 or 50 feet – the sign is supposed to say "No Parking Here to Corner." Also, the signs were removed on Wakelee Avenue across from my business in front of Stelray Products, and the "No Parking Loading Zone" signs. I went to the Commission, it's been approved and overturned, they had a special committee look at this. I would like to have the Board address this because we are getting parking tickets over there, and it is a parking zone, and they're saying it's not a parking zone. The Chief has the paperwork today. I would like the Police Commission to have them stop putting parking tickets on the vehicles until they check into this and research this. They will find it went through the Board of Aldermen to have the signs removed. It is a parking zone. If the Board would please check into that because there's no reason to get tickets from here on in. I'm sure the Chief could supply you with all the documentation. It came from town hall.

Commissioner Pitney stated, I'm think that the parking they are referring to is for cars, they weren't referring to your trucks.

Mr. Heusser stated, they're referring to my cars that are on the street. We just got four tickets yesterday.

Commissioner Pitney asked, are they cars that are registered?

Mr. Heusser replied yes, the plates are in the vehicles. The reason we put them on the vehicles is because, just to let you know I am in the process of opening up a place in Derby. I'm trying to

funnel a lot of my business into Derby now because of the problems in Ansonia. I am in the process of renting a place out of Dworkin Chevy and opening up my place in Derby. I moved my heavy-duty wrecker, I moved my big flatbed, I moved my limousine and put everything into Dworkin's parking lot now. As soon as I open up I will move some more there. I freed up quite a bit of parking spot in the area. There was one car in the street today that they're talking about. A lot of cars park across the street – you have tri-axles, dump trucks parking in front of The Hearing Center going in to get pizza and then leaving. They're there for 20 minutes to a half hour. That's not my vehicles. For the package store today somebody pulled in a box truck. It's not just my business - all the businesses are using that street parking. It is going to put a hindrance on a lot of businesses if they do change it. Like I said, it is a parking zone, it's been voted on, they had a special committee. Everything's been addressed on it with the Board of Aldermen back in 1992.

Commissioner Pitney stated, that's fine, but you realize that we can make changes to those kinds of events, even though it was voted in 1992.

Mr. Heusser stated, the Board of Police Commissioners put up no parking signs.

Commissioner Pitney stated, we can still change them.

Mr. Heusser stated, now the Board of Aldermen overruled the Police Commissioners.

Mr. Heusser, Sr. stated, they said you can't do it without going back through them first because they overruled you.

Mr. Heusser stated, the Police Commission did put no parking signs up; the Board of Aldermen took them down. They had a special committee on that. Chief, can you please look at that as far as the parking tickets to stop until this is resolved?

The last thing I have is about the maintenance for the Police cars that's supposed to go out to bid. Since we spoke last time, Attorney Blake was supposed to give me papers. Chairman Amico said for him to get the papers to me. He still has not given the papers to me to this day. I saw him this morning, he said he can't talk to me because I grieved him. So I would like to make a note here that since he can't talk to me, anything regarding Frank's LLC he should recuse himself from it and there should be another attorney handling that. Thank you.

Frank Heusser, Sr.

There's a picture that he took, he took one of my truck, and five minutes later that was right identical in front of his place, unloading some stuff. He was in the window and he turned around and ran back. It was loading across the street. The reason I park there, that sign was put up back in 1992 because people lived there. That house has been vacant now for a year, year and a half. I shouldn't park there; it's my fault, I agree to it. But the reason I did park there, I do park there, is because nobody lives there. Nobody goes in and out of that driveway. The other thing is, Stelray's talking about blocking the driveway, he has trailer trucks all day backing in and out, completely blocking off Wakelee Avenue. If there's an ambulance coming up, they'd

have to stop and wait. And this is going on all day long. He's got a great big lot in the back he could have put a loading zone, and he could have his people park back there and pull out with no problem at all. He's got more parking than he knows what to do with, and he won't grant any to anybody else around there to help. And one other thing, speaking of junk yards, I'd like to get Bobby's opinion on it, because I think he's pretty much equipped on what's a junk yard and what isn't down there through the years. Is our place any worse than yours?

Timothy Bshara, 10 Kieley Lane

Where it turns into Kieley Lane the street gets much more narrow than prior to that point. The issue is that my neighbors to the left and also across the street, all three of us have been having problems with a woman doesn't even live in our section who parks her car directly across from our driveways, making it extremely difficult to get in and out. For example, for the last two weeks at least this woman has been parking across from my driveway, so when I back out of my driveway, I have to go very, very, very slowly and make sure that I'm not tapping her car because it's that narrow.

Commissioner Pitney asked, does she live there?

Mr. Bshara replied, she lives about 10 houses up in fact. If you're coming up the street, there's a hill that goes up to the right – the continuation of Spring Street. She lives in the last house at the top. She rents there. She parks in front of our houses and walks up every day.

Commissioner Pitney asked, has anyone spoken to her?

Mr. Bshara replied, yes, in fact the neighbor across the street has spoken to her a number of times. I spoke to her once, just last week in fact, and she basically says, "it's not illegal, call the cops," because there are no, 'no parking' signs there. I was hoping that somebody can look into and check the width of the street, hoping to get no parking in that narrow area of Kieley Lane. If I back out of the driveway and accidentally tap her car, it's my fault.

Chief Hale stated, if you start spot-signing the road, she's just going to move down to the next house.

Mr. Bshara stated, the whole length of Kieley, maybe you can do one side and not the other, or something to that effect. In addition, in the wintertime the snow plows can't clear the street, the roads are a mess.

Commissioner Phipps noted that you can't park directly across from somebody's driveway, that is a routine enforcement.

Chief Hale asked Mr. Bshara to call and ask for a Supervisor, that way it's real time and we can go up there and look at it.

Commissioner Pitney asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Mr. Heusser, Sr. stated, just one thing. At nighttime the road is completely clear. We don't park there at night.

Mr. Norman stated, as far as the weekends and nights, that's not true because I called the Police Department on Memorial Day. We were having the parade on Sunday. There was a vehicle parked in front of the cemetery, unregistered, it looked like some kind of derelict vehicle that was towed there and parked right on the sidewalk. I made a complaint and it was totally ignored. When I called the officer, the officer said he would take a report and get something done; and nothing was ever done. We have a lot of people coming in, and this has been the case. I remember one Easter morning there were seven or eight cars parked out there, they were actually piled on top of each other like junk. People coming into town, my mother, from Waterbury, which is no prize package either, asked me what kind of a slum, what kind of a junkyard is this. It's been going on and as recent as Memorial Day, the Sunday before Memorial Day when we had the parade on Wakelee Avenue.

Commissioner Pitney asked three times if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none she declared the Public Session closed.

Monthly Reports

- a. Departmental
- b. Vehicle Maintenance
- c. Officers' Activities
- d. Detective Bureau

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to accept the monthly reports; SECONDED by Commissioner Phipps. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Communications

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to accept the 3 late communications submitted by Corporation Counsel Blake; SECONDED by Commissioner Phipps. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

1. From Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Maintenance Agreement
2. From Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Abandoned Motor Vehicles
3. From Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Renu Auto Body, 33 Riggs Street

Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion re – 2009 Goals

No action.

- b. Abandoned Motor Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding
- c. Tow List Regulation and Memorandum of Understanding

Chief Hale stated, on Items b and c, the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding which is temporary, and the Tow List Regulation and Memorandum of Understanding for July 1, we need action and I'd like the Board to approve those.

Commissioner Phipps MOVED to approve the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding and the Tow List Regulation and Memorandum of Understanding as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Cassetti; A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

- d. Maintenance Agreement between Ansonia Police Department and Auto Repairs Unlimited, LLC

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to accept the extension of the Maintenance Agreement for Police Vehicles contract with Auto Repairs Unlimited, LLC for the period of one year from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010; SECONDED by Commissioner Phipps.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, back in 2003 when Frank's Service Station had the agreement we extended it for him. He agreed to allow the extension beyond the termination date, but it was an issue with Sardo Automotive. It was extended beyond the two-year contract.

Corporation Counsel Blake noted according to the Charter, you can act in the best interest of the City, you have a right not to award a bid. In this case and situation I understand the Police Department has had right now, the current vendor is holding his price. That is an example of something being in the best interest of the City. Another example is in insurance, we've done that, we found out we weren't going to get a good price and we were able to negotiate and keep the contract with the current vendor. This is not always a great practice, but it's something that is allowed under our Charter.

It is an extension of one year and is in the best interest of the City.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Chief Hale reported that Florence Cammileri had requested last month a no parking here to corner sign. That will be an enforcement issue – no signage is needed. We have reviewed that with the day shift and evening shift. It appears to be one vehicle – a red truck. We've not seen it; we will be watching for it. The same thing on Smith Street, we've checked that on two different shifts. You do have to pull out slowly, but we don't think that signage is going to alleviate that. That is the law anyway – 25 feet from the corner – it doesn't need to be posted – we'd be posting them on every street in the City.

Commissioner Pitney will pass the information along to Mrs. Cammileri.

Commissioner Phipps asked that Chief Hale reiterate to the field officers that every reasonable effort should be made to enforce the regulations such as the 25 feet to corner, fire hydrants, etc. to help eliminate some of the perception concerns of the residents.

New Business

Commissioner Cassetti stated, I'd like the Commission members and the Chief to take a ride to Riverside Drive. There are two stop signs where the former Ansonia Copper & Brass was. They have no traffic coming out of there but there are two stop signs coming out of there. Can we have those removed? There is nothing coming out of American Brass over the bridge. If you come up by the shopping plaza on Maple Street and take a right onto Riverside Drive, you'll come to a stop sign; that and the one further north.

Oral Report - Chief of Police

Personnel – there is one officer on long term injury and one on short term; and two civilians on maternity leave.

We encountered an increasing problem with our telephone system. It's an old Merlin system from the 80s. We had a power surge several weeks ago causing the system to go haywire. We had one or two working phones, thankfully they had one at the desk. They had to come in and reprogram every phone in the building. We've taken steps to try and ensure that doesn't happen again. The tech said all the replacement parts are very hard to come by.

I've been discussing this with Assistant Comptroller Rich Bshara and he's highly technical in these matters; he's in charge of the phone system here and all the technology in the building. We met with two individuals from AT&T. We got pricing a while back and we're talking about a range of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a new system. We'll be coming into some new federal grant money and I'm sure it could be used for that. We have some other EMPG money - Emergency Management Performance Grants – and we're still at the early stages. We do need to replace the system. I'd like to get quotes, see where we are, we're seeing if we can go to bid. I'll definitely be back in July with an update on that.

Commissioner Pitney stated, they're having a Stimulus workshop at the High School.

Chief Hale stated, there are three JAG grants – we're eligible for 2 – two of them are stimulus driven. The one we're already tentatively approved for is for the live scan system. There's another one that just came out last week. That's the one we have to go up for, next Tuesday at the High School. It's a mandatory meeting. We have to find out what it can be used for – this money is also driven toward job creation and retention. It is important to have this fixed.

Commissioner Phipps stated, when you speak of the phone system going from Merlin to whatever may be out there, I'm sure Mr. Bshara has looked into compatibility with the 911 system and CAD interface.

Chief Hale stated, yes. Rich can spend an hour explaining it to you, this would be a hybrid system that would be compatible to that.

We're continuing to update our Policy Manual – I'd like to meet with the subcommittee at some point soon to get caught up and discuss some of these matters.

We have our business notification system Friday, we're going door-to-door to 335 businesses in Ansonia to update our business registry and see if they'd like to partake in notification e-mail system. That will continue for a while. We've set up a special e-mail address. All the business e-mails have to be entered.

We've been approved for two new cruisers July 1st. We're looking at the purchase under the State contract for State contract pricing. We'd like to get something to the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday if we can to trade in two or three old ones.

I'm meeting with the Acting Superintendent of Public Works Mike Schryver tomorrow to talk about revising the winter parking regulations. This is long overdue. Once revised, I will bring it before this Board for your thoughts and approval. It may have to come in the form of an Ordinance revision. We have some suggestions from Public Works, they've damaged some equipment due to the flopping – odd and even every month – we have specific complaints on specific streets. Maybe this is the best way, but we will discuss them and see if there's a better way.

As of next Thursday I am no longer on CPCA Board. My term has expired.

We received a request from members of the Charters today requesting no parking sign to sign. The truck they have now is 9 feet longer and if people are parked there it's difficult to get out of the garage. This may be a general enforcement issue, but that is one area that was built for a truck 75 years ago.

Back to the Wakelee Avenue study we've been talking about, I've requested the Board to authorize a formal study look at the entire length of Wakelee Avenue. I'd like to involve the City Engineer. We'll do this right and get it right the first time.

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to authorize a Chief Hale and the City Engineer to conduct a traffic study of the entire length of Wakelee Avenue; SECONDED by Commissioner Pitney. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Chief Hale reported that the Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Connecticut Special Olympics will be held on Friday afternoon at a time to be announced.

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Commissioner Phipps. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Executive Session

At approximately 6:22 p.m., Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following matter:

- a. Personnel Matter – Lieutenant Williams (take action if necessary)

and invited Corporation Counsel Blake and Chief Hale to remain in the room; SECONDED by Commissioner Goldson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

At approximately 6:55 p.m. Attorney Teodosio was invited into the Executive Session.

At approximately 7:02 p.m., Commissioner Phipps MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Commissioner Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Commissioner Cassetti MOVED to continue the Executive Session at the Board of Police Commissioners' next regular meeting on July 1, 2009; SECONDED by Commissioner Goldson. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:03 p.m., Commissioner Goldson MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Phipps. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Patricia M. Bruder
Temporary Secretary