



City of Ansonia

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

COMMISSIONERS

Nicholas L. Amico, President

Ann Pitney, Vice President

David Casseti, Secretary

Dennis M. Phipps, Commissioner

Bob Goldson, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

5:30 PM

Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Nicholas L. Amico chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 David Casseti	X		
Commissioner Dennis Phipps			X
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		

Also in attendance:
Chief Kevin J. Hale

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 November 4, 2009, regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the November 4, 2009, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Pitney 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			
David Cassetti			X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson	X		X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session to please state their name and address for the record.

Marie Flynn
27 Rockwood Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Flynn approached the Board and thanked everyone for the improvements that were made to Rockwood Ave. However, she did have concerns about the placement of the “No Parking” signs preferably the one located across from her neighbor’s driveway. Ms. Flynn presented the Board with pictures she had taken of that specific location. She explained to the Board that where the “No Parking” sign is placed currently, she is at risk of having her vehicle struck by the neighbor’s, who need to back out of their drive directly across the street. Ms. Flynn requested that the “No Parking” sign be moved up so that she can park her vehicle up further. Chief Hale stated the matter will be looked into.

This matter was tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to table Ms. Flynn’s request. 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			
David Cassetti			X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson	X		X			

Chairman asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak. There were none. Public session was closed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Pitney made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Cassetti 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			
David Cassetti		X	X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson			X			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the communications a place them of file as presented. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the communication as presented and place them on file. Commissioner Pitney 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			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson			X			

- a) Letter dated November 15, 2009, to the Board from Martha Santiago requesting a no parking/handicap parking sign in front of he mother-in-law’s home located at 74 High Street. **Commissioner Goldson asked the other members of Board if it’s past practice to not approve handicap parking signs for individual use. Chairman confirmed. Chief Hale asked that before the Board makes a motion he would**

like to take a look at the area and suggested that the Board table this communication till the January meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to table communication a) till the January meeting. Commissioner Pitney 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			
David Cassetti			X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson	X		X			

- b) Letter dated November 24, 2009, to the Board from Chief Kevin Hale regarding his request for approval of two (2) policies 3.102, 4.020. Commissioner Cassetti asked Chief Hale what changes were made to policy 4.020. Chief Hale responded that new form numbers have been used and that there were more specifics added to the policy itself. Chief Hale also noted that Commissioner Goldson, who is a Policy Committee member, reviewed the policies and has approved them. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept policies 3.102 and 4.020. 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			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson		X	X			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Forward Mr. Pasquale Civitella’s request for a crosswalk to the Department of Transportation. **Completed.**
2. Forward Mr. Clayton Jackson’s request for a street light to the United Illuminating Company. **Completed.**
3. Notify both Mr. Civitella and Mr. Jackson that the Board has forwarded their requests. **Completed.**

Commissioner Pitney asked if the Department of Transportation has contacted him regarding the crosswalk. Chief Hale responded no but they will inform us of this matter.

4. Mr. Tenpenny’s request for Winter Street to be made a one-way. Chief Hale informed the Board that he has spoken to the fire department and Mr. Tenpenny on doing a test run to see if the fire truck will be able to get into Winter Street in an emergency

if it is made into a one-way. Chief Hale asked that this matter be tabled until January. The Board members agreed.

5. Commissioner Cassetti’s request for a “Blind Driveway Ahead” sign to be placed on same side of driveway located at 202 Beaver Street. Commissioner Cassetti asked the members of the Board if they had the opportunity to look at the area. Chairman responded that he did take a look at the area and that it was extremely difficult to get out of that driveway. Chief Hale agreed with placing the hidden driveway sign but also noted that these signs often give drivers a false sense of security. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to approve the “Blind Driveway” with Chief Hale’s discretion on where it should be placed. 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			
David Cassetti			X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson		X	X			

6. Wakelee Avenue parking review. Chief Hale reported progress on this matter and requested Mr. Rick Dunn from VCOG to discuss issues associated with this matter. After Mr. Dunn’s discussion, this item was tabled. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to table the Wakelees Avenue parking review. Commissioner Pitney 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			
David Cassetti			X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson	X		X			

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion of Rt. 8 North bound on Westfield Ave. Chief Hale introduced Rick Dunn from VCOG . Chief Hale asked for Mr. Dunn to attend tonight’s meeting to give this Board a brief overview of the plans for adding an entrance way to Rt. 8 North bound on Westfield Avenue. Commissioner Pitney asked for Mr. Dunn to explain the purpose of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Dunn complied. Commissioner Cassetti asked Mr. Dunn why the cul-de-sac couldn’t be placed down further south of Westfield Avenue. Mr. Dunn stated that the residents complained of the traffic coming through the area.

Commissioner Cassetti asked if the residents were okay with the cul-de-sac. Mr. Dunn stated that they were for it except for one resident. A resolution was given to that residents regarding his concern and he was happy with that resolution. Chief Hale mentioned to Mr. Dunn that there is very little parking on the western side of the proposed Westfield Avenue South of Westfield Avenue shown on the plans and it would cause unnecessary maintenance for the Public Works Department. Mr. Dunn took that as an oral comment and thanked Chief Hale. Mr. Dunn let the Board members know that if they had any questions or comments that they can contact him at any time. Chairman asked if there would be another review of the plans once it had been accepted. Mr. Dunn stated yes and there would be a field visit for the residents of Westfield Avenue including the businesses as well if there are any changes.

Mr. Dunn also approached the Board regarding a different matter. He mentioned that there are some local roads that may be eligible for federal funding. (Crosswalks, repair etc.) He stated that he would be in touch regarding this matter. The Board members thanked Mr. Dunn for his time.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 3 officers are out injured.

Miscellaneous:

- The phone system will be cut over for next Tuesday, and training for the phone system will take place on Monday.
- Rockwood Ave. (the Board is now aware of) Commissioner Cassetti confirmed with Chief Hale if it was now a 2-way. Chief Hale responded yes and that everyone has been notified.
- There was major drug arrest Tuesday night which was a follow up to a major marijuana case from last year. Two arrests were made and cash was recovered.
- The new winter parking ban is in effect. Both the Valley Gazette and the Valley Independent Sentinel ran articles on the update.
- Chief Hale passed out a copy of the status report of the 2009 Board of Police Commissioners Goals and recommended that goals for 2010 should be addressed.
- There is still the opening of the 6th Sergeants rank. A minor language change is being discussed with the union.
- The Holiday Breakfast will be held on Friday December 11, 2009 at 07:00 and the Ansonia Police Department.

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s report. 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			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson		X	X			

Commissioner Pitney requested an updated copy of the officer list.

Commissioner Pitney asked Chief Hale that when there is an incident like the shooting at Olson Drive, can the police department make it a point to call the schools. Chief Hale explained that he met with the superintendent Carol Merlone regarding this issue and it has been resolved. Chief Hale also noted that one call will be made to the central office and they will put their plans in order.

Commissioner Cassetti asked Chief Hale if the Board members could receive a current code book packet. Chief Hale stated that he would get the packets out to the Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pitney 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			
David Cassetti			X			
Dennis Phipps						X
Bob Goldson	X		X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority