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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Pitney chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Commissioner Ann Pitney	X		
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka	X		
Commissioner Nicholas Amico	X		
Commissioner Paul Heon			X

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale, Alderman Patrick Henri

Recording Secretary recorded four Commissioners present at the time of the roll call. The Chairwoman declared a quorum.

At this time Chairwoman stated that Officer Jackson was going to be presented with a citation from the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Chairwoman then introduced State Commander Bill Brewer and National Inspector Leon Brown. Mr. Brewer then presented Officer Jackson with a plaque on behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2014, regular meeting minutes and the November 3rd Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept both the minutes from October 1, 2014 and November 3, 2014 with the necessary corrections should there be any. Chairwoman stated that on page 3 of the November 3rd special meeting minutes under the motion to return to regular session Commissioner Heon was listed as being present however he was excused/absent from that meeting. Correction noted. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon						X

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

There was no one present to speak at the public session.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon						X

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the communications including the late communication. Commissioner Tyszka 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.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon						X

- A. Email dated October 31, 2014, from Mr. Doug Novak requesting the Board to approve the permanent removal of the traffic island at the intersections of East Main Street and Bridge Street. Mr. Novak gave a brief explanation regarding his request. Chief Hale also stated that communication B also explains the request a little further. Mr. Novak did say that he and Chief Hale did agree that the stop sign that is to be placed on the Fitzpatrick's side (going north bound) on East Main Street will be placed on the fence line at the end of Fitzpatrick's driveway. The stop bar will be double wide and located further up with the word stop painted as well.
- B. Letter dated October 31, 2014, from Chief Kevin J. Hale to the Board regarding islands at the intersections of East Main and Bridge, East Main and Tremont.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the changes recommended by Chief Hale and Mr. Doug Novak (pertaining to communications A, & B). Commissioner Goldson seconded to motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon						X

Late Communication- Letter dated October 23, 2014, from Chief Hale to the Board regarding the entrance and exit to Cumberland Farms from Division Street and the entrance and exit on the Pershing Drive side as well. Chief Hale's recommendation regarding the entrance and exit on Division Street side is for the Board to monitor the issue and re-visit it if necessary. Since January 1, 2010, there have been five motor vehicle accidents at this location, all

involving cars entering, not exiting. Chief Hale did say that his concern is on the Pershing Drive side of the lot. He stated that since January 1, 2010, there have been thirty two motor vehicle accidents at that location, eighteen entering the lot and fourteen exiting the lot. Chief Hale's recommendation on this issue is to forward a request to the State DOT to review this area for possible corrections. Mr. Doug Novak added that with his history in working for the State DOT, chances are that when the engineers went to review the new construction of Cumberland Farms, the entrance and exit on both Division Street and Pershing Drive were reviewed, and it is most likely that the current configuration is the best that they can do. Chief Hale stated that this Board should still contact the State DOT for documentation purposes and as a follow-up with Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to send a letter to the State DOT (regarding Pershing Drive exit and entrance at Cumberland Farms) Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon						X

Commissioner Amico made a motion to send a letter to Planning and Zoning (informing them of the Boards response). Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon						X

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Dennis Quinn's concerns on areas throughout Ansonia that do not have crosswalks as well as the overgrown hedges into sidewalk near 93 Jackson Street. Chief Hale stated that the overgrown hedges complaint was transferred over to the Blight Officer. Chief Hale stated that he did not know why parking is on one particular side on some of the streets on the west side. He feels that this matter should be left as is for the time being. Also, Chief Hale stated that we don't have the means to paint crosswalks at every intersection. Those decisions were made by traffic authorities years ago. Chief Hale stated he reviewed the streets Mr. Quinn mentioned and he

(Chief Hale) has not received any other complaints regarding this issue. Mr. Quinn will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 1 officer is out on workers compensation.
- 1 officer is out on light duty.
- 1 Part-Time dispatcher is in training.
- 1 Part-Time Dispatcher position is opening.
- K-9 Officer opening is in process. Training will begin in the spring.

Miscellaneous:

- One new vehicle has arrived and the department is awaiting one more.
- The new windows are currently being installed.
- Still awaiting approval on the audible crosswalk sign for the intersection of West Main Street at Bridge Street.
- Still awaiting the STC to remove the 15 minute parking sign at the location of North Main Street and Fourth Street.
- The budget process has begun, packets were received today.
- A large wake and funeral will be held on Thursday and Friday.
- There were no issues on Halloween.
- Public Safety recently met regarding the issues with Ebola.
- On Tuesday a gentleman suffered a medical issue, which caused a motor vehicle accident on North Main Street.

Chairwoman Pitney asked if a "No Parking from Here to Corner" sign can be placed at the location of Platt Street and Columbia Street.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to place appropriate signs at the corner of Platt Street at Columbia Street. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon						X

Chairwoman asked Chief Hale if there is a missing person do you have to wait 24 hours before reporting it. Chief Hale said no, and that is a big misconception. You can report it right away.

Chairwoman asked if three lanes could be placed prior to the train tracks on Division Street. Chief Hale replied that the width of the roadway may not be enough.

Alderman Henri ask if the police department installs signs. Chief Hale stated the police department orders the signs and Public Works installs them. Alderman Henri asked if the green Army Reserve Center sign which is on the pole next to Burger King can be removed. Chief Hale stated that, that location is a State road and that he would contact DOT.

Alderman Henri also informed the Board that he was approached by a resident who asked him to pass along her gratitude of Officer Nelson who went above and beyond to help her. Chief Hale stated that he would pass this information along to him.

Commissioner Amico 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
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon						X

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss grievance 2014-01 with the Board and Chief Hale to be present only. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon						X

The Board went into executive session at 5:45pm

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon						X

The Board returned to regular session at 5:58pm.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to deny grievance 2014-01. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon						X

Chief Hale wanted to add that once the windows are complete, blinds will also be going up.

Lastly, Chief Hale wanted to remind the Board that Planning and Zoning will be doing a walk through to review the new generator on Saturday November 8th at 10am.

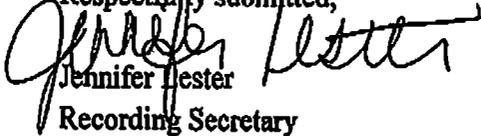
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Amico made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon						X

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Lester".

Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority