



# City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
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## REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 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 Phillip Tripp, Alderman Patrick Henri

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2014, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the minutes from November 5, 2014 with the necessary corrections should there be any. 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		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.

**Alderman Phillip Tripp**

**57 Eagle Street**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Tripp just wanted to tell Chief Hale and the Board that his overwhelming experience with the Ansonia Police Department has been very good. They are very professional Police Officer's and they have done some dangerous things in the last several months and they have Alderman Tripp's admiration and respect and they are doing a wonderful job and would like to put that on public record.

Chairwoman thanked Alderman Tripp.

**Alderman Patrick Henri**

**16 Harris Road**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Henri stated that he wanted to echo those sentiments. These days, what I'm hearing on the TV from the president and the Attorney General talking about police work with contempt and disdain and I don't like it! Kudos to the police department in Ansonia, they do a great job and we are behind them 100%.

The Board thanked Alderman Henri.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept the monthly reports. 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			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the communications. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the communications. Commissioner Heon 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			
Paul Heon		X	X			

- A. Letter dated November 10, 2014, to Chief Kevin J. Hale from the Department of Transportation regarding a request for a crosswalk at the location of Route 115 at Columbia Street. Chief Hale spoke with Mr. Novak from Public Works regarding this. FYI only.
- B. Letter dated October 10, 2014, cc: to the Board from Preferred Management regarding their request to have the two hour parking sign in front of their office (on Main Street) to be changed to a 15 minute parking sign. Chief Hale stated that Main Street is a state highway and unfortunately the department does not have the staffing to enforce the timed parking signs. It is very difficult to enforce this. Chief will send someone down to look over the situation.

- C. Letter dated November 25, 2014, from Recording Secretary Jennifer Lester requesting approval for the 2015 Board meeting schedule. Commissioner Amico made a motion to approve the Board of Police Commissioners meeting schedule for 2015. 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			

- D. Letter dated November 26, 2014 from Chief Kevin J. Hale, to the Board requesting approval of policies 4.100 and 4.101. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept policies 4.100 and 4.101. 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			
Paul Heon		X	X			

Commissioner Tyszka went through a couple of recommendations/corrections for both policies.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Send letter to Planning and Zoning Commission regarding Cumberland Farms. (Letter has been sent)
2. Send letter to the Department of Transportation regarding Cumberland Farms. (Letter has been sent)
3. Place appropriate signage (No Parking Here to Corner) at the corner of Platt Street at Columbia Street. Chief Hale stated that these signs will be put up, but he also wanted to note that there's a lot of signage missing in that area and those signs will be put up as well. He stated that because the signs were already placed there at one time, the Board does not need to vote on its approval.

Chairwoman stated that she received a letter from the Department of Transportation requesting not to place salt near train crossing because the salt activates the lights. Chief Hale just noted that Ansonia does not have any and the one on Division Street is a state road.

Chief Hale also stated that he spoke with Mr. Novak to see if he can get approval from the State of CT D.O.T. to remove the green armory sign located near Burger King at Alderman Henri's request.

**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 officer has left the department.
- K-9 process is moving forward.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Window installment is complete, awaiting the large window in front of building to be replaced and the blinds for all windows to be put in.
- Commissioner Tyszka asked if the City is monitoring the savings with the new renovations. Chief Hale stated that he doesn't believe so but he imagine it will be looked into. Commissioner Tyszka stated that the comparison will be nice to show residents of Ansonia.
- The budget is due to finance in the next couple of weeks.
- Winter parking is on the even side unless the street has a special rule.
- Contract negotiations are ongoing.
- Both new vehicles are in.
- There was an arrest in the Crave burglary.
- The police department holiday breakfast will be on December 12, 2014.
- 2 apartments above PM Lounge were raided.
- \_ Chief Hale spoke with Rich Bshara regarding the original pension plan and the Board yearly approval.

Chairwoman attended the walk through with Planning and Zoning which went very well. A picket fence will be placed around the area of the generator and plants will be placed as well.

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			

Alderman Henri also wanted to say that the reflective strips that were placed on Pulaski Hwy. look really nice. Chief Hale stated those were taken care of by the Department of Transportation.

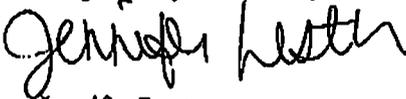
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 5:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority