



City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

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REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

5:00 PM

Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann 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.

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:

Mayor David Casseti, Chief Kevin J. Hale, Alderman Patrick Henri, Alderman Blackwell

Recording Secretary recorded four 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 April 2, 2014, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. Commissioner Tyszka had a correction on page 5 under new business (second line) and asked that the wording be changed from coming out of Rockwood Ave. to coming out of Rockwood Ave. Ext. Also, Commissioner Heon noted on page 3 under Mr. Musante (first line) to change in to it. 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			

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Steven Schumacher

8 Milan St.

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Schumacher stated that he and others were there to speak to the Board regarding the removal of the stop sign that was at the location of Benz Street at Milan Street. He state that the removal of the stop sign has made that intersection dangerous especially since the Nature Center is in that area and children as well and asked for the sign to be put back up.

Mr. Andy Palmeiri & Mrs. Darlene Palmieri

62 Benz Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mrs. Palmieri also added that speeding is an issue in that area. School busses are speeding and it is an issue because there are kids riding their bikes and skateboards in that area.

Commissioner Heon stated that the State Traffic Commission has conducted studies which show that stop signs are not designated to correct speeding. Commissioner Heon also suggested that a redesign of the road may be a solution.

Chief Hale suggested asking the city engineer to help resolve this issue. Commissioner Amico made a motion to ask the City Engineer to assist in resolving the issue at the intersection of Benz Street and Milan Street. 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			
Nicholas Amico	X		X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

Edward Musante

21 Castle Lane

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante requested two dead end street signs, one to be placed one Laurel Street and the other on Partridge Street. Chief Hale stated he would look into the area.

Mr. John Kichar

50 Day Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Kichar informed the Board that there is speeding issues on Meadow Street. He also mentioned that there is a big truck that is parking at the end of Meadow Street and asked for that to be looked into. Chief Hale stated that the truck has since moved because it can't be parked on the street. Lastly, Mr. Kichar asked for more patrolling in his neighborhood.

Paul Kingston

6 Milan Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Kingston stated he was there as well to follow up on the stop sign that was removed from Milan/Benz Street. (Matter was discussed previously)

Harry Danley

52 N. Cliff Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Danley stated that he is requesting a hot dog cart permit. Chief Hale stated that this was referred to this Board by the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Danley asked why this request was

transferred to the Board of Police Commissioners. Chief Hale responded that the permit has to come from the police department. Mr. Danley also wanted to report that there is a speeding issue on N. Cliff Street. Chief Hale stated that they have looked into speeding on N. Cliff Street before and that he would put the speed trailer there as well.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Tyszka 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
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Heon made a motion to accept the late communication and place it on file. 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			
Nicholas Amico		X	X			
Paul Heon	X		X			

Late communication: Email sent May 7, 2014 to Chief Hale from Stephen Blenus requesting a new crosswalk to be placed at the west end of the ally, entered from Main Street (next to Valley Electric) that goes through W. Main Street.

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. Mr. Kingston's request for Board to review the removal of the stop sign that was located at the intersection of Benz St. at Milan St. Discussed during the public session.
2. Mr. Quinn's request for one-way or two-way sign to be placed on Holbrook St. Chief Hale suggested that Holbrook be either a one-way street the whole length or a two-way street the whole length with parking on both sides. Chief Hale also stated that another survey could be done for residents in the area. Chief Hale noted Mr. Quinn's concerns were correct. Mayor Cassetti asked the Board why do a survey if the Board feels Holbrook should be a two-way street. Chairwoman stated because a survey has been done in the past. Chief Hale stated that if the Board wanted to make a decision on this matter the Board could take a vote. Commissioner Heon made a motion to make Holbrook Street a two-way street. Commissioner Amico seconded the motion. Three Board members voted yes, one Board member voted no. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Tyszka changed his vote to yes regarding changing Holbrook to a two way street. Vote was amended.

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

Chief Hale noted that the residents will be informed of this change and flyers will be given and notice will also be provided through the local paper.

3. Chief Hale's request for a stop sign to be placed at the end of Rockwood Ave Ext. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to have a stop sign placed at the end of Rockwood Ave. Ext. 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			

4. Chief Hale's request for a "No Outlet" sign to be placed on Spruce La. Commissioner Amico made a motion to have a "No Outlet" sign placed on Spruce La. 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			

5. Chief Hale's request for a stop sign coming out of Deerfield La. (near Red Wing Pond School) Discussion was held regarding the increase in traffic in that area. Chairwoman asked that the Board look into the area and that this item be tabled and for a decision at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Hale informed the Board that a decision has been made in selecting a recipient for the 2014 Brian Phipps award and asked that the Board vote to accept the recipient that was selected. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the nominee for the 2014 Brian Phipps award. 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			

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 1 officer is out on light duty and will be returning to full-duty
- 1 officer is out on long term illness

Miscellaneous:

- The police department will be going to BOAT to request money for overtime and private duty. Chairwoman asked if companies can hire flagmen for these jobs. Chief Hale said yes but only in Ansonia.
- There is a boiler issue as well as an issue with the second floor air conditioning. There is a board that needs to be replaced to get it up and running.
- The generator for the EOC is going out to bid.
- A request to sell one of the police department vehicles has gone to the Board of Aldermen for approval.
- A Budget hearing will be held on Monday May 12th.
- Chief Hale is working on improving the Detective Bureau report.
- Vehicle maintenance contract expires on June 30th.
- Reminder the Memorial Day Parade will be on May 25, 2014 same time.

Chairwoman asked that the communications for the Board meetings be time stamped. Chairwoman also informed the Board that she will be providing the Board members a copy of a letter from the Cost Control Commission meeting that will be held in June and the Board members can attend.

Chairwoman also stated that Attorney Marini will be sending out the FOI packets to the members of the Board.

Lastly, on the corner of Page Street coming from Division there is a parking situation, and it is difficult for people to get out of their driveways. (This has been tabled till next month)

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the Chief's report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Heon. 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			

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Amico made a motion to adjourn. 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			

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority