



City of Ansonia
CONNECTICUT 06401

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

COMMISSIONERS
Ann Pitney, President

Bob Goldson, Vice President
Nicholas L. Amico, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary
Paul Heon, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 2, 2014
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

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Erin L. Tyszka
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ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Pitney chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:02 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

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 June 4, 2014, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. 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			
Paul Heon		X	X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Steven Schumacher

8 Milan St.

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Schumacher stated that he wanted to follow up with regards to the reconfiguring of lines on Benz Street at Milan Street. As well as the stop sign being moved 15ft and the "No Parking" signs on Milan Street. Mr. Schumacher also mentioned that there was a fourth accident at the corner of Benz and Milan Streets. It was a head on collision with a parked car. Mr. Schumacher just wanted to express his concerns with the area and the issues with speeding and careless driving. Chief Hale stated that the stop sign is currently in the process of being moved, and the striping is in process as well. Chief Hale did mention that the "No Parking" will be put back up but he is waiting for the July budget to take effect. And there is no approval needed for this request because the signs were there, taken down, and never put back up.

Chief Hale informed Mr. Schumacher and the members of the Board that metro count will be placed in the area to monitor speed. Chairwoman asked if there was any signage that can be placed to warn drivers about the bend. Chief Hale stated yes and the department is just waiting for the July budget to be in effect for the signage placement and lines to be completed.

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			

Chief Hale gave a brief explanation of the newly formatted detective bureau report. A brief Discussion was held.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the communications. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file. 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		X			
Frank Tyszka						X
Nicholas Amico			X			
Paul Heon		X	X			

- A. Letter dated June 24, 2014, to the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale, requesting approval of Auto Repairs Unlimited for the vehicle maintenance contract through June 30th 2016. Chief Hale recommended that the Board recommend Auto Repairs Unlimited and that the Board forward their recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. Commissioner Amico made a motion to recommend Auto Repairs Unlimited for the Ansonia Police Department Maintenance and repair bid. Commissioner Goldson asked what if there is a contract violation. Commissioner Amico stated that if there is a contract violation then this Board would deal with that issue. Chairwoman asked if the matter that was brought up by Mr. Heusser regarding Mr. Pelaccia has been looked into. Chief Hale stated that the matter was looked into and that the question that was raised was based on opinion. The contract clearly states under item #3, that the garage "Have and maintain certified mechanics that have been formally trained in auto mechanics and certified by an association such as ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) which has standards that each

mechanic must meet by both written and practical exams. It does not say solely from ASE. Mr. Pelaccia is certified through another company. 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			

B. Email Dated June 27, 2014 to Chief Kevin J. Hale, carbon copy to the Board regarding the withdrawal of Mr. Blenus' request for additional markings and signs. Chief Hale stated that he spoke with Mr. Blenus and Shelia O'Malley. The request to withdraw his initial request was not meant with any malice. Chief Hale did state however the problem with this project as well as other future projects is that these initial plans never come through the Traffic Commission, which is this Board. And as the traffic authority, this Board should be a part of this process as is planning and zoning etc. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Mr. Blenus' withdrawal. 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			

C. Letter dated June 26, 2014 to Commissioner Pitney from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding accessible pedestrian signal on Bridge Street at West Main St. Chairwoman asked Chief Hale what is the extent of the States request. Chief Hale stated that they are requesting audible pedestrian signals. Chief Hale also informed the Board that he has been in touch with Shelia O'Malley so that this can be resolved. FYI only.

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			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Heusser's request to have the Board look into if Mr. Pelaccia has ASE certification (which Mr. Heusser states is a requirement) since he works on police vehicle. Chief Hale discussed this matter during discussion of communications.
2. Send a Letter to Mr. Blenus requesting his attendance at the next Board of Police Commissioners regular meeting. Letter has been sent. Items also discussed during discussion of communication.
3. Mr. Schumacher's request to have the "No Parking" signs that were at the location of Milan Street put back up. Item discussed during public session.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

ORAL REPORT:**Personnel:**

- 1 officer is out on light duty.
- 1 officer is out on long term illness, a special meeting will be held to discuss matter.
- 1 officer is on administrative duty.
- 1 Part-Time dispatcher is in training.
- 1 Part-Time Dispatcher has resigned
- 1- Part-Time Records Clerk has been laid off as of Monday.
- Currently working on saving crossing guard positions.

Miscellaneous:

- Looking to have Holbrook Street converted to a 2-way Street by July 21st.
- Emergency drill was held a week ago Monday with Homeland Security. It was a category 1 hurricane. Some issues occurred however it was on the States end. Drill was successful.
- Shelia O'Malley is currently working on a grant for a second School Resource Officer which will be for the middle school.
- VIRTA was approved; contract was signed and sent back to the Milford Police Department.
- A second officer has been assigned to SRT. Officer Michael Barry has been assigned.
- Chief Hale and Commissioner Goldson went to a class regarding traffic issues. The class was beneficial.
- There is an issue with CMED-Dispatch Ambulance. Currently they are having funding problems and Chief Hale is working with Jared Heon to come up with a short-term and long-term solution.
- Officer Barreira's swearing in will be on Monday July 7th at 11 am in the Aldermanic Chambers.
- In the process of assigning a new officer to the DEA, and a new officer to the Anti Crime Unit this month.
- Street striping will be included in this years paving plan. This includes stop bars and crosswalks.

-On East Main Street there is a removable "Yield to Pedestrian" sign located on the crosswalk behind City Hall, however this Board needs to officially approve the sign. Chief Hale stated he feels that it is a good idea to have that removable sign there. Commissioner Heon made a motion to approve the removable "Yield for Pedestrian" sign, as well as the placement of large Yield to pedestrian signs to be posted both North and South bound. 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			
Paul Heon	X		X			

Mayor Cassetti stated that he would request the town hall custodian to bring in the sign after business hours.

Commissioner Amico made a motion to accept Chief Hale's report. 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			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

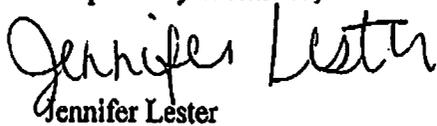
ADJOURNMENT:

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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority