



# City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
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## COMMISSIONERS

Ann Pitney, President

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Nicholas L. Amico, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary  
Paul Heon, Commissioner

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### REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 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 Patrick Henri

Recording Secretary recorded five 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 July 2, 2014, regular meeting minutes and the July 23, 2014 special meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the minutes 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 Patrick Henri**  
**16 Harris Rd.**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Henri asked the Board if it would be possible for them to look into purchasing rumble strips in order to slow down speeding in the 6<sup>th</sup> ward area. He stated that he receives numerous complaints regarding speeding of cars and buses on Highland Avenue, Ford Street, and Prindle Avenue and asked the Board if the rumble strips would be feasible. Commissioners Amico stated that he also received calls/complaints on buses speeding in the area also. Chairwoman asked Chief Hale if there are police officers at the schools. Chief Hale stated that the department tries to place officers at the schools however there are more schools than police availability. Chairwoman asked how placing the rumble strips on city streets can be proven to be effective. Chief Hale stated that we would need more of a scientific account to prove the effectiveness such as the Metro Count etc. Chief Hale stated that he would contact Mr. Doug Novak to ask him what he suggests.

There was no one else for the public session.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Commissioner Tyszka 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 Goldson made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file. 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			

- A. Letter dated August 5, 2014, to the Board from Ms. Sheila O'Malley-Executive Director of Economic Development regarding a proposed parking lot layout for the West Main Street project. Chief Hale stated that the plans for the West Main Street Project have been completed. Chief Hale also mentioned that he spoke with Shelia O'Malley and asked that going forward, to please inform the Board of Police Commissioners of plans pertaining to traffic changes for the town. FYI only.

Mayor Cassetti stated that he will be forwarding the plans to this Board regarding a transfer station at the Public Works Complex.

Chairwoman asked if white lines were going to be painted for the parking spaces on West Main Street. Both Chief Hale and Mayor Cassetti did not believe those lines were going to be painted because the project is complete.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

Commissioner Tyszka did ask Chief Hale what the outcome was regarding the triangle placement for Beverly Dr. and Bellview Ter. at Highland Ave. Chief Hale stated the previous Public Works Director was opposed for the idea however the new Director is for it. Alderman Henri stated that when Highland Ave. gets paved, most likely that will help to eliminate the problem for Beverly and Bellview.

**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.
- 3 Crossing Guards have been laid-off.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The new generator is working.
- The windows at the Police Department have been measured and ordered, and should be coming in soon.
- Emergency Medical and Fire Dispatch is changing. Chief Heon has put a lot of effort in working with CMED in Prospect called Northwest and that change should begin by the end of September.
- Chief Hale stated that he is currently in the process of reviewing the emergency Operations Plans.
- An audible crosswalk maybe placed on West Main Street at Bridge as part of the West Main Project.
- The Ansonia Police Department will be continuing their crack down on distracted driving.
- Centerlines have been painted by a company out of Prospect. Crosswalks and stop bars to follow.
- Officer Mike Barry will be receiving 2 awards one from VSAC-Valley Substance Abuse Action Council on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the second is on a State level-CT Youth Service Association for Program of the Year on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chief Hale stated that the Detective Bureau is working on various cases. (Attempted burglary which occurred 9/2, and warrants that are in progress)
- Chief Hale stated that the K-9 process will hopefully be started by the end of the month.

Commissioner Heon asked if there has been any feedback regarding Holbrook Street becoming a two-way street. Both Chief Hale and Mayor Cassetti stated that they have not received any complaints of the change. Commissioner Heon also pointed out that on the July mileage report there was a typo on the mileage for the 2010 Chevy. Error noted.

Chairwoman stated to Chief Hale that she was happy with what was done on Benz Street. Chairwoman asked Chief Hale if he was able to look at the signs at Cumberland Farms. Chief Hale stated that he did look at the signs and they are low however they do not interfere with the sidewalk. Chairwoman asked Chief Hale if he heard from Donna Simpkins from the Department of Transportation regarding work on State Street. Chief Hale stated that she only had a couple of questions which he answered for her and she is all set to continue her study.

-Commissioner Tyszka went through a couple of numbers with Chief Hale from the Monthly Activity report.

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:**

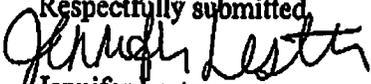
There was none.

**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 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary  
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority