



# City of Ansonia

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 2, 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 and proceeded with the agenda of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2014, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. Chairwoman stated she had a correction on page 5, at the end of the paragraph it should say Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to eliminate the stop sign currently located at Benz Street and there should be a sign informing drivers as a warning, that the stop sign is no longer there (on Milan Street). Commissioner Tyszka also added that on page 4, under unfinished business, paragraph one, third sentence, it says Chief and a member of the Board...can come to a resolve, I think you meant resolution. Also, on page 5 under Chief's oral report, six lines down, Chief Hale gives great thanks, you have thank. 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 to speak during the public session.

**Paul Kingston**

**6 Milan Street**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Kingston informed the member of the Board that he does not agree with the removal of the stop sign that was located at the intersection of Benz Street at Milan Street. He stated that he had concerns with people pulling in quickly onto Milan Street. Milan Street is really the entrance and exit to the park. He mentioned that there are children that ride their bikes and go to the Nature Center and because people pull in so quickly onto Milan Street, this could be very dangerous for the children. Mr. Kingston asked the Board why the sign that was there for so many years was removed. Chief Hale stated that a new development was placed in the area and the curb was pushed back leaving the stop sign out too far in the road. Chief Hale also stated that there were several concerns about speeding in the area as well and noted that stop signs do not resolve speeding. Chief Hale told Mr. Kingston that radar will continue in the area and a

speed trailer will also be placed. Chief Hale suggested that we give the change some time and asked the Board to evaluate that area further.

**Edward Musante**

**21 Castle Lane**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Musante informed the Board that people are blowing debris into the road making in dangerous for people driving in the Rockwood Avenue at Woodbridge Ave. area.

**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		X			
Nicholas Amico						X
Paul Heon			X			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the communication 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 March 26, 2014, to the Board from Alison Rubelmann-Director of the Ansonia Nature Center, requesting that the Board reconsider reinstalling the stop sign on Benz Street at Milan Road. Additionally, she is requesting police patrol at the park (during sunset) due to patrons being in the park at closing.

Chairwoman stated that the Board will send a letter informing Allison that the matter is being evaluated. Chief Hale also stated that he will make sure extra patrols are in that area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Send letter to Yale Podiatry denying there request for a reserved parking spot. FYI Only

2. Send Letter to Mr. DeLeone denying his request for a "No Parking" to be placed in front of his home. FYI Only

Chairwoman asked Chief Hale how long Detective Bureau cases should remain open. Chief Hale stated that there is no time frame however if there is a misdemeanor crime you have to close it out within a year.

Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale if the department assists another agency does Ansonia count those crimes as their own? Chief Hale responded no.

At this time Chairwoman asked to revert back to the public session. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to revert back to the public session. 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			

Board reverted to back to the public session at 5:16 pm.

**Dennis Quinn**

**13 Holbrook Street**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Quinn expressed his concerns on the confusion of Holbrook being a one-way or two-way. He stated that at the intersection Holbrook Street off of Jackson Street the road is a two-way road going north bound, at the end of Holbrook Street it is a one-way street. The problem is if a person pulls into a driveway on Holbrook Street (coming from Jackson Street) there is no way of telling that person that the opposite end is in fact a one-way street. Chief Hale stated that Officers did a door to door survey asking the residents of Holbrook Street would be opposed to making Holbrook Street a two-way street. The majority of residents voted against the change therefore Holbrook Street stayed as is. Chief Hale informed the Board that he will look into the area in order to determine the signage for the street.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion for Chief Hale to look into the signage for Holbrook Street and Holbrook Ct. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Board ended the public session and reverts back to the agenda at 5:23 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Hale received verbal requests for signage in three areas. The first one being, when coming down Rockwood Ave. Ext. onto Rockwood Ave., coming out of Rockwood Ave. there is no stop sign. Chief Hale asked that the Board look into that. Secondly, Spruce Lane is a no outlet street but there is no signage indicating that. Lastly, there is no stop sign coming out of Deerfield La. near Red Wing Pond School. Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale what he recommends regarding the three requests. Chief Hale recommended that the Board take a further look at these areas to determine the proper signage.

**ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel:**

- 3 Officer currently in the Field Training Program. One will be released in May to solo status, and the other two in July.
- 1 officer is out on light duty
- 1 officer is out on long term illness

**Miscellaneous:**

- The BOAT budget process continues.
- There was a major issue with the radio system about 10 days ago. North East Communications has been working on the issues with the help of Jared Heon, to get it back up and running. The issue was a faulty chip card. Back up capabilities are available and the radio system it is working now.
- Chief Hale stated that the department is going to begin a very strong distracted driving program.

Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale how e-citation is working. Chief Hale responded it is working very well.

- The department has been assisting the Blight/Zoning Enforcement Officer with issues throughout Ansonia. Issues throughout town are being resolved.

-Chief Hale went back to BOAT to request money for overtime. There are officers at the schools which cause overtime and the Memorial Day Parade is coming up and he wants to be prepared

Commissioner Heon asked if there was a plan on getting an additional person on days to cover the schools instead on paying someone overtime to do that. Chief Hale stated that this has been mentioned however it is difficult to do due to the departments manpower.

-Chief Hale attended an FOIA seminar (as did Chairwoman Pitney) which was a good refresher.  
 -The Board of Aldermen recently approved the departments new CAD/RMS Servers. The install should begin soon.

-Power was lost over the weekend and fumes were backing up into the department from the generator. This is a big concern and will be fixed as soon as possible.

-Alderwoman Radin requested parking to be permanent on one side of Jackson Street (odd side).

Commissioner Heon asked what the status regarding the officer out on long term illness. Chief Hale stated that the process is still ongoing.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale's oral 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		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Nicholas Amico						X
Paul Heon		X	X			

At this time, Chairwoman shared some of the information that was provided at the FOIA seminar, brief discussion held.

Chairwoman received a letter from the Mayor regarding the Boards input on changes to the City Charter. Chairwoman passed out copies and stated that the Mayor needed the changes by May 1<sup>st</sup> and to please give the changes to her (Chairwoman) prior to that date.

Commissioner Goldson stated that he will not be at the next meeting and would like to be excused.

Alderman Henri asked the Board what they mean by requesting to be excused. Chairwoman replied it is an excused absence in good standing, rather than being absent from the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester  
 Recording Secretary  
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority