



# City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

### COMMISSIONERS

Ann Pitney, President

Bob Goldson, Vice President

Paul Heon, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary

Michael Rinaldi, Commissioner

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**  
**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 Paul Heon       | X       |        |         |
| Commissioner Michael Rinaldi | X       |        |         |

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale, Alderman Henri, Alderman Kaslaitis

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 February 4, 2015, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve February 4, 2015, regular meeting minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

| <b>COMMISSIONER</b> | <b>Motion Made</b> | <b>Seconded Motion</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| Ann Pitney          |                    |                        | X          |           |                  |               |
| Bob Goldson         | X                  |                        | X          |           |                  |               |
| Frank Tyszka        |                    |                        | X          |           |                  |               |
| Paul Heon           |                    | X                      | X          |           |                  |               |
| Michael Rinaldi     |                    |                        | X          |           |                  |               |

Commissioner Heon had a correction on page 2 of the organizational minutes noting that in the motion box (under adjournment) Commissioner Rinaldi needed to be checked off as seconding the motion.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Alderman Henri**  
**16 Harris Rd.**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Henri stated that at the location of Antonio's (plaza- parking lot) there is a fire lane stripe. He wanted to know if that was something the owner's placed there or if it is City regulated, and enforceable.

Chief Hale stated that he believed the owner's may have placed it there to meet zoning/fire marshal requirements but that it is enforceable.

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

| <b>COMMISSIONER</b> | <b>Motion Made</b> | <b>Seconded Motion</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| Ann Pitney          |                    |                        | X          |           |                  |               |
| Bob Goldson         |                    | X                      | X          |           |                  |               |
| Frank Tyszka        |                    |                        | X          |           |                  |               |
| Paul Heon           |                    |                        | X          |           |                  |               |
| Michael Rinaldi     | X                  |                        | X          |           |                  |               |

Commissioner Tyszka asked when the officers look at complaints, he noticed that there are three or four guys that are the enforcers. He just wanted to ask if that is what they do, look for people that illegally parked etc. Chief Hale responded yes. This time of year winter parking rules are in effect so we will get complaints. Chief Hale stated it could also be the shift. Commissioner Rinaldi asked Chief Hale if that type of discretion would be similar to motor vehicle stops. Chief Hale responded yes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no communications.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Goals set for the Ansonia Police Department by Chief Kevin J. Hale. Chief Hale stated the Board received a new revised copy. Chairwoman stated that the list was very long and asked Chief Hale if needed to cut them down or if he felt he can accomplish them. Chief stated that he wants to work toward meeting all of his goals but will provide updates as needed. Commissioner Heon suggested that because the Board does not meet in August that the Board can be updated on the goals at the September meeting. Also, Commissioner Heon stated that he agreed with Chief Hale when he said some of these goals are based on the fiscal year. Commissioner Rinaldi asked Chief Hale, for the citizen's academy is there a State curriculum on that or is the City setting up their own. Chief Hale stated they are setting up their own.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:**

Personnel-

- One officer out on workman's compensation. Matter will be resolved very soon.
- One officer on light duty.

- One P/T Dispatcher position is being filled
- K-9 position. Chief Hale stated he has a list from the committee and a decision will be forthcoming this month.
- Contract has been approved and are awaiting final signatures.
- The police department is continuing to assist in snow removal.
- Chief Hale stated he spoke with Doug Novak from Public Works and the Mayor regarding putting sidewalks up on Pulaski Hwy. at the high school. We will need approval from D.O.T. and this will be funded through city bonding.
- One of our officer's was injured while walking into the police department due to ice.
- The department is continuing to assist blight officer on a number of issues.
- Budget process- waiting on notification of next hearing.
- Grant has been submitted for bodycams, and the committee is working on proposals. Policies regarding this will be very important.
- Awaiting State report on racial profiling.
- Chief Hale has been asked to submit information for capital projects to the Finance Office. This will be forwarded to the Board.
- Parking ban will be in effect tonight 2000-0800.
- Dispatchers will be sent to critical incident training within the next month.
- Chief Hale asked the Board members who can receive the shift info via email. Four will receive it by email. One will receive by mail.

Chairwoman stated that she understands with the weather etc. why the flag at the police department has not been up but she stated she really wants to see flag on the pole. Chief Hale stated once a pay loader gets the snow removed from that area the flag will be placed on the pole. Chairwoman also said that snow removal on the sidewalks on Elm Street and Jewett Street is bad and asked if there is anything that can be done so that people don't have to walk in the street. Chief Hale stated that matter is being enforced.

Chief Hale also stated that one of the goals is going to require help from members of the Board so the sub-committees will need to be looked over.

Commissioner Heon stated that the buses at Mead school line up which makes vehicles pass the buses in the oncoming traffic lane and asked if there is anything that can be done. Commissioner Rinaldi stated that it has been this way for years but they are only there for about 15-20 minutes. Chief Hale stated that has always been an issue but there is nowhere for them to fit.

Alderman Henri asked if the fire department wanted to put markings in the road to identify fire hydrants would the traffic commission be okay with that. The Board asked that they be provided with the plans and can go from there.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale's oral report. Commissioner Rinaldi 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   |    |           |        |
| Paul Heon       |             |                 | X   |    |           |        |
| Michael Rinaldi |             | X               | X   |    |           |        |

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

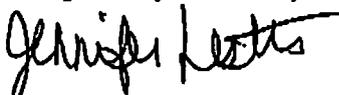
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Tyszka 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           |                 | X   |    |           |        |
| Paul Heon       |             |                 | X   |    |           |        |
| Michael Rinaldi |             |                 | X   |    |           |        |

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority