



# City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
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## COMMISSIONERS

Ann Pitney, President

Bob Goldson, Vice President  
Paul Heon, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary  
Michael Rinaldi, Commissioner

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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 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 May 6, 2015, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve May 6, 2015, regular meeting minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. 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			

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Edward Musante**  
**21 Castle Lane**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Stated that the noise at Molto Bene from bands that play there Friday and Saturday nights is really loud and getting to be too much. Chief Hale stated that he was going to speak with the owners to try and come to a resolution. Also, in the area of Daily Mart and Dominos people hang there asking for money. Chief Hale stated that he will discuss this issue further during his report.

**John Kitchar**  
**50 Day Street**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Kitchar asked how far people are allowed to park from a "No Parking" sign. Chief Hale stated that he doesn't know if there is a specific footage, usually the sign say from here to corner. Chief Hale asked Mr. Kitchar if there is a sign on Day St., Mr. Kitchar replied yes. Chief Hale stated he would look into this matter. Lastly Mr. Kitchar asked what hours the Dog Warden works. Chief Hale stated that the dog wardens hours of work may vary 9am-6pm. Mr. Kitchar

stated that there have been some issues with neighborhood dogs being left out side and are barking all day long. Chief Hale stated that Mr. Kitchar contact the police department while the situation is occurring and an officer can be sent down. Chief Hale stated that if there is a situation at four in the morning, the dog warden may not respond until the following day, so it is best to contact the police department.

**Alderman Henri**

**16 Harris Rd.**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Henri if white lines can be painted on the shoulder of Bruns Road. Alderman Henri stated that every year the YMCA has a 5-K race in June and painting those white lines will help since the race runs through Bruns Road. Alderman Henri also mentioned if there is any way that Eagle Hose firemen can have access to the traffic light in front of the firehouse so that they can turn the traffic light all red so that the firemen can back the firetruck into the building. Chief Hale stated that the State of Connecticut was looking into this. Chief Hale will look into both requests.

**John & Dawn Kahyaoglu**

**41 Bridge Street**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Kahyaoglu stated that there is a big parking issue on West Main Street which is interfering with business parking and asked if there is any way the timed signs in front of the business can be changed. Chief Hale stated that the issue with timed parking is staffing and monitoring of these timed parking signs and doesn't feel that changing the time of the signs will help. Chief stated that maybe a business parking only sign may work but he would like to look into this issue further.

At this time, Chairwoman asked if there was anyone else present for the public session. There were none. Chairwoman at this time asked to deviate from the agenda and asked for a motion to go into public session. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to go into Executive Session with Chief Hale, members for the Board, Officer Harte, Sgt. Sturges-Union President, the attorney for the Union and Attorney Marini to be present only. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board went into executive session at 5:15 pm.

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			

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to exit the executive session and return to regular session. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 5:50 pm.

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

#### MONTHLY REPORT

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the monthly reports. 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			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

Commissioner Heon mentioned that the ACU report was not included in the monthly reports. Chief Hale stated that he would include it in the reports for next month. Commissioner Tyszka stated that he noticed an increase in impersonations on the departmental monthly report. Chief Hale stated that the increase was due to social security numbers and identity theft. Commissioner Tyszka also mentioned an increase in escorts. Chief Hale stated this is for funerals, bank escorts, or removal of belongings due to a domestic dispute etc.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

- A. Letter dated June 3, 2015, from Detective Rafalowski to the Board requesting the Board to approve his request to serve for an additional six months beyond his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. Commissioner Tyszka stated that he did not feel that the Board of Aldermen would approve this request and that we the Board should meet them half way and recommend a three month extension starting on his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday through December 3, 2015. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to recommend a three month extension beyond Detective Rafalowski's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. 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			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Follow-up on Beverly Drive triangle. Chief Hale stated that he spoke with Mr. Novak. Currently the paint machine is being repaired, but hopes to have it painted soon.
2. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. A letter will be sent to the Department of Transportation. Mr. Novak is going to get a State Representative to review the area as well.
3. Send letter to Mr. Doug Novak requesting him to review the situation with the fence (sent). Chairwoman stated that she, Commissioner Heon and Chief Hale met with Mr. Doug Novak of Public Works to discuss a solution to the fence located at the front of the police department. Chairwoman stated that a resolution was made, the fence will be only around the generator itself so the fence is going to be pushed back and painted brown. The fencing will also be placed around the propane posts and painted brown as well. Chairwoman will be adding landscaping to the area as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel-**

- One officer on light duty, workers compensation.
- One officer out on workers compensation.
- One officer out on light duty will be coming back soon.
- A.P.D. is in the hiring process through July 17<sup>th</sup>. All who are interested in applying can go to policeapp.com.

- Our department had a recent meeting with body cam vender. It will be costly even after the \$30,000.00 grant the department has received. A policy will need to be put in place as well.
- There is a new bar/nightclub on East Main Street. Officers have been posted there for closing at the request of the owners.
- New traffic counter is up and running.
- New radar guns are in. Commissioner Goldson asked if officers will need to be trained on use of the new radar gun. Chief Hale responded yes.
- Road painting- Public Works will take care of the crosswalks and stop bars, the Police Department will take of long lines.
- Patrol sectors in the north end have changed. Clean up has been done at Gatison Park and residents see a difference.
- There was a recent dog bite case. Chief Hale stated that there is no concern for a roaming pit bull, the dog has been detained.
- Molto Bene and shots fired case have been completed.
- K-9 is on third week of training.
- Two new vehicles have been approved by the Board of Aldermen.
- Reorganization process packets of the department will be going out soon.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Held after the public session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. 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			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority