



# 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

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Wednesday, July 1, 2015  
5:00 PM  
Erlingheuser Room  
MINUTES

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*Frank Tyszka*  
1000 AND CITY ST  
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

### 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 June 10, 2015, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve June 10, 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:**

There was no one present for the public session

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the monthly reports. 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			

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the late communication presented by Alderman Henri. 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			

- A. Late Communication- Letter dated June 24, 2015, from Alderman Patrick Henri to the Board expressing thank you to the police officer who stayed with the woman after a tree branch fell on her vehicle. FYI Only.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Follow-up on Beverly Drive triangle. Chief Hale stated that they are awaiting the repair of the public works machine.
2. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. Chief Hale stated that he received an email from the Department of Transportation. The letter stated that they received (Chief Hale's) request and are transferring the request to the traffic engineering department for review.
3. Re-organization packet. Chief Hale noted that all members of the Board received a copy of the re-organization packet. Commissioner Goldson asked if this would remain under unfinished business until it's completed. Chief Hale stated that the Board could discuss this now or at a later time. Commissioner Heon stated that he briefly read through the packet and he does feel that a Deputy Chief should be hired first and then a Lieutenant after that. Commissioner Tyszka felt that a Lieutenant should be hired first just to relieve some of the duties from the other two Lieutenants. Commissioner Rinaldi also felt that the position of Lieutenant will take some of the tasks away from the Sergeants which will allow them to be Sergeants and focus on patrol. Chief Hale stated that the position of Lieutenant is in the charter however Deputy Chief is not which will require more steps. All members of the Board were in agreement that both positions are very much needed. A brief discussion was held. A special meeting will be held in August to discuss this matter further.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Tyszka asked if the police department checks to see where the owners are paying their taxes on their tow trucks. Chief Hale stated they check annually. This is a requirement when being on the tow list.

Aldermen Henri asked if the request of the white lines to be placed on Bruns Road can be placed back on unfinished business.

**CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:**

**Personnel-**

- One officer on light duty, workers compensation.
- One officer out on workers compensation.
- Part-Time Dispatcher is in training and is doing well.
- 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](http://policeapp.com).
- Body cam committee is moving forward just working on the policy now.

-K-9 Kane is 6 weeks in.

-A civilian employee was injured on the steps last week, no time lost. Public works repaired the trouble spots on the steps which are crumbling and pulling away from the building.

-Mr. Kitchar was here last month talking about Day Street and the "No Parking" signs. Chief Hale stated that he looked at the area and there are no parking signs. There may have been signs on the east side of Day Street, so (Chief Hale) will look to see if the database has record of previous signs and maybe those can be put back up.

-Owners of JRB's were here last week. The department has reached out to the owner of 15 West Main Street, and asked them to ask their tenants to not park there. Chief Hale recommends a 2 hour business parking only or leaving the matter as is. Commissioner Goldson and Commissioner Heon both feel that the Board should leave this situation as is.

Chairwoman asked Chief Hale about the status of the audible crosswalk request for West Main St. at Bridge St. Chief Hale stated that the DOT and the City has some discrepancy with this request which is holding up the placement.

-Received informal request from a member of the Woodbridge Police Department. A Board approved a crosswalk on Ford Road at Massaro's Farm. The issue is that the yellow line divides Ansonia from Woodbridge so the crosswalk approval from Woodbridge would be from dirt to yellow line and Ansonia would have to approve yellow line to grass (to Hilltop Health across Ford Road). Chief Hale also stated that there are no sidewalks on either side. Chief Hale asked that this matter be listed under unfinished business.

-Received a complaint from Mr. Musante regarding complaints on Molto Bene. Chief Hale stated that the department spoke with the owners and they turned the speakers and we have not received any more complaints so far on this matter.

-There was a case today involving the untimely death of an infant.

-The ACU reports should go out at the middle of this month and moving forward.

Commissioner Goldson asked if the fire departments have to get permission from the police department in order to have boot collections. Chief Hale stated no they only have to notify us.

Chairwoman asked if the owners of the Shell gas station can be asked to move the advertisement that is covering the No Turn on Red sign.

Commissioner Heon stated that he is opposed to having a crosswalk over by Massaro's Farm. Because they have a lot of acreage to their property they should be able to make parking available.

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:**

No executive 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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority