



# City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
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Ann Pitney, President

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Paul Heon, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary  
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*Ann Pitney*  
TOWN AND CITY CLERK  
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 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 July 1, 2015, regular and August 17, 2015 special meeting minutes. Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to approve July 1, 2015, regular and August 17, 2015, special meeting minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. 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			

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Ed Musante**

**21 Castle Lane**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Musante asked the Board if there was anything they can do for Officer Castillo who is doing such a good job. He also stated that the north end has a sub-base that can be a good location for a new police department. Also, Mr. Musante stated that he spoke with the Mayor and Sergeant Jenifer Guisto regarding the quads that are riding around in his neighborhood but every time the police department is called they don't ride the quads until the officer leaves. Mr. Musante recommended that an officer go to the calls (regarding the quads) in an unmarked vehicle so this way they can be caught.

**Susan Bosworth**

**28 Woodbridge Ave.**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

**&**

**Jennifer Hine**

**32 Woodbridge Ave.**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Both had concerns with parking on Woodbridge Ave. They explained that because people park on the street instead of their driveways this causes Woodbridge Ave. to become a one lane road which is becoming dangerous. Ms. Bosworth and Ms. Hine both explained that at one time there were no parking signs at the location but they were taken down. They also expressed concerns

that although they have called to have an officer rectify the situation, the matter does not get rectified and both would like this issue addressed. In addition, Ms. Bosworth and Ms. Hine explained that speeding on Woodbridge Ave. is another issue that needs to be enforced. Chief Hale stated that he will look into this matter.

**Jean Petri-Walker**

**2 Rufus Street.**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Ms. Petrie-Walker stated that from about 7am-3pm, Griffin Hospital employees are parking on both sides of Rufus Street which is causing issues with her tenant trying to get in and out of the driveway without causing damage to vehicles parked so closely. In addition, people are also parking on the sidewalk on Grove Street. Chief Hale stated that he will look into this matter.

**Noemi Carrasquillo**

**98-100 High Street**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Ms. Carrasquillo explained that there is a missing no parking anytime sign that was once located in front of her home and requested that the sign be replaced. Chief Hale stated that he will have Public Works replace the sign.

**Alderman Henri**

**16 Harris Road**

**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Henri stated that he just wanted to follow up on old business as well as request the placement of shoulder lines from Mead School to the Nature Center.

**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 Heon stated that he had a few corrections regarding the reports. He stated that on the July mileage report there was an error with the end balance of car #5. Mrs. Lester explained that, that correction was notated on the August mileage report. Commissioner Heon also noted that in the 2015 IA report #2, the disposition is listed as closed. Chief Hale stated that he believes the disposition was unfounded and the list will be updated.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the communications. 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			

- A. Letter to the Board from Michael Ryan requesting the review of the traffic light configuration at the intersection of Main Street at Tremont and Main Street at the entrance way to Target. Chief Hale requested from Department of Transportation is to remove the light at Tremont Street. Chief Hale stated that this Board has previously sent a request to the Department of Transportation asking that the traffic light be removed. Chief Hale stated that he is awaiting a response on this request. The Board stated they will send a letter to Mr. Ryan informing him of this request.
- B. Message forward to this Board from the City of Ansonia's Facebook page from a citizen requesting a "No Turn of Red" sign at the intersection going (northbound on) Wakelee Ave at Derby Ave. (By the Shell Gas Station). Chief Hale stated that at this intersection many believe it is a right turn but it is not. Alderman Kaslaitis stated that he looked at this intersection and there is a No Turn on Red as well as an arrow designation sign at that intersection and the arrow designation sign shows the right lane to be straight and not a right turn.
- C. Email from Alderman Patrick Henri forwarded to the Board from Commissioner Tyszka regarding Officer Castillo and his appearance on Fox & Friends. Chief Hale stated that Officer Castillo was very surprised as to how this story became national news. Chief Hale stated that he is very good at what he does and is doing a great job.
- D. Copy of the Ansonia Police Pension executive Summary-Second Quarter and copy of the actuarial report for the retirement Plan for Police Officers of the City of Ansonia. FYI only. Chief Hale stated that he will contact the Finance Office and request additional copies. Chairwoman asked if a representative from Fiduciary can come to the meetings to discuss the quarterly report. Chief Hale stated that they only come once a year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Follow-up on Beverly Drive triangle. Chief Hale stated that he will follow up with Mr. Novak.
2. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. Matter was discussed under communications.
3. Re-organization packet. Chief Hale stated that he continues to work on this. Commissioner Heon stated that he just wanted to go on record that the packet indicates that the Detective Sergeants position should be eliminated if the 3<sup>rd</sup> position of Lieutenant passes and he feels that the Detective Sergeant position should not be eliminated. All of the Board members agreed.
4. Alderman Henri's request for white shoulder lines to be placed on Bruns Rd. Chairwoman asked Alderman Henri if he was looking for shoulder lines on both sides of the road and he replied yes. Commissioner Heon wants to table this request in order for him to review rules and regulations regarding white lines and he will report his findings at next months meeting.
5. Crosswalk request from Woodbridge Police Department on Ford Rd. at the Massaro's Farm. Chief Hale stated that he has not heard anything further regarding this request.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Alderman Henri's request for shoulder lines from Mead School to the Nature Center. Commissioner Heon will be looking into this matter and will report next month.

**CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:****Personnel**

- 2 Officer's out on injury including 1 Sergeant.
- Part-Time dispatcher will be released to solo status soon.
- 2 policies will be going out soon including the Body Cameras policy. Commissioner Tyszka requested that he be sent a hard copy of the drafts.
- New K-9 graduated last Friday and will be on the road soon. Commissioner Goldson asked if we have requested to use the State Police K-9. Chief Hale replied yes.
- Great turn out at the block watch meeting last night regarding the burglaries on hilltop. Patrols on hilltop are continuing and our department assisted Derby as well.
- The Body Cameras requested has been forwarded to the Board of Alderman for Tuesday's meeting.
- Currently in the process of hiring for 2 patrol officer positions.
- Chief Hale informed the Board of the increase spending of overtime due to the burglaries.
- The Livescan system is 5 years old and needs to be replaced. The request has gone to the Board of Aldermen for Tuesday's meeting.
- Goals update- Purchase of Body Cameras is in process, 3 officers interested in the citizens police academy, motor vehicle enforcement is down 9% so this is an area to be worked on, radar equipment has been purchased and is in use, currently looking into scheduling software, will be

meeting in 2 weeks regarding the duty manual, currently working on back-up Evidence Officer, and lastly, new administrator is in process.

Commissioner Heon asked if the citizen's academy can be regional in order to team up 2 agencies. Chief Hale stated that it's something that can be looked into.

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.

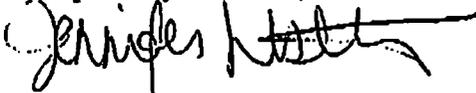
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority