



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

RECEIVED FOR FILE

15 NOV 12 PM 3:17

Ann Pitney
TOWN AND CITY CLERK
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 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:

Mayor David Cassetti, Chief Kevin J. Hale, Alderman Henri, Alderman Kaslaitis

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 October 7, 2015, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve October 7, 2015, regular meeting minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. Chairwoman provided the recording secretary the following corrections: on pg. 2 change chairwoman to chairman in first and second paragraphs, pg. 3, first sentence under Ed Musante in public session-change in complain to, to complain, pg. 4- 1st sentence under Alderman Kaslaitis correct spelling of Creseant Street to Crescent Street and the 5th sentence (same paragraph) change residence to residents, pg. 5 under unfinished business #4 change any this to anything and lastly, on pg.7 remove Commissioner Pitney's vote from box. 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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Frank Halpin
64-78 Clifton Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Halpin just wanted to informed the Board that he is available to answer any questions the Board may have in reference to communication A.

Jenn Hine
32 Woodbridge Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Jenn Hine wanted to thank the department for running radar on her street. She mentioned that she has noticed a difference when there is a police officer out there. Ms. Hine also asked if there

was any way she could get the stats from the speed reader. Chief Hale stated that he would contact her (Ms. Hine) with the information.

Ed Musante
21 Castle La.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante stated that the owner from JrB's could not attend the meeting but wanted to make the Board and Chief Hale aware that cars (that are in violation) in front of JrB's are not being ticketed. Also Mr. Musante stated that he wanted to follow up on the spotlight incident he mentioned at the last meeting. Chief Hale informed Mr. Musante that the officer was trying to look for his address.

Chief Hale stated that at least a half a dozen tickets were issues to the owner of the business for the loud music at Molto Bene.

Alderman Henri
16 Harris Rd.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Alderman Henri just wanted to mention that there is a Ford Bronco that is parked at the location of Doyle Dr. and Prindle Ave. (on the grassy area which is believed to be someone else's property) and it doesn't appear to work. Alderman Henri wanted to know if it can be moved. Commissioner Goldson asked Alderman Henri if he will be okay with it if the property owner has no issues with the vehicle being parked there. Alderman Henri replied yes he would be okay with it.

MONTHLY REPORT

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			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the communications. 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			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon		X	X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

A. Letter dated August 4, 2015 to the members of the Board from Master Michael Trimarchi and Instructors of Tae Kwon Do Academy requesting to have a small sign or cone placed on Clifton Ave. for 10 minutes each day during drop off and pick up due to speeding and irate drivers frustrated with traffic during the schools drop off and pick up time. Commissioner Goldson asked Mr. Halpin what sign was he looking for to place outside of the business. Mr. Halpin stated that he was just looking for approval to have a removable green pedestrian sign, similar to the one located in front of the senior center. Chief Hale asked Mr. Halpin if the people are parking across the street. Mr. Halpin responded no, the people are parking on both sides. Chief Hale state that parking is restricted in that area and does not think adding a crosswalk would help. Chief Hale stated that he was in agreement with the removable signs being placed before and after classes. The Board also agreed. No vote needed.

At this time Chief Hale introduced Officer Smith and his K-9 Kane. Chief Hale informed the Board that Kane has completed his training and is now on the road with Officer Smith. (Kane did a quick walk through so everyone present could meet him.)

At this time Mayor Cassetti asked the Board if they could revert back to public session so that Mr. Sherwood can put in his request. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to go back to public session. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board went into public session at 5:27pm.

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

Everett Sherwood
2 Westbrook Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Sherwood stated that because people are parking on both sides of his street, it is causing a lot of issues. During the winter time the plow trucks cannot get through to plow the road. Mr. Sherwood stated that now his tenants are calling and complaining that now the garbage trucks are not picking up trash because they cannot get through. Mr. Sherwood stated that he thinks there should be a dead end sign on the street. Chief Hale stated that he looked at this issue and recommends a no parking this side of sign on the north side, a no parking here to corner sign (25ft in from Westbrook Ave.), and a dead end sign located at the corner. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve Chief Hale's recommendation. 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 Tyszka made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Returned to regular session at 5:33pm.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Follow-up on Beverly Drive triangle. **Pending**
2. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. **Pending**
3. Re-organization packet. **Chief Hale will discuss in his oral report.**

4. Alderman Henri's request for white lines to be placed on Bruns Rd., Mead School, and the Nature Center. Commissioner Heon stated that the request did not meet the requirements mandated by the state.
5. Concerns with speeding and parking on Woodbridge Ave. Chief Hale is not sure that restricting the parking in that area is the way to go. However the attention to speed in the area is helping.

Commissioner Heon asked if a letter was sent to the Department of Transportation regarding the lines by the train tracks on Division Street. This letter was sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the 2016 schedule for the Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority. 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			
Paul Heon		X	X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel- 2 officers in the academy, 1 officer on light duty,

Miscellaneous

- Roads are being striped with lines, crosswalks, and stop bars. The Ansonia Police Department parking lot was also painted.
- K-9 Kane was introduced.
- Department rule book is being updated.
- New livescan machine is now up and running.
- Det. Frolish worked on a grant and received \$3,000.00 for Target to assign digital cameras to each officer.
- Re-organization meeting will be set up soon.
- At last months meeting Alderman Kasalitis asked who has the right of way at the intersection at Crescent St. at Olson Dr. Chief Hale stated that in his opinion Crescent St. has the right of way.
- At last month's meeting Alderman Henri asked if the Board could look into pricing for solar/light up speed signs. Chief Hale stated that he was given an estimate of \$17,000 for 4 signs. The quote will be emailed to Alderman Henri.

Chairwoman stated that she spoke with a woman who is a member of the United Methodist Church on Franklin St. She requested if the members of the church could park on Franklin St. for special occasions. Chief Hale stated that Franklin Street is a state road and there have been significant accidents on that road which is why the parking is restricted. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to deny the request. 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			
Paul Heon		X	X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session.

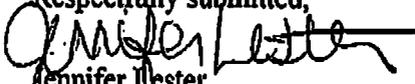
ADJOURNMENT:

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 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Heister

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority