



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, December 2, 2015 5:00 PM Erlingheuser Room MINUTES

Erin J. Tyszka
TOWN AND CITY CLERK
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

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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 November 4, 2015, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve November 4, 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			

Commissioner Heon noted that Westbrook Street (pg. 5) should be two words West Brook Street.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Ed Musante

21 Castle La.

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante wanted to let the Board know that one of the Ansonia Police Officers collected some money to give to a homeless father and his daughter and feels he should receive an award for this. Also, Mr. Musante requested if the Board can get in touch with the State of Connecticut to request a stop sign at the Main Street/Maple Street Bridge. Lastly, at the location of 24 Woodbridge Ave., cars are parking on both sides of the street and it is very dangerous driving through that area and asked if the Board can look into it.

Ann Rayher

25 Park Place

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Rayher stated that she has lived at this residence for 25 years now and it has become a very dangerous street to get out of. Ms. Rayher has been complaining about this issue for years. She was wondering if the light pattern can be changed or if traffic can be stopped at Park Place if possible. Chief Hale stated that the Board unfortunately does not have a say in this because that

road is a State road. However, the Board can request the Department of Transportation to do a walk through in that area to see if anything can be done.

Alderman Patrick Henri
16 Harris Road
Ansonia, CT 06401

Alderman Henri stated that the stop sign on Crestwood Dr. was run over. Chairwoman stated she believed that stop sign was replaced. Alderman Henri stated that the island on Beverly Dr. at Highland Terr. looks really good. Lastly, Alderman Henri asked if Chief Hale could forward the quote he received for the digital speed signs so that he can try to get funding for it. Chief Hale stated he would email the information to him.

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			

Commissioner Tyszka stated that he just had a couple of questions regarding the monthly statistics. Commissioner Tyszka stated that the medical assists have increased an average 7 calls per day. Chief Hale explained that the department tries to get an officer to every medical call. ARMS averages 300 calls a month so there is an increase. Commissioner Tyszka also stated that the fire alarms have increased and asked if they are false reports. Chief Hale stated that the calls can come in as a fire alarm and change latter on. Alderman Henri stated that the fire departments are now getting a lot of calls from senior housing.

Chairwoman asked how long can we have outstanding IA's? Chief Hale stated that the 2013 IA is pending completion by the State Police and the other 2 are almost completed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Tyszka 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			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

A. Letter to the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale, regarding the reorganization for the administration of the Ansonia Police Department. Chairwoman stated that she and Commissioner Rinaldi met with Chief Hale regarding this. Chairwoman and Commissioner Tyszka stated that they both fully support this. Commissioner Goldson also stated that he is in support of this. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to support Chief Hale's recommendation and forward this recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. 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			

Late Communication:

A. Letter to the Board from Mr. Mike Trimarchi of Ansonia Tae Kwon Do Academy, thanking the Board from their support. FYI only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Follow-up on Beverly Drive triangle. Completed.
2. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. Chief Hale reached out to Mr. Novak at Public Works to see if he can get a response from the DOT. This is still under review, but their concern is the sight line issue with the bank.
3. Alderman Henri's request to look into a Ford Bronco parked at the location of Doyle at Prindle. The Ford Bronco has been removed.
4. Everett Sherwood's request for no parking signs on West Brook St. Completed.

Chief Hale mentioned a couple of things that have been resolved:

Department of Transportation changed the lane marking at the location of Division Street (westbound).

The request for a crosswalk at Main Street at Columbia Street has been approved. The City however, will need to cut out the curbing and get an encroachment permit which Mr. Novak is working on.

At the four-way intersection of Main Street, East Main and State Street there are two lanes there. Alderman Henri also mentioned that the fire department will have access to change that intersection light to all red when backing the fire truck into the firehouse.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel: 2 officers in the academy, 1 officer on light duty, one officer going out on surgery, 3 officers were in a training class hosted by Eric Daigle.

Miscellaneous:

-The Valley Independent Sentinel did a story regarding the night club located on East Main Street named Savor Lounge. It opened back in May and we have had 24 calls, 7 arrests, 6 liquor referrals, a shooting which resulted in a female being shot, a search warrant was done on Thanksgiving night. There are lots of issues going on and the ownership is not cooperating. Alderman Henri stated that the fire department gets calls there at times and wanted to know if the fire department should wait for the police to arrive. Chief Hale stated that the police are already there.

-The ACU conducted a raid at the location of 59 Howard Ave. 2 arrests were made.

-Budget preparation is underway. Chief Hale stated that a meeting with the subcommittee members (Tyszka, & Heon) will hopefully be for next week.

-The department will be conducting a stuff a jeep at Stop-n-Shop on 12/18/15 and Shop with Santa on 12/19/15.

-There is progress on the rule book update.

-Streets that will be painted are: Division St. Hill, Ford Street, and Beaver Street.

Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to accept Chief Hale's 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.

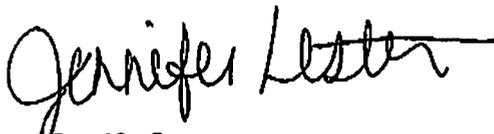
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rinaldi 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			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi	X		X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority