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Ann Pitney, President

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ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

Bob Goldson, Vice President
Paul Heon, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary
Michael Rinaldi, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
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, Alderman Randy Carroll

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 December 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to approve December 2, 2015; regular 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		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

Betty Robertstad
109 Platt Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

There is an issue with people parking in front of her home making it difficult for her to get out of her garage and asked if there is anything that the Board can do for her like possibly put up a handicap sign in front of her home. Chief Hale stated that he would look into the matter and also make communication with the neighbors as well.

Ian Stevetson
37-39 Prospect Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Stevetson stated that down the street from where he lives, is a three-way stop sign intersection and is requesting if an additional stop sign can be added at that intersection on South Cliff Street heading toward the Ansonia Public Library. Chief Hale stated that this matter would be look into. Chief Hale stated he would also check the motor vehicle accidents in that area as well.

Ed Musante
21 Castle Lane
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante mentioned that he noticed the garage door was at the Healey Ford. Mr. Musante also asked if an officer could be available for calls during roll call. Chief Hale stated that there is an officer available for call during shift change.

Alderman Randy Carroll
40 Ford Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

There is a no parking sign at the corner of Fourth Street and North Main Street in front of the corner store and was wondering if that sign can be changed for a bigger sign because people are still parking there. Chief Hale stated that North Main Street is a State Road and the size of the signage is regulated. Alderman Carroll stated that he has introduced himself to the business owners in the area and wants to thank Chief Hale for having a police officer in the area.

Alderman Richard Kaslitis
25 Cedar Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Alderman Kaslitis wondered if the police department has ordered the new parking tickets with the updated fines that were approved by the Board of Alderman. Chief Hale stated that he was not aware the tickets were approved and asked Alderman Kaslitis to send the information regarding the approved tickets to him.

MONTHLY REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to accept the late communications. 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			

Late Communication A- Letter dated December 9, 2015, from Officer Nelson to the Board requesting reimbursement for the replacement of his duty holster, which was damaged at a fire call. Chief Hale stated that the union contract allows a maximum reimbursement of \$150.00. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$150.00. 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. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. Chief Hale stated that we are still waiting to hear on this. Chief Hale stated he has reached out to the new Director of Public Works.
2. Send letter to the Department of Transportation requesting their review of Park Place at Elm Street. It has been 3 years since the last request to have Park Place reviewed. We have sent another letter to the State of Connecticut.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 1 Officer on light duty.
- 1 Officer having surgery.
- 2 recruits are in the academy.

-Exam for the 3rd Lieutenant position at the end of February, and the Detective exam will be after that.

-Chief Hale stated that he emailed the goals for 2015 and most of the goals have been met. This year is going to be a physical task with filling the new position of Lieutenant, so the goals for 2016 have not been put together yet. Commissioner Heon commended Chief Hale for completing the majority of the goals he presented. The other members of the Board agreed.

Miscellaneous:

-Chief Hale stated that he was notified in late December that the government has suspended the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program.

-Chief Hale asked if there is anything the Commissioners would like to see added to the list of goals, to please let him know. Commissioner Heon stated he would like to see some sort of financial reduction.

-K-9 Thor was put down on December 21. He was 12 years old and worked for 9 years. He was very good at what he did and was specifically requested many times. He was a great K-9.

-Winter parking is during the time of December 1-March 31. The City ordinance states that the Board of Police Commissioners decided which streets are affected. Chief Hale requested that Colony Street be even side only parking because if they parking on the odd side then the residents will get tickets for being double parked. Commissioner Goldson asked if this would be all the time. Chief Hale stated yes it will.

Chief Hale also asked if Park Place can be changed to even side parking permanently, they are experiencing the same issue.

Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to revise/amend the winter parking regulations per Chief Hale's recommendations and with Chief Hale to provide the Board with an updated copy.

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			

-The night Club located downtown (Savor), was open on a café license but never served food, there was a shooting there, there has been an increase in overtime, the business was above occupancy most of the time. Chief Hale stated he did 11 liquor referrals. On December 26th, the liquor permit was seized by an Ansonia Supervisor and they were shut down. A chronic nuisance abatement notice was sent to the owner of the building. The owner is on Board with what the department is doing.

-The budget process has started and information will be sent to both Commissioner Heon and Commissioner Tyszka.

-Chairwoman asked if the Board members could get a copy of updated pictures of officers, as well as the officer's names, badge numbers, and rank. Chief Hale stated yes, those can be sent over. Commissioner Tyszka also asked if the Chief could send an updated organizational chart to the members of the Board.

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 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority