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Ann Pitney, President

Bob Goldson, Vice President

Paul Heon, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary

Michael Rinaldi, Commissioner

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TOWN AND CITY CLERK
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 2, 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 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 January 6 2016, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve January 6, 2016, regular meeting minutes. 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:

Fred Tidmarsh

77 Westfield Ave.

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Tidmarsh took the opportunity to commend the Chief, Mayor and the police officers for their assistance during Roy's funeral. He was impressed with the professionalism of everyone and wanted to thank everyone on behalf of the Tidmarsh family. The Board and Chief Hale expressed their condolences to the Tidmarsh family.

Elison Ramos

204 Main Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Ramos explained that he is the owner of Pooch Pizzazz Grooming Salon and is requesting a two hour parking sign in front of their business. He stated that he tried asking the owners of the vehicles to not park in front of the business but unfortunately that hasn't solved the situation and the police have been called numerous times. Chief Hale stated that he spoke with public works and the signs will be put back up. Chief Hale stated that two signs will be put back up.

Ken Plavnicky

15 Mountain View Road

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Plavnicky informed the Board that his neighbor has been repeatedly calling the police department about his dog and wanted to know if this is going to be a problem. Chief Hale stated that he doesn't see any concern. The dog warden has assessed the situation as well. Chief Hale stated that he will talk to the dog warden regarding this situation.

Maureen McCormack

83 Hill Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. McCormack stated that the owner of the consignment store at the location of West Main Street at Kingston Drive is still concerned with the speeding in the area. Chief Hale stated he looked into this area but recommends for the Board to look into this area mainly because there also is a sight line issues at this location. The issue is determining where the stop sign will be placed. Commissioner Heon asked to table this communication. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to table this communication. 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			

MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Rinaldi 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			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi	X		X			

Commissioner Tyszka mentioned that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation were in favor of the police department budget and the new position. Lieutenant Williams did an excellent job.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Letter dated February 12, 2016 to the Board from Einar P. Gudjohnsen of the Hershey Drive LLC regarding issues with tractor trailer trucks parking in the parking in the overnight hours. **Chairwoman stated that she saw the trucks parked there and thought they were part of the business. Chief Hale stated that he recommends that No Parking signs be placed at Hershey Drive. A brief discussion was held. Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion for No Parking signs to be place on Hershey Drive. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. Four Board members in favor, one abstention.**

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

Commissioner Heon also asked to look into and ordinance on this matter as well.

Commissioner Rinaldi Amended his motion, and added per the request of Hershey Dr. LLC, No Parking signs will be placed on Hershey Drive. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. Four in favor, one abstention.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street. **Chief Hale stated that he spoke with the Department of Transportation and they reviewed the area and traffic light and are in agreement. However, they stated there are three options to remedy the issue. First, leave the intersection alone, #2 revise the entrance so that people can enter from Main Street and leave through West Main Street. Chief Hale stated that his only concern with this is the farthest right lane of the drive through is the most difficult to exit due to the wall. Or option #3 which is to have revision done to the traffic light, which the bank would have to pay for. Commissioner Rinaldi felt that option 2 seemed more viable. Chief Hale stated that he would like to meet with the bank regarding all of these options. Chief Hale encouraged the Board to drive through that area.**

2. Ian Stevetson request for 3-way stop sign on South Cliff Street in front of the library. (Item was tabled at February 3rd meeting) Chief Hale stated that the accident data does not warrant the request. Commissioner Heon stated that he does not agree. Commissioner Rinaldi stated that he does not feel the need for it (stop sign). Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to not put up a stop sign at this location. 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			

3. Maureen McCormack-Conrado's request for a stop sign to be placed at the location of West Main Street at Kingston Drive. Also, her request for the 2 hour parking sign to be replaced in front of Pooch Pizazz and Captain Pizza. **Discussed.**
4. Request an increase for the recording secretary through the proper authority. **(Tabled)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rinaldi wanted to know if the Board would be in agreement to send a letter to the state legislators informing them that this Board is not in support of the legalization of marijuana in the state of Connecticut. All members were in agreement and asked to see the letter before it is sent so that each can add their input. Commissioner Tyszka also asked that data be added to back up the letter. Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to send a letter to the state legislators. 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			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi	X		X			

Commissioner Heon requested if Officer Esposito could follow up on his school security assessment. Chief Hale stated he would speak with officer Esposito and follow up.

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel-

-1 officer on light duty.

- In the process of filling Part-Time Dispatcher position.
- 2 recruits in academy.
- 2016 goals list has been provided to all Board members.
- Chief Hale has not heard an update on asset forfeiture.
- The budget process has begun, Board of Aldermen hearing is in April
- Lieutenant's exam was last Wednesday, oral exam was this morning.
- Chief Hale mentioned he is still working with the owner of 370 E. Main Street.
- Chief Hale stated that he will be meeting with the Fire Chief, City Engineer and the Director of Public Works regarding Spring Street and Kiley's Lane.
- Chief recommended that on Woodbridge Avenue from North State Street to Merit Street be No Parking on both sides. Chief Hale asked the Board to take a look at this area and this will be revisited in April.
- 1 arrest was made on the recent Hilltop burglaries.
- There was a shooting on North Cliff Street; the victim went to Rockwood Ave. Commissioner Goldson asked if we have a shooter. Chief Hale stated they are still working to get the story.
- The Governor wants to increase the juvenile age to 20 years old.
- A hearing will be held on regional 911 centers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

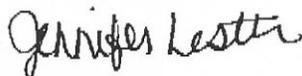
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester
 Recording Secretary
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority