



City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 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.

At this time chairwoman gave the floor to Chief Kevin Hale to present an award to Officer Steve Martins on behalf of his late K-9, Thor. Prior to the presentation of the award, Chief Hale introduced Richard Dziekan who spoke on behalf of Mayor Cassetti.

At this time Chief Hale presented the award to Officer Martins. Chief Hale noted that the plaque will be displayed at the police department.

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, Alderman Henri

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 March 2, 2016, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Heon noted that the date of the minutes to approve should have been February 3rd not January 6th, correction noted. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve March 2, 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:

Ed Musante

21 Castle Lane

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante asked the Board if they can do something about the issue with accidents over at Woodbridge Ave. Chief Hale stated that he has made a recommendation to the Board regarding no parking on Woodbridge Ave. Also on Rockwood Ave and Prospect Street near the Eastside Greenhouse, there used to be a stop sign years ago and Mr. Musante asked if it could be put back up.

Maureen McCormack

83 Hill Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. McCormack thanked the Board for replacing the 2 hour parking signs in front of Pooch Pizzazz and Kaptain Pizza.

Bob Knott**9 Allcott Street****Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Knott requested that he would like to be placed on the rotational tow list. The Board and Chief Hale asked Mr. Knott to please submit the tow packet to the Ansonia Police Department. Chief Hale also recommended Mr. Knott contact him to set up a meeting. Raymond Knott also asked the Board if he could be reinstated to tow for Frank's. The Board informed Mr. Knott that the request to be reinstated would have to come from Frank (Heusser).

Alderman Henri**11 Harris Road****Ansonia, CT 06401**

Alderman Henri requested if the Board would approve painted yellow lines (2 lines) to be placed in front of Charter, Fountain and Webster Hose fire department's to denote no parking at the bottom of the driveway. Alderman Henri noted that no parking signs are up however people still park there. This item was tabled and will be discussed at the May meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Chairwoman requested that the approval of the reports be tabled till the May meeting to allow time for the commissioners to review them.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street- Chief Hale to meet with bank regarding the Department of Transportation's recommendations. **Chief Hale will discuss in his report.**
2. Maureen McCormack-Conrado's request for a remedy at the location of West Main Street at Kingston Drive. **Commissioner Heon suggested that the location of the island extend the hash marks 2 more parking spots in order to help with the sightline issue. Chief Hale stated that may be a private lot so this will need to be looked into. (Item was tabled to be discussed at May meeting)**
3. Replacement of 2 hour parking signs in front of Pooch Pizzazz Grooming Salon and Captain Pizza on Main Street. **Completed**
4. Request an increase for the recording secretary through the proper authority. **The Board asked if a letter has been sent. Chief Hale will send the request to the Board of Aldermen.**

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel-

- 2 recruits set to graduate from the academy the 3rd week of May.
- The PT Dispatcher position is being filled.
- Building of new police department is in the works.
- Budget process is underway, just awaiting hearing date.
- Asset forfeiture has been reinstated.
- Promotions are underway as well, just awaiting budget hearing.
- Capital improvements- Chief Hale state that he put in for new portables.
- Chief Hale stated the Board wanted a follow up on Officer Esposito's safety report. Chief Hale stated he spoke with Officer Esposito and almost everything was addressed.
- Award ceremony has been moved to June. Brian Phipps meeting will be set for next week.
- Arrest made regarding robberies on west side.
- Awaiting on prosecutor regarding hilltop burglaries.
- ACU is very busy.
- Chief Hale stated that he still needs to meet with the bank regarding the traffic light on Tremont Street.

-Chairwoman asked why the police department doesn't take credit cards as a form of payment. Chief Hale stated that he believes there is a charge to the City to take that form of payment. Chairwoman said she would contact Mr. Bshara to find out more info.

-Chief Hale asked for the Boards approval on No Parking on Woodbridge Ave. from N. State Street to Merritt St. Commissioner Heon made a motion to approve Chief Hale's recommendation, 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			

-Chairwoman asked if we could send a letter to the D.O.T. asking them to place lane designation signs on Division Street near the train tracks. Chief Hale stated a letter can be sent.

-Chairwoman asked if the photograph wall is ready. Chief Hale stated it's not ready yet.
 -Chief Hale stated that on 4 Spring Street there is a stone wall and a stairway cut into the wall. There should be no parking south of that stairway. Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion for a "No Parking this Side of Sign" sign to be placed. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka						X
Paul Heon					X	
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the draft letter put together by Chief Hale and Commissioner Rinaldi regarding recreational use of marijuana in CT, with the necessary corrections should there be any. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka						X
Paul Heon		X	X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

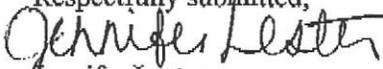
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rinaldi seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka						X
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


 Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority