



Ansonia Police Department

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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
5:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Pitney chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 Michal Rinaldi			X

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin 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 that the motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2016 regular meeting be tabled till the June meeting because the minutes were never received.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Cosmo Bufi
88 South Cliff St.
Ansonia, CT

Mr. Bufi addressed the Board with an issue that he has been having with the Police Department. Mr. Bufi stated that he has made several trips to the Police Department to get an update on his fraudulent check case from two years ago. Mr. Bufi states to date he does not know what the status of the case is. Chief Hale advised Mr. Bufi that he will follow up with the Detective Bureau and that he would get back to him Thursday or Friday. Mr. Bufi thanked the Board and the Chief.

John Kichar
50 Day St
Ansonia, CT

Mr. Kichar advised the Board and the Chief that on the few occasions that he has dealt with the Police Department in regards to his complaint he has been please and always walked away feeling good. Mr. Kichar is requesting that when officers patrol Day St. and Bassett St. if they can open the windows of the vehicle and listen. He states that dogs in the area bark for hours and at times it sounds like a symphony. Chief Hale stated that he will pass the information along and make the officers aware of the issue.

Ed Musante
21 Castle Lane
Ansonia, CT

Mr. Musante would like to give Joe Jackson a recommendation for finding his Shih Tzu up on Rockwood Ave. Mr. Musante stated I am still requesting a stop sign on North Prospect St. and Rockwood Ave. for vehicles driving too fast and I am still requesting no parking signs on Woodbridge Ave. Chief Hale advised Mr. Musante that we just got the sign posts in so those signs should be installed on Friday. Chief Hale replied about North Prospect St. and Rockwood Ave. that is right in the area of the greenhouse and there is a big sweeping curve and I am not sure where the sign was. Mr. Musante said that a long time ago there was a small island there that got pushed away. Chief Hale asked with a sign on it? Mr. Musante stated yes. Chief Hale responded that he did not think that would be the most effective solution.

Chief Hale stated that he has spoke with Mike D'Alessio from Public Works about the issue in the area and they will work together to find the proper most effective area to install a stop sign.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Tyska 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			
Michal Rinaldi						x

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Letter received April 19th, 2016 addressed to the Board from Jeff DiVito of 93 Rockwood Ave. requesting a watch for children sign to be placed on his street. **Chief Hale stated that he went up there and that is the area between Rockwood Ave Ext and Elaine Dr. where Mr. Divito's residence is it is straight but there is a curve that comes into it. The Board agrees to install and sign. The Board discussed where to place the sign to be effective. Chief Hale stated he will follow up with Mr. Divito and make a decision on where to place the sign for the best possible exposure. Item was tabled till the next meeting.**

- B. Letter dated April 20th, 2016 to the Board from Senator Joseph J. Crisco Jr. in response to the Boards letter regarding recreation use of marijuana. **Commissioner Pitney asked if everyone had a chance to read the letter from Senator. All Board members stated that they have and were pleased with Senator Crisco's response. Chief Hale states that he also spoke with Representative Gentile and she echoed this she did not have a chance to write but she said that it was not going anywhere this year.**

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 stated that he meet with the assistant manager of the bank and explained the three options to her and the option of the bank spending a quarter of a million dollars was not going to happen. She did not have the authority to tell him no. She said that there is zero chance of that happening. She was going to speak with corporate**

about changing the configuration of the lot and get back to the Chief. Chief states that he has not heard back from her yet. Chief Hale states that if he does not hear back from her by next week he will follow up with her.

2. Maureen McCormack-Conrado's request for a remedy at the location of West Main Street at Kingston Drive. Chief Hale states that a speed study was done from April 15th, 2016 to April 22nd, 2016. Chief Hale states 9100 were sited going both Northbound and Southbound, 4100 cars were sited coming Southbound from Farrell's the speed limit in the area is 25 mph. Chief Hale explained that they generally go by what was in the 85th percentile of the speed limit. Chief Hale states that 85 percent of the cars were at 24 mph or below, 85 percent are not hitting the speed limit Southbound, Northbound 4164 cars were sited 85 percent were going 28 mph or below. The overall 85th percentile is 26 mph. Chief Hale states that the data reflects 1 mph over the speed limited. Chief Hale stated the speed data does not warrant the request for stop signs. Commissioner Pitney stated that she along with Commissioner Goldston and Commissioner Heon went to look at the area and they recommended that two 25 mph speed limit signs should be posted. After a brief discussion it was decided to post two 25 mph speed limit signs one by Valley Electric and one across from Kingston Drive.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the recommendation for the two 25 mph signs to posted. 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			
Michal Rinaldi						x

3. Request an increase for the recording secretary through the proper authority. Chief Hale stated that the letter was sent.
4. Alderman Henri's request for 2 yellow lines to be painted in front of Charter, Fountain and Webster Hose. Chief Hale stated that he is in an agreement with Alderman Henri's request. Chief Hale stated that he would work with Public Works to make it happen.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to have 2 yellow lines painted in front of Charter, Fountain and Webster Hose. 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			
Michal Rinaldi						x

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Selection of Brian F. Phipps Award Recipient. Chief Hale stated that there were 4 very good nominations and it was a difficult decision, but after reviewing all the nominations the sub-committee selected a nominee which will remain anonymous. Chief Hale stated that Board was notified of the recipient and has asked the Board to back the recommendation. The ceremony will take place June 7th, at 19:00 hours at Ansonia High School.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel-

- One Officer on light duty
- One Officer on administrative leave
- One Officer is retiring June 30th but his last day is in about a week and a half.
- The PT dispatcher position is in the background phase.
- The new building is still in the discussion phase, met with architect on several occasion progress is being made
- Budget is in a holding pattern
- Federal Asset Forfeiture has been resolved
- State Asset Forfeiture is now taking a hit Governor wants to take a percentage to use for opiate rehab and some money has already been move out to balance the budget
- The 3rd Lieutenant position is in a holding pattern waiting on the budget
- There is a list for the Detective opening just waiting to see what happens with promotions
- There has been two sessions so far with speaking to the students in school, it has been going very well and the students seem very receptive and have some good questions, by the end of May we hope to have completed 4 or 5 more sessions.
- Westfield Ave is two streets now, Westfield South is very constricted, and the sidewalk curb line put in it's a construction zone. The ramp is moving along should be done in the fall.
- The Wakelee Ave project will begin next spring

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale's oral report. Commissioner Tysza 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			
Michal Rinaldi						x

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discuss grievance 2016-1. Take Action if necessary.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to go into executive session with Chief Hale and the members of the board. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board went into executive session @ 5:40 pm.

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

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board returned to regular session @ 6:00 pm.

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

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to deny grievance 2016-1. 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			
Michal Rinaldi						x

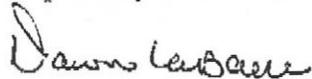
ADJOURNMENT:

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			
Michal Rinaldi						x

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn LaBaire
 Recording Secretary
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority