



# City of Ansonia

CONNECTICUT 06401

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
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## COMMISSIONERS

Ann Pitney, President

Bob Goldson, Vice President  
Paul Heon, Commissioner

Frank Tyszka, Secretary  
Michael Rinaldi, Commissioner

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### REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, *Sept. 7, 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, 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 July 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the July 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes. 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

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Edward Musante**  
**21 Castle Lane**  
**Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Musante explained that he has two issues. The first issue concerned a female that entered Dunkin Donuts and began to swear at him and cause a disturbance. Mr. Musante explained that the police department was called and he (Musante) asked to press charges and that he wanted the woman arrested because she was not even allowed to be near him. Musante stated he was upset because the police who arrived would not arrest the woman even though he wanted to press charges. Both Chief Hale and members of the Board asked Mr. Musante if there was a court order stating that the woman was not allowed to be near him. Mr. Musante stated that the Seymour Police Department and Frank have the paperwork. Chief Hale asked Mr. Musante when this incident occurred and he said two weeks ago. Chief Hale stated he would look into the matter. The second issue was regarding a bus driver carrying school children was going the wrong way and when Mr. Musante called the police department the officer ran his license and plate number. He couldn't understand why the officer did that when the bus driver was at fault. Chief Hale stated that the officer that went to that call was a field training officer. Chief Hale stated that Ed did the right thing and the officer could have done more to gather more information, but again this officer is currently being trained.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the reports (July & August) and place them on file. 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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file. 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

- A. Letter dated July 10, 2016, to Mayor Casseti and forwarded to the Board from James Cronin, request an audible signal at the intersection of Bridge Street and Main Street. **Commissioner Goldson made a motion to forward the letter from Mr. Cronin in addition to a letter from the Board requesting the Department of Transportation to review this request. 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		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

- B. Letter dated August 23, 2016, from Lieutenant Cota to the Board, regarding a request he received from Natalie DiDente. She is requesting a stop sign at the location of South Cliff Street at Prospect Street. **Chief Hale noted that a few months back this Board denied a previous request, due to the fact that the data does not support adding a stop sign to this location. Commissioner**

Tyszka added that Ms. DiDente is also addressing two separate issues. Commissioner Goldson agreed and added that when he was a school bus driver, it was the responsibility of the bus driver to report any issues. It is not the responsibility of this Board to do so. This matter was reviewed and addressed previously. Chief Hale stated that he will look into contacting Ms. DiDente to inform her of the Board's denial.

- C. Letter dated September 2, 2016, from Chief Kevin J. Hale to the Board, request approval of the policy #4.010 Body-Worn Camera Systems. Commissioner Goldson made a motion that the (Chief's) letter be accepted. 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		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

**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 is still waiting to hear from the bank regarding this matter.**
2. Mr. Divito's request to have "Watch for Children" signs placed on Rockwood Ave. (Public Works to place final sign going south bound) **Completed.**
3. Review of Victoria Clifford's request for a pole with 2 (two) round view mirror's on North State Street across from Smith Street entrance. (One sign placed, mirror request to be reviewed) **The Board turned down this request.**
4. Mayor Cassetti's request for a sign to be placed on Park Place, noting drivers on the left have the right of way. (Chief Hale awaiting response from the DOT) **Chief Hale stated that he has not heard from the DOT regarding this matter. Chief Hale gave the Chairwoman an explanation regarding the direction the Mayor was referring to.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:**

## Personnel:

- 1 P/T Dispatcher in training.
- 1 P/T Dispatcher has been released to solo status
- 1 officer released to solo status.
- 1 officer on light duty.

- Lt.'s have taken over their assignments and it's a work in progress.
- The air conditioning on the second floor is still leaking.
- The Detective Bureau is investigation the burglary that occurred this morning.
- Promotions will be held in October for a Detective and a Detective Sergeant.
- The traffic control box at the location of Main Street at Tremont was taken out by a motor vehicle accident. The cost to replace it is \$10,500.00. The department/City is following up to get reimbursement from the driver of the vehicle that hit the traffic box, causing the damage.
- The temporary stop sign that was placed over by Emmett O'Brien has been removed. Due to the new configuration, Chief Hale believes the school may ask for a permanent sign at that location.
- One officer was at every school for the first few days (of the start of the new school year).
- The Board needs to make a motion authorizing finance to release pension funds.

**Commissioner Goldson made a motion to authorized the Finance Department to release pension funds. 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

- Chief Hale mentioned that there are 11 policies that need to go out to the subcommittee and asked the Commissioners how they would like to receive them. Commissioner Tyszka asked to get them three at a time.
- Last week there was a community meeting at the senior center and the meeting went well. Two points were mentioned and are now being looked into. One is organizing a meeting regarding a police athletics league. And the other is having officer's work with children at the Boys & Girls Club.
- The New Building- the Board of Aldermen approved the capital improvement plan. This will be voted on by the voters in November. Chief Hale wants to educate the tax payers and voters on how this improvement plan works. He also will be scheduling tours of the department.

-The Baptist Church had a phenomenal event for the Ansonia Police Department. The event was well attended and the church raised \$8,000 dollars for life saving shields. Chief Hale stated that there will be two more events. One will be a blue mass at Assumption Church and the Anglican Church of the Resurrection, located on Church Street will be having a first responders event (date unknown).

Chairwoman asked why is it that officers don't have signs or flags when directing traffic. Chief Hale stated it is not a requirement.

Chairwoman also asked if the Board will be getting the new pictures of the officers. Chief Hale said yes.

Commissioner Tyszka 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		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi						X

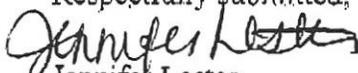
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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			
Michael Rinaldi						X

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary  
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority