



# ANSONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 30, 2014

*Wiana Branch*  
TOWN AND CITY CLERK

Commissioner	Joseph Jeanette	Present
Commissioner	Phil Tripp	Present
Commissioner	Pat Henri	Present
Chief	Joe Kingston	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Scott Trembley	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief	Ed Adamowski	Absent
<b>Others Present:</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief	Mike Eheman	Present
4 <sup>th</sup> Asst. Chief	Dan Mudry	Present
Fire Marshal	Ray Tingley	Present
Fire Alarms	Bill Hart	Present
Fire Police	Eileen Eheman	Present
Co. #1	Captain Tom Furfaro	
Co. #3	Captain Ken Mitchell	
Co. #4	Jerome Fainer	
Co. #5	Captain Frank Giusto	
Co. #6	1 <sup>st</sup> LT. Craig Smart	

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Fire Commission was called to order at 7:00 by Commissioner Jeanette. All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A roll call was taken and the chair declared a quorum present.

### Public Session

Chairman Jeanette asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. Being none, the chair declared the public session closed.

### Approval of Minutes

A MOTION to accept the minutes from the March 26, 2014 regular meeting of the Ansonia Fire Commission was made by Chief Kingston and seconded by Commissioner Tripp. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

### Approval of Bills

A MOTION to pay all bills if found to be correct was made by Chief Kingston and seconded by Commissioner Tripp. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

### Correspondence :

### Reports:

#### Company 1

Fountain Hose

- All set.

Company 3 Webster Hose

- Need to get an estimate on repair to back of E3. Damage from Shelton fire not yet fixed.

Company 4 Charters Hose

- All set.

Company 5 Hilltop Hose

- All set.

Company 6 Eagle Hose

- Thank you to DPW for fixing the front ramp.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Mr. Bshara reminded all the companies that the tax abatement forms are due and to please get the information in as soon as possible.

Lt. Smart of Co. 6 noted that E6 is now 22 years old and would like the commission to consider forming a committee to look into replacing Engine 6 as it may take 3-4 years before a new engine would be purchased.

Fire Marshal

- The PANTRY is open as is Mustang Sally's.
- Work being done on 22 Westfield Ave.
- Better Packaging moving into Hershey Building by end of May.
- Parts of Main Street may be closed on Saturday and Sunday due to events.

Alarms

- All set.

Training

Fire Police

- Working with Al Rochelle on a valley wide Fire Police network. Looking at standardized SOP for Fire Police. If any training opportunities for Fire Police are available, please advise.

FD 5

- Ladder testing will be soon.
- Juniors need tool fuel.

FD 4

- Monday will begin pump testing. Each truck will be out for one day.
- Hose testing will be scheduled after the pump testing is complete.
- The Electrician report is in for the insurance company.
- June 28 from 10-3 there will be a touch a truck at the Fire Museum as part of the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. We make look at an extrication drill as an additional event on a different day.
- The Mayor called to thank all that helped on the Nature Center Fire. He appreciates the hard work and effort of those that were on scene.
- Drills at DPW complex need to be approved by the superintendent before the drill. Work area is reduced and cannot be blocked.

- Thanks to Derby brush truck and Kabota that responded to Nature Center fire. DFD members in full gear were stopped by residents for a noisy vehicle. We need to look into this.

FD 3

FD 2

- Thanks to Jay Fainer for the UI drill.
- Thanks to Co. 6 for hosting a water rescue drill last month.
- Co 4 sent members to an operational drill in Long Island last month. May try to schedule the speaker to come to Ansonia in the fall.
- Co 4 sponsored Jay Fainer and Tony Spigarolo at the National Fire Academy in MD.
- Need to do flow testing and Hydrostatic testing on all bottles this year. Process will start soon and carry into next fiscal year. BOAT increased funds to allow for these tests. The bottles are on their last test and will need to be replaced in 5 years at a cost of \$60,000 - \$80,000.

Commissioner Tripp

- Mr. Tripp commented on an interview he saw on News Channel 8 involving the Ansonia Nature Center fire. He was very impressed by the interview AC Mike Eheman gave to the reporter, noting that the Chief was in full turnouts, gave a concise report of the actions taken. Mr. Tripp commented that Chief Eheman represented the Ansonia Fire Department and the City of Ansonia very well as all the chiefs, officers and firefighters do and thanked him for doing a fine job with that interview.

Commissioner Henri

- Can we work on a handout for recruiting new members into the Fire Department?

FD 1

- Thanks for a good job at the Ansonia Nature Center fire.
- Meet with Captains on Memorial Day parade.

Commissioner Jeanette

- Be careful on Memorial Day.

Chief Kingston made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:40 PM, seconded by AC Trembley. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard Bshara  
Secretary-Bookkeeper  
Ansonia Fire Department