

**The Ansonia Cost Cutting Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 22, 2014**

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Members Present

Nancy Valentine
John Izzo
Michael Egan
Ed Norman
Susanna Kurus
Larry Boemmels
Ryan Hunt

Members Absent

Others Present

Chris Timniak
Charlie Stowe
Dr. Carol Merlone

Call to Order:

Chairman Valentine called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance and a quorum was declared present. (7) P
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Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting as presented. Mrs. Kurus seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Public Session:

Chairman Valentine called the Public Session to order, Mr. Kenneth Plavnicky of 15 Mountain View Road asks about constricting wards to minimize cost during times of election. Mr. Norman says every ten years the Wards Boundary Commission looks at this to see if revisions need to be made.

Mr. Danny Evans of Dwight Oak Road speaks in regards to regionalization where possible. For example; schools, fire houses, and libraries. Mr. Evans also asked about the cities workmans compensation expenses.

Public Session was declared closed at 6:38 p.m.

Old Business:

Chairman Valentine asks if everyone could review the report of cost cutting suggestions that Mr. Izzo put together after doing a walk through of the schools with Mr. Boemmels. Mr. Izzo begins by saying that Dr. Merlone, Bobby Evans, and all school staff were very inviting. Mr. Izzo also says Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Bobby Evans uses his budget well. Mr. Izzo thinks that cost cutting could be done with some of the custodial expenses and possibly looking into outsourcing custodial positions. Mr. Izzo also recommends keeping landscaping in house to save money.

Chairman Valentine says that the report will be sent to appropriate members of the Board of Education for review and comment and it will be discussed again at a later date.

Chairman Valentine requested the Special Education budget as well. Dr. Carol Merlone says it is ready and available for Mrs. Valentine to review. Chairman Valentine says she plans to get the budget and have it ready for the commission to review at June's meeting.

Mr. Boemmels brings up the idea of getting information about education to the public via local newspapers.

Chairman Valentine discusses city collection policies, Chairman Valentine says after looking further into the policy, she was told there is a collection policy in place. Chairman Valentine says she plans to spend some time looking into this policy.

Chairman Valentine begins discussion of responses received from the public regarding a cost cutting ideas press release that was sent out to local newspapers last month.

Mr. Norman makes a motion to accept the responses to the Cost Cutting Commission. Mr. Boemmels seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

New Business:

Members discuss which city boards should be invited for open discussion regarding budgets and when these meetings will take place. Chairman Valentine said she will send invitations to appropriate boards.

Mr. Norman asks about cell phones paid for by the city. Mr. Timniak said he will look into that. Mr. Norman also asked about the legal fees the city has incurred. Chairman Valentine handed out a memo from Mr. John Marini Esq. in regards to this question.

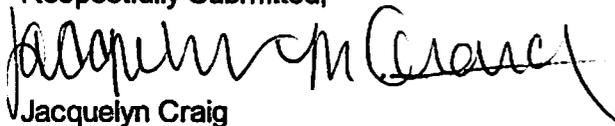
Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place Tuesday May 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Kurus made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Mr. Egan seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelyn Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jacquelyn Craig
Recording Secretary

Please note these minutes are written in brief