

Board of Aldermen and Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held a special joint meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and consider the energy audit of public buildings conducted by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and Siemens Industries Inc. Discussion and take appropriate action.

Consideration of the replacement of boiler at the Ansonia Police Department and Public Works garage. Discussion of project, consideration of the agreement between the city and Siemens Industry Inc. Take appropriate action.

Consideration the installation of gas at the Ansonia Police Department and the Ansonia Public Library. Discussion of project, consideration of the proposed agreement with Yankee Gas. Take appropriate action.

Adjournment

Board of Aldermen Present

Alderman Fainer
Alderman Jeanette
Alderman Knapp
Alderman Madigosky
Alderman Mott
Alderwoman Radin
Alderman Stowe
Alderman Tripp
Alderman Sharkey

Board of Apportionment Present

Mr. Commune
Mr. Kohut
Mr. Norman
Mr. Veillette
Mr. Williams
Mr. Sturges

Alderman Sharkey called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 9 Board of Aldermen present and 6 Board of Apportionment members present.

Alderman Sharkey opened the meeting with an overview of the situation at the Police Department and Public Works Complex. Both facilities are in need of new boilers, and neither will likely make it through this heating season. Alderman Sharkey introduced this program being offered by CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) in conjunction with Siemens. The purpose of the program is to allow Municipalities to become cleaner and greener with no up front costs.

Present from Siemens was Jerry Drummond the Sales Team Leader along with Vijay Srinivasachari Leader Energy Engineer and Mike Coakley Project Manager.

Siemens presented a Preliminary Energy Review Report to the City offering options to reduce energy. The City has 5 schools all of which need addressing which the exception of the newest the High School.

Siemens has been in this business for over 30 years, it has been very successful to municipalities realizing

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energy savings without any up front costs. Siemens will be paid by the saving realized by the City of Ansonia over a term decided by the City. Based on the study the pre-retrofit utility spending is \$1,130,715 the savings that can be realized by the City can be anywhere from \$1,950,483 to \$3,250,806 over the 15 years based on the scope of the project.

Alderman Tripp questioned what buildings would benefit the most from this program? Mr. Drummond stated that just replacing the two boilers would not pay for itself in a short period of time. Changing 50% of the lights at the Library would be an energy savings, putting in controls in all the buildings and weatherizing would all assist in realizing savings.

Mr. Sturges questioned if the saving would still be able to pay back the 15 year note as energy costs rise. Again it was noted that the units of energy purchased would be less because the buildings would be more efficient.

Mr. Norman questioned how the budgeting side would work, ie. Police Boiler vs. Police Department savings? Mr. Drummond stated it was up to the Town but most break out the regular City buildings verses the School Buildings.

Aldermen Jeannette questioned who picks out the replacement equipment? Siemens looks for the longest warranties, with multiple parts and repair locations. They present their suggestions to the City and the City makes the final decision.

Aldermen Sharkey did feel the two Boards out on their opinion of including the Board of Education buildings. They would have the most to gain from this program. The City would need to dig deep for quicker savings if we proceed without the Board of Education.

Aldermen Sharkey also commented that the City is interested in converting both the Library and Police to gas, and are currently looking at a long term agreement for gas.

Aldermen Sharkey wanted the general consensus of what both Boards were considering with the Board of Education. With interest rated at an all time low now is the time.

With the Board of Education the largest spender, Mr. Sturges the City needs to get them on Board. They need to understand how the plan works.

The first steps would be that within 90-120 days Siemens would get the City firm cost and savings numbers for the project.

Start the project for the two boilers now and get the gas company at the sites.

At next Tuesday's Board of Aldermen meeting this will be on the agenda to prepare a letter or intent for the program.

The Boards plan to meet with the Board of Education at the end of the school year to introduce the project.

Mr. Drummond did review the Naugatuck Project which realized a 51% in fuel costs and between 27-29%

in electrical costs.

With no other business to come before the two Boards Aldermen Mott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Aldermen Sharkey advised no motions need to be made this evening the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation