

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to make further alterations in the estimates, appropriations and tax rates and to make appropriations and lay taxes for all City purposes for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. To consider requests for transfer of monies of all departments and/or new appropriations where funds are available to various departments. And any other business to come before said Board as it pertains to the finalizing of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 budget.

Members Present

Banks	Norman
Boran	Smerznak
Confinante	Strumello
Commune	Veillette
Kennedy	Williams
Kohut	Sturges

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 12 members present.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Final Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011

The tentative budget last week was approved with a zero increase reflecting a mil rate of 25.25. Following a workshop last Wednesday various scenarios were discussed. The first being the BOAT Contingency was too small and should be increased \$50,000.

Mr. Norman made a motion to increase BOAT 200 from \$585,755 to \$635,755. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes, 3 no Banks, Commune, Kohut)

Mr. Norman made a motion to increase the Municipal Retirement Fund my \$14,841; increasing 201 City Government from 1,414,995 to \$1,429,386. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

It was discussed that the Board of Education as proposed with a zero increase would have an adverse effect on education in Ansonia. Drastic changes in funding education in the future needs to be addressed at the State level. Mr. Norman vowed to make it a point to research educational funding in the future for Ansonia, and invited every board member to join him.

Mr. Norman made a motion to increase the 702 Board of Education budget by \$500,000 from \$23,432,721 to \$23,932,721. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes, 3 no Banks, Commune, Kohut)

The net effect on taxpayers with the above mentioned changes would be \$100/year on a home assessed at

\$200,000 and \$75/year on a home assessed at \$175,000. These changes represent a ½ mil increase to 25.75 mils. There is no definite answer as to what will be saved and lost with the additional funding to education. A goal of this boards is to get a better understanding of how the BOE is handling business and trying to keep an open line of communication between BOAT and the BOE.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the mil rate to from 25.25 to 25.75. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes, 2 no Commune, Kohut)

At this time the Board will approve each department's final budget for 2010-2011.

101 School Building Commission \$0

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the final budget for School Building Commission for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$0. Mr. Boran seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

200 BOAT \$635,755

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the final budget for BOAT for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$635,755. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

201 City Government \$1,429,836

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for City Government for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$1,429,836. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

202 Elections \$50,597

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the final budget for Elections for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$50,597. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

210 Flood Control \$35,500

Ms. Banks made a motion to approve the final budget for Flood Control for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$35,500. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

211 City Engineer \$35,583

Mr. Strumello made a motion to approve the final budget for City Engineer for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$35,583. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

212 Building Inspector \$104,151

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for the Building Inspector for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$104,151. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

214 Nature Center \$168,818

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Nature Center in the amount of \$168,818. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

215 Insurance and Debt Service \$9,188,800

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Insurance and Debt Service in the amount of \$9,188,800. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

216 Mayor's Office \$200,367

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Mayor's Office

in the amount of \$200,367. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

301 Police Department \$4,743,548

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Police Department in the amount of \$4,743,548. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

302 Senior Center \$ 70,795

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Senior Center in the amount of \$ 70,795. Mr. Strumello seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

400 Fire Marshall \$69,483

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Fire Marshall in the amount of \$69,483. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

401 Fire Department \$245,850

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Fire Department in the amount of \$245,850. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

402 Finance Department \$478,235

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Finance Department in the amount of \$478,235. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

405 Economic Development \$186,297

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Economic Development in the amount of \$186,297. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes, 4 no, Williams, Boran, Norman, Veillette)

420 Tax Department \$149,680

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Tax Department in the amount of \$149,680. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

450 Assessors Office \$180,508

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Assessor Office in the amount of \$180,508. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

502 Streets & Bridges \$2,541,824

Mr. Confinante made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Streets & Bridges in the amount of \$2,541,824. Mr. Strumello seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

601 Library \$514,440

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Library in the amount of \$514,440. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

602 Building & Refuse \$3,033,945

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Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Building & Refuse in the amount of \$3,033,945. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

701 Recreation \$100,705

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Recreation in the amount of \$100,705. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

702 Board of Education \$23,932,721

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Board of Education in the amount of \$23,932,721. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes, 3 no Banks, Commune, Kohut)

801 ARMS \$592,715

Ms. Banks made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for ARMS in the amount of \$592,715. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

802 Town & City Clerk \$181,450

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Town & City Clerk in the amount of \$181,450. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

850 Municipal Grants \$359,266

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Municipal Grants in the amount of \$359,266. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

851 Educational Grants \$8,277,519

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Educational Grants in the amount of \$8,277,519. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

875 Capital Improvements \$104,000

Mr. Strumello made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$104,000. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

901 Municipal Planning \$20,425

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for Municipal Planning in the amount of \$20,425. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Grand Total Final Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011 \$ 57,632,813

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the Final Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 for a grand total of \$57,632,813. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Commune)

Total Expenditures Fiscal Year 2010-2011 \$57,632,813

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia make (the revised) appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 inclusive. The total expenditure for the fiscal year \$57,632,813. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Commune)

Total Income Fiscal Year 2010-2011 \$57,632,813

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia proposes to make the following revised estimated income, inclusive of property taxes, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. The amount so estimated to include amounts already estimated by the Board for said fiscal year. The income for this fiscal year will be \$57,632,813. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Commune)

Fund Balance from Surplus Fiscal Year 2010-2011 \$200,000

Mr. Norman made a motion to set the fund balance from the surplus as income for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$200,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Mill Rate fiscal year 2010-2011 25.75 Mills

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia hereby set a tax rate of 25.75 mills on the dollar. To be and the same is hereby assessed on the ratable estate of the Town & City of Ansonia, last completed being the Grand List of 2009. One half (½) or 12.875 mills due July 1, 2010 and one half (½) or 12.875 mills due January 1, 2011. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Commune)

Regular Meeting Session

The Board opted to continue with the regular session of the meeting without a recess. The meeting was opened to the public anyone wishing to address the Board may do so at this time. No one wished to address the Board. The public session was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes April 20, 2009

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept the minutes from April 20, 2009 and place them on file if they were found to be correct. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Minutes April 19, 2010

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from April 19, 2010 if found to be correct. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Correspondence

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept all correspondence and take under new business if required. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication # 1 Library \$75

Mr. Strumello made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$75 from 0601-17-110-0003 Children's Librarian into 0601-17-130-0001 Library Board Secretary. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #2 Other Operating Expense \$3,750

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$3,750 from 200-17-880-0003 Other Operating Expenses into 0301-12-440-0002 Computer Maintenance for the refund from CCROG (1/2 year service) the Police Department has switch to NEXGEN. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #3 Other Operating Expenses \$3,657.90

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$3,657.90 from 200-17-880-0003 into 201-11-322-0001 for Municipal Liens. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #4 Reversal of Previous Transfer Request \$21,875.00

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Miller to transfer from 0215-11-911-0010 Riverside Note into BOAT Contingency 0200-11-812-0001. It was on the advise of the Bond Attorney to capitalize the interest and roll the principal and interest into one note at a lower interest rate. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #5 Other Department Expense \$5,322.47

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$5,322.47 from 0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expense into 0301-12-433-0001 Vehicle Accident Account for the reimbursement of an auto accident. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #6 City Treasurer's Report of Income April 2010

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Income for April 2010. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #7 City Treasurer's Report of Interest on Investments for April 2010

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Interest on Investments for April 2010. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #9 Streets & Bridges \$30,900

Mr. Norman questioned why the Board did not take the overage in the Superintendent's Account back and place it in BOAT Contingency at the time of the change in personnel. Leaving the monies in the account allows for transfers and the funds can be used as a slush fund.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$6,000 from 0502-13-110-0001 Superintendent Salary into BOAT Contingency 0200-11-812-0001. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Mr. Boran made a motion to approve the follow transfers for Streets & Bridges:

Line Item	Trans In	Trans Out
0502-13-110-0001 Supt Salary		24,900
0502-13-430-0002 Vehicle Repair	20,000	
0502-13-440-0002 Park Maintenance	1,500	
0502-13-611-0002 Park Supplies	2,200	
0502-13-440-0001 Tree Trimming	1,200	

Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Norman)

Communication #8 Building & Refuse \$6,000

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency 0200-11-812-0001 into Armory Expense 0602-13-410-0005 in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Norman)

Communication #10 ARMS Ambulance Bid

Mr. Fainer advised the Board that the Ambulance Bid has come in the amount \$157,521.99. He would like at this time to have a motion to take the bid to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Mr. Norman made a motion accept and place on file the communication from Mr. Fainer. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to authorize Mr. Fainer to bring the bid for the Ambulance to the Board of Aldermen. If the Board of Aldermen approves the bid BOAT authorizes a motion to increase the fund balance in the amount of \$157,522.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund and the expense side of Capital Expenditures 0875-12-461-0011. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #11 ARMS \$,1,500

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,500 from 0801-12-241-0002 EMT Course into 0801-12-440-0005 Ambulance Maintenance. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Other Business

Mr. Norman wished to thank Mr. Sturges for all his hard work put into this budget season.

Acting Mayor Steve Blume notified the Board that many areas have been addressed and changes have been made to personnel ie. cutting full time to part time. Although the largest savings will be in the WPCA at approximately \$100,000 there is still \$130,000 savings realized throughout the City. I will work with Mr. Miller to highlight the areas of savings.

Mr. Miller request the Board go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Norman made a motion to go into executive session inviting BOAT members, the Comptroller, the Assistant Comptroller, the Acting Mayor and the Auditor. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes) Regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$10,500 into Life Insurance 0215-11-213-0001. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos

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Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation