

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider requests for transfers 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.

Members Present

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

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

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

Mr. Sturges opened the meeting by congratulating the reappointed members, Mr. Confinante, Mr. Smerznak and Mr. Strumello and thanked them for their continued service to the City of Ansonia.

Public Session

The meeting was opened to the public anyone wishing to address the Board might do so at this time.

Mr. Gene Sharkey, Chairman Fire Commission, addressed the Board regarding the last two snowstorms and the need to put men at all Fire Stations for emergencies. The usual headcount is 4-5 men however in an effort to save funding 3 men were put on at each Fire House for a total of 21 men for 38 hours at \$10 per hour totaling \$8,360. The Fire Department budget has been cut and there aren't any funds to transfer to cover this expense. The City has applied for a DEMHS Grant which if received would reimburse not only for the snow crew men at the second storm but sand, salt, public works personnel and police personnel.

Mr. Robert Lisi, Treasurer Board of Directors, Parent Child Resource Center
Mr. Lisi as well as Mr. Michael Wynne, CEO Parent Child Resource Center were present to discuss the 2011-2012 budget request from the City of Ansonia. The PCRC is the only agency in the Valley that services the children of the Valley. The majority of the children receiving services come from Ansonia. The Valley's contribute to PCRC annually and Ansonia's contribution went from \$4,000 to \$1,000 recently. PCRC would like to request that this funding be restored at the \$4,000 level to insure service continue to those children that need them the most. Last year's contributions were as follows: Shelton \$10,000, Derby \$6,000, Seymour and Ansonia contributed \$1,000 each.

The Board explained that this would be handled during the budget workshops and will be considered at that time.

No one else wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes December 20, 2010

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes from the Organization Meeting and Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010 if found to be correct. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Communication #1 Recreation \$2,035

The Board had two questions they needed to have answered regarding this request, the first is what will the funds be used for? And the understanding of how the Receptions Commission was going to operate was they would receive a stipend for all sports and use the registration fund to operate, which does not seem to be the case.

No one was available to answer any questions Mr. Norman made a motion to table the request at this time. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes) The request was tabled.

Communication #2 City Treasurer's Report of Income

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

Communication #3 Senior Center \$ 424.00

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request from the Senior Center to transfer \$424.00 from 0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses into 0302-17-850-0001 Other Programs to cover the New Years Eve Dinner. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes, 1 no Mr. Norman)

Communication #4 Streets & Bridges \$30,000

The Board noted the current balance in BOAT Contingency is \$114,000.

The request before the Board for the additional \$30,000 would cover overtime already incurred from the previous storms, there will be funds remaining to cover future needs.

The Board was mixed on the job done on the City roads; some members felt the roads could have been cleared better. Mayor DellaVolpe did state that many members of Public Works hadn't worked in a storm of the magnitude we had. They are currently moving excess snow to parking lots allowing the roads to remain clear.

Mr. Confinante made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from BOAT Contingency 0200-11-812-0001 into Streets Overtime 0502-13-120-0001. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (12 yes)

Mr. Sturges reminded the Board that February's meeting would be the 8th to accept the Board of Aldermen Budget as well as the regular scheduled meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation

