

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of 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

Banks
Boran
Commune
Confinante
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Veillette
Williams

Members Absent

Kennedy
Sturges

Vice Chairman Norman called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 10 members present.

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Public Session

The meeting was opened to the public anyone wishing to address the Board may do so at this time. No one wished to speak the public session was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Board of Apportionment & Taxation meetings as follows if found to correct:

May 9, 2011
May 11, 2011
May 16, 2011

And the joint meeting with the Board of Aldermen on June 2, 2011. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mr. Jaskilka submitted a list of audits which he performed since the ARMS audit. This was a result of the comments made at the May 11, 2011 meeting. Mr. Norman advised they will take this communication up later in the meeting.

Other Informational Communications

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept and place on file all informational communications presented to the Board, and take any action if necessary. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #1 Corporation Counsel RE: Board of Education Appropriation

Corporation Counsel Blake advised the Board that based on current case law the \$300,000 funding should be taken out of the BOAT Department and placed into the Board of Education Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 to avoid any ligitations. Mayor DellaVolpe advised the Board that the meeting held with the Board of Education, Corporation Counsel and Chairman Sturges was productive and was never considered as treating. The Board was assured that if in 2012-2013 fiscal year they did not feel the additional funding was feasible they would not be held to funding at that level, only the minimum educational requirement held by the State of Connecticut. Mr. Norman advised that the Board listened to the people at the public hearing and understood their concerns with wanting to see the all day kindergarten funded. Superintendent Merlone advised the Board that the City never had all session full day only 6 with 5 being ½ day. There is no way the Board of Education can fund all day kindergarten with the \$300,000 allocation. The costs would exceed over \$500,000.

Mr. Boran made a motion to reallocate \$300,000 from 0200-19-812-0003 BOAT Cont-BOE into 0702-19-999-0001 Educational Expense. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes, 1 no Ms. Banks, 1 abstain Mr. Norman)

Communication #2 Recreation Department \$1,400

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request from the Recreation Department to transfer \$900 from 001-0701-17-880-0001 Basketball and \$500 from 001-0701-17-880-0016 Emergency Equipment into 001-0701-880-0002 Babe Ruth for a total of \$1,400. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #3 Tax Collector \$6,000

As of June 20, 2011 the total balance in BOAT Contingency is \$11,662.00. Mr. Kohut made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000 from BOAT Contingency into 001-0200-11-870-0001 Refunds. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #4 City Government \$45,000

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$45,000 from 0201-11-411-0003 Electricity into:

0201-11-411-0004 Water \$15,000

0201-11-411-0005 Gas 15,000

0201-11-411-0006 Oil 15,000

Mr. Bshara advised the Board that they will continue to analysis these accounts down the road to insure accurate funding.

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Other Business

Mr. Jaskilka, Audit Clerk submitted a UI Report, the Board requested seeing a report each month if possible.

Also the list of audits conducted since the ARMS Audit. Mr. Norman apologized if any offense was taken on his comment of May 11th he merely wanted to see what was being done and requested that BOAT be kept advised by monthly reports.

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept last commune #5 from Mr. Bshara regarding the Telephone Accounts. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mr. Commune made a motion to transfer from the Telephone Line Item 0201-11-411-0002 \$12,000 into BOAT Contingency. The balance is a result of negotiated credits, reductions in maintenance expenses and one time charges. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

It was noted that there will be a special meeting next Monday June 27, 2011 to finalize the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to cancel the August meeting. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Commune made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation