

**Board of Aldermen and Board of Apportionment & Taxation
Special Joint Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment & Taxation held a special joint meeting on Thursday June 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ansonia High School, 20 Pulaski Highway, Ansonia, CT. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the project proposal for roof replacements from the School Building Commission.

- a. Board of Aldermen discussion and adoption of project and appropriations.
- b. Adopt all necessary resolutions and agreements.
- c. Board of Apportionment & Taxation adoption of project and appropriations.
- d. Adopt all necessary resolutions and appropriations.

Board of Aldermen Present

Alderman Beall
Alderman Duffus
Alderman Jerome Fainer
Alderman Jeanette
Alderman Knapp
Alderman Marini
Alderman Sharkey
Alderman Blume
8 Present

Board of Apportionment Present

Ms. Banks
Mr. Boran
Mr. Commune
Mr. Confinante
Mr. Kohut
Mr. Norman
Mr. Smerznak
Mr. Veillette
Mr. Williams
Mr. Sturges
10 present

Others Present

Robert Evans,
Dir. Of Facilities

George Boath, BOE
Bob Caruso, BOE
James Gaston,
Business Manger BOE
Kevin Blake, Corp Counsel

Each board has a quorum. President Blume opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Alderman Sharkey made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Alderman Knapp seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The floor was turned over to Mr. Boath for the presentation of the proposed roof project. Mr. Boath thanked both Boards for coming out this evening; the School Building Commission is working on a very tight time frame. Mr. Boath explained to the Boards that with the pending Bill No 1010 which is being presented through legislation local towns and cities will be faced with changed reimbursement rates for projects such as this roof replacement.

Currently the City of Ansonia has a 76.43% reimbursement for replacement school roofs over 25 years of age. That reimbursement is reduced by 5% for each year less than the 20 year life. It should be noted that the roofs need to be replaced rather than repaired to qualify for the state reimbursement.

Four structures are included in this project:

With a total project cost of	\$3,642,216.00*
State of Connecticut's share	\$2,281,280.79
City of Ansonia's share	\$1,360,935.21**

* 100% of the total project cost would need to be funded by the City prior to submission to the State

**Includes all none reimbursable cost incurred by the City.

The first structure is the Administrative Office Building with a total square footage of replacement of 2,825. This building is only reimbursed at 50% of the 76.43% or 38.22% the

Total cost	\$87,000.00
State Reimbursement 38.22%	32,869.30
City of Ansonia's share	54,130.80
Ineligible Cost	1,000.00

Mead School has water ponding, holes and insulation shrinkage. There are two sections to this project one with a total square footage for replacement is 23,818, because this roof off under the less than 20 year formula the reimbursement rate would be 61.43%.

Total cost	\$600,200.00
State Reimbursement 61.43%	368,642.84
City of Ansonia's share	231,557.16

The second section of Mead School has 18,060 square feet and qualifies for the 76.43% reimbursement rate.

Total cost	\$456,250.00
State Reimbursement 76.43%	348,711.88
City of Ansonia's share	107,538.13

The Ansonia Middle School would be stripped to the wood decking; the entire roof needs replacing totaling 61,156 square feet, the old fan units would be removed. Back in 2005 the City did an infrared scan on the building at that time there were large wet problem areas.

This roof also falls under the less than 20 year formula with a reimbursement rate of 61.43%.

Total cost	\$1,603,500.00
State Reimbursement 61.43%	982,412.90
City of Ansonia's share	621,087.10
Ineligible Cost	4,000.00

Lastly Prendergast School has pooling of water, no pitch on the roof and classrooms leak.

The total square footage is 33,991 again falling into the less than 20 year formula the reimbursement rate is 61.43%

Total cost	\$ 895,266.00
State Reimbursement 61.43%	548,643.98
City of Ansonia's share	346,622.02

The floor was opened to questions from the Boards.

Ms. Banks inquired what if we appropriate the funding and the State doesn't approve the project? The money would stay within the City's General Fund and the project would need to be addressed in phases.

Mr. Boath assured the Boards that the most current pricing has been used and the consultant believes all bids should come in lower with the lack of current building projects.

Alderman Blume advised the Boards they considered using a local bank for funding on a short term basis, however Ansonia's Charter would not allow such borrow so that avenue could not be considered. By waiting until July 2011 the City could be faced with a potential \$4,000,000 project. It should be also noted that the State of Connecticut requires the contractor wait for payment until the completion of the project so the City would not have to put out any funding in advance.

Alderman Duffus questioned what the repair verse replacement cost are. Mr. Evans advised that over the last five years \$125,000 has been paid for roof repairs or related damage. There are active leaks and mold problems. With the replacement of the roofs a pitch of 1/2" per foot will be put in place to meet code.

Mr. Boath advised that time frame of the project if approved by the State is a year away, however once the application is in place we need to contact our local delegates and advice them of our request so they can work to help pass it. The City could encumber the total project cost \$3,642,219.00 from the fund balance then decide if they want to go to referendum down the road.

The Town Clerk read the first resolution:

Alderman: Steve Blume (7) and Eugene Sharkey (6)

Re: Application for School Construction Grant Application

WHEREAS, that the Board of Aldermen has appointed a School Building Commission to review and advise the condition of the roofs located on the Ansonia Middle School, John G. Prendergast School, John C. Mead School and the Robert E. Zuraw Administrative Building; **WHEREAS**, information provided by the School Building Commission indicates that the various roofs, whole or in part, are in need of repair and that a grant application should be made to the Commissioner of Education or its designee and/or successor, prior to July 1, 2011, to address the needed repairs to the afore-mentioned schools and administrative building, including preparation of any necessary schematic drawings and outline specifications for repairs of the roofs at the afore-mentioned schools and building; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen requests that the necessary appropriations be provided by the City of Ansonia Board of Apportionment and Taxation for the project to repair the roofs with the understanding that said appropriations shall be become null and void for the said school building project to repair the roofs on the afore-mentioned schools and

administrative building if the State of Connecticut Department of Education or its designee and/or successor does not fund, whole or part, this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Aldermen hereby approves the School Building Commission of the City of Ansonia and/or the Ansonia Board of Education to apply prior to July 1, 2011 for a grant application to the State of Connecticut Board of Education or its designee and/or successor for repairs of the roofs at the Ansonia Middle School, John G. Prendergast School, John C. Mead School and the Robert E. Zuraw Administrative Building; requests that the City of Ansonia Board of Apportionment and Taxation appropriations for the afore-mentioned project, with the understanding that said appropriations shall become null and void if the grant application is not approved by the State of Connecticut Board of Education or its designee and/or successor, whole or in part; that schematic drawings and outline specifications for the afore-mentioned roof repair project may be prepared; and that the Mayor of the City of Ansonia is hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents for the grant application as well as for the school roof repair project for the Ansonia Middle School, John G. Prendergast School, John C. Mead School and the Robert E. Zuraw Administrative Building if the grant application is approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Education or its designee and/or successor.

Alderman Sharkey made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

The Town Clerk read the second resolution:

Alderman: Steve Blume (7) and Eugene Sharkey (6)

Re: Application for School Construction Grant Application

WHEREAS, that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation acknowledges the appointment of a School Building Commission to review and advise the condition of the roofs located on the Ansonia Middle School, John G. Prendergast School, John C. Mead School and the Robert E. Zuraw Administrative Building;

WHEREAS, information provided by the School Building Commission indicates that the various roofs, whole or in part, are in need of repair and that a grant application should be made to the Commissioner of Education or its designee and/or successor, prior to July 1, 2011, to address the needed repairs to the afore-mentioned schools and administrative building, including preparation of any necessary schematic drawings and outline specifications for repairs of the roofs at the afore-mentioned schools and building;

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen have requested that the necessary appropriations be provided by the City of Ansonia Board of Apportionment and Taxation for the project to repair the roofs with the understanding that said appropriations shall be become null and void for the said school building project to repair the roofs on the afore-mentioned schools and administrative building if the State of Connecticut Department of Education or its designee and/or successor does not fund, whole or part, this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Apportionment and Taxation hereby approves appropriations not to exceed \$3,642,216.00 necessary for the School Building Commission of the City of Ansonia and/or the Ansonia Board of Education to apply prior to

July 1, 2011 for a grant application to the State of Connecticut Board of Education or its designee and/or successor for repairs of the roofs at the Ansonia Middle School, John G. Prendergast School, John C. Mead School and the Robert E. Zuraw Administrative Building with the understanding that said appropriations shall become null and void if the grant application is not approved by the State of Connecticut Board of Education or its designee and/or successor.

Mr. Norman made to approve the resolution as read. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to allocate \$3,642,216.00 from the unallocated reserve into a new reserve account called School Roof Project. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

With no other business to come before both Boards, Alderman Knapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation