

## **Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia**

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday August 20, 2012 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**

Commune  
Confinante  
Kohut  
Smerznak  
Strumello  
Norman  
Veillette  
Williams  
Sturges

### **Members Absent**

Banks  
Boran  
Kennedy

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 9 members present.

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

### **Public Session**

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

Jared Heon, ARMS Director

Mr. Heon spoke regarding the Emergency Management Commission. This was strictly information; the commission is anticipated receiving additional grant funding this year and would like to consider purchasing the UPS System (Uninterrupted Power Supply). The grant will be reviewed and the funding needed would be an additional \$12,242.00

ARMS along with the Fire Dept and Police Dept were looking for one vehicle to share among the departments for transportation and controlled environment at emergency sites. Valley Transit had original stated they were donated vehicles to the participating towns now it seems they are looking for a donation in the amount of \$3,500-\$5,000.

ARMS would like to discuss the town wide AED Units and the pads and batteries that need to be replaced on the units. The batteries last 3-4 years and cost \$300 to replace the pads last 2-3 years and cost \$107 to replace. Who's responsible for the cost of the replacements? The Board felt that any unit that is in a City building should be replaced by the Building Department, any units that are in the schools should be replaced by the Board of Education and any units at private businesses will be paid by them.

Another concern Mr. Heon wished to discuss was the 2003 Ford Ambulance, which has given them nothing but problems in the last 14 months. \$15,000 has been invested into the ambulance and it has been out of service for most of July. The original problems with the vehicle were entered into a class action lawsuit but denied. Three suspension have been put into the ambulance and over \$5,000 has been spent this year eating up over ½ of the maintenance budget.

One option the Board may consider is having Twin Lights quote taking the box off and putting it on a new cab and chassis. It would be about 1/3 the cost to replacing the Ambulance.

Other news is the new ambulance is 3-4 month away from the date of the award.

ARMS is covering numerous calls from other towns and collections are going well, revenues are up and billing costs are down. The Board can expect to see a monthly report in the future.

No one wished to speak the public session was closed at 7:42 p.m.

#### **Minutes June 18 & June 25 2012**

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from June 18 and 25, 2012. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

#### **Communication #1 Youth Service Bureau \$6,250**

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to increase revenue and expense in the amount of \$6,250 for YSB. Line Items 2-001-0305-11-010-0014 YSB Revenue \$6,250.00 and 1-001-0850-11-800-0015 YSB Expense \$6,250.00 Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

#### **Communication #1 Fire Marshall \$210**

Mr. Kohut made a motion to establish an expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0186 for \$210 and a revenue line item #2-001-0305-17-010-0186 for \$210 for the funds received from the Anti-Arson Committee for the Connecticut Fair Plan. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Sturges advised the Board that at the Board of Education's July meeting the BOE disagreed with the action taken by BOAT at the Special Meeting of June 25, 2012. They took their concerns to the State Department of Education which agreed with our decision.

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Kohut made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos  
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation