

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday September 17, 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

Banks
Boran
Commune
Smerznak
Strumello
Norman
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Confinante
Kennedy
Kohut

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 informed the Board that they have been with the new billing company (EMMS) for just over two and one half months and have received some numbers he wished to share with the Board.

For 15 days in June \$62,236 was billed with \$50,645 being collected at a rate of 81.38% July \$111,000 was billed with \$82,000 in collections and August \$80,000 was billed with \$50,964 collected. Monthly reports will be submitted to BOAT from ARMS by the new billing agency. ARMS is experiencing a high call volume with better collection rates all of this is only going to improve in the future.

No one wished to speak the public session was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes August 20, 2012

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from August 20, 2012 if found to be correct. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Informational Communications

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept and place on file all informational communications and act on them as the Board feels necessary. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #2 & 6 ARMS Director's Salary

Mr. Sturges requested the Board consider acting on Communication #2 and #6 together. Mr. Norman made a motion to do just that. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved (9 yes)

Communication #1 Public Works \$154.52

The Board discussed considering combining the two Public Works Departments for the next fiscal year, this would allow for transferring between accounts rather than rescinding funds and issuing an additional appropriation.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to rescind \$155 from 0502-13-246-001 Buy Back Sick Pay into the general fund. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$155 from BOAT Contingency into 0602-13-246-0001 Buy Back Sick Pay. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #2 & #6 ARMS Director's Salary

Mr. Sturges advised the Board that studies were done to determine where the salary should be for this position arriving at the salary of \$65,000. This represents a shortfall of \$22,300 when factoring in the pension and FICA.

Mr. Norman was concerned that this comes to the Board in September just after the budget is approved, why was this not addressed during the budget workshops. He would like to see the job description on this position.

Mr. Sturges advised the Board that they have been told in the past that this Board has no authority on policy.

BOAT Contingency II has funding for the projected contract agreements for Police and Public Works Union as well as increases for non-union employees however there is not enough to fund this increase.

BOAT Contingency I has a balance of \$200,000.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the communication and place it on file at this time. Mr. Boran seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #3Valley Community Foundation Grant

Mr. Williams made a motion to establish the following line items:

1-001-0850-11-800-0187 Ansonia Harvest Festival Cultural Commission Expense \$2,000
2-001-0305-17-010-0187 Ansonia Harvest Festival Cultural Commission Grant \$2,000

Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #4 Emergency Communication Generator

This grant is a reimbursable grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of a new emergency generator at Prendergast School.

Mr. Williams made a motion to establish the following line items:

1-001-0850-11-800-1137 Emergency Communication Generator Expense \$50,000

2-001-0305-17-010-1137 Emergency Communication Generator Grant \$50,000

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #5 Streetscape Project \$67,471

Ms. Krugel and Mr. Schryver informed the Board that the City was in jeopardy of losing the Streetscape Grant in the amount of \$175,000 if they did not use the funding. The project is being worked on currently but will not complete all of Main Street. If the Board would allocate the funding received from the State from Storm Alfred \$67,471 the project could be completed.

Mr. Commune questioned why not use the funding to purchase new equipment at Public Works, but Mr. Schryver believed this was a worthwhile project for downtown.

Mr. Williams made a motion to establish the following line items:

2-001-0305-17-010-0188 FEMA Alfred \$67,471

1-001-0850-11-800-1129 Streetscape Project \$67,471

Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Other Business

- A Consultant Firm has been hired to assess and report on the Economic Development of Ansonia. The funding for this report is \$25,000.
- The Tax Collector has been tentatively filled, and Mr. Miller has retired, the Finance Office will be working very lean until positions are filled.
- The firm of DeCarlo and Doll has been hired to review the Downtown Project as a fee of \$5,000, this cost is not covered in the \$500,000 grant received by the City.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos

Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation