

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

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 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  
Commune  
Kohut  
Norman  
Veillette  
Williams  
Sturges

### **Members Absent**

Boran  
Confinante  
Kennedy  
Smerznak  
Strumello

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 7 members present.

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

Chairman Sturges requested that the Board consider deviating from the agenda to move communication # 3 to the end of the meeting allowing Mr. Coppola to try to attend, also combining communication #2 and #7 for ARMS to discuss together.

Mr. Norman made the motion to approve the requested deviations to the agenda. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 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 7:08 p.m.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Board of Apportionment & Taxation meetings of December 19, 2011, both the Organizational and Regular Meeting, if found to correct. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Other Informational Communications**

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file all informational communications presented to the Board, and take any action if necessary. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #1 Other Department Expense**

Mr. Norman made a motion to reject the request to transfer \$750.00 from Other Department Expense 0200-17-880-0003 into Legal 0201-11-321-0001, rather approve the \$750 coming into revenue as miscellaneous income and not add to an expense line item. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #2 and #7 ARMS**

Mr. Heon addressed the Board regarding the duplicated payment for Ambulance Repairs in the amount of \$3,648.00 paid once by a purchase order cut through ARMS and once by a purchase order cut through Legal by the Corporation Counsel. The error was caught and the check was returned into the General Fund. Communication #7 addresses the situation with an Ambulance having a significant oil leak in the engine; these repairs will run approximately \$3,000. Although the Board had hoped that the \$3,648.00 being returned to the ARMS budget would cover this repair, Mr. Heon advised the Board of two outstanding bills to Tracey’s Garage totaling \$2,300 that would need to be paid by the returned funds. Mr. Heon did state at this time he is not looking for the additional funding but would need it in the weeks, or months to follow.

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$3,648.00 from Other Department Expenses 0200-17-880-0003 into Ambulance Maintenance 0801-12-440-0005. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #4 Fire Department**

Mr. Sharkey addressed the Board regarding Repairs to Apparatus and the expenditure of 85% of their budget to date. He would like the Board to consider revising his request to be \$7,900 transfer from accounts including Fire Chief Salary. Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$7,900 into Repairs to Apparatus 1-001-0401-12-440-0007 from:

Protective Clothing	1-001-0401-12-243-0002	\$2,000
New Equipment	1-001-0401-12-461-0002	1,000
Rescue Maint Supplies	1-001-0401-12-617-0001	2,000
Fire Chief Salary	1-001-0401-12-111-0001	2,900

Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #5 Bond Refunding 2011**

The Board determined this request constituted new funding, there were not enough members to approve this communication. Mr. Norman made a motion to table this request until next month. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The request was tabled. (7 yes)

**Communication #6 Building & Refuses \$8,000**

The Board discussed this request being funded through the funds received from FEMA approximately \$54,000. There was also discussion of not receiving a Monthly Treasurer's Report any longer; Mr. Miller will look into that. Again no additional funding can be approved with 7 members; Mr. Norman made a motion to table this request until next months meeting. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The request was tabled. (7 yes)

**Communication #8 Other Department Expenses**

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the following transfers:

From: Other Department Expenses	0200-17-880-0003	\$1,250
Into: Vets Christmas Fund	0201-11-570-0024	250
Ambulance Equipment	0801-12-461-0003	1,000

Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #3 Recreation**

Mr. Coppola did not make the meeting but the Board had discussed this with him in December and felt they could proceed with the request. Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$2,640.00 from Other Department Expenses 0200-17-880-0003 into 1-001-0701-17-880-0001 Basketball. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Other Business**

Mr. Sturges advised the Board that the Energy Bill Meeting that he had planned on attending was cancelled, but he will attend February's meeting and report back.

Mr. Sturges spoke with the Board regarding invitations they may be receiving to attend meeting with the Board of Education, you may do as you see fit, the Board of Education will be making a presentation to the Board as a whole at their Budget Hearing.

Mr. Miller passed out a late communication from Mr. Morse regarding the Ansonia Gridiron Club.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file for consideration the late communication. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

Mr. Miller advised that taxes are being collected.

Mr. Norman requested meeting with the Auditor's to discuss the Audit Results. Mr. Miller will set up a presentation for the March meeting.

The Audit showed a \$950,000 surplus Mr. Norman questioned if that included the Grants. Mr. Bshara will look into that and advise.

Mr. Norman questioned the percentage expended for the Economic Developer is at 21%, Fair Housing is at 25% and the Personnel Director is at 46%, is that to continue? Chairman Sturges will check with the Mayor.

With no other business to come before the Board Ms. Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos  
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation