

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Erlingheuser Room on the second floor of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to review and accept the tentative budget for the Uniform Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as presented by the Board of Aldermen; to consider requests for transfers of monies of all departments and/or new appropriations where funds are available to various departments; any other business to come before said Board and an Executive Session if necessary.

Members Present

Banks
Boran
Commune
Confinante
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Kennedy
Strumello

Chairman Sturges 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. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Chairman Sturges updated the Board on Mr. Kennedy's progress, he will be having a third operation on his back, we wish him well, and it appears he will not be back with us for some time.

Last month Trans Canada Utilities were discussed it has been determined that there are two contracts the City hold with them, one which has expired back in July of 2008 the second is extended until September 2013. The Energy Committee is looking into possibly ending the contact to insure lower energy rates.

Chairman Sturges spoke with the Mayor regarding the monthly City Treasurer Report, it has been decided that Mr. Bshara will be able to provide the Board with an Electronic version of the report.

The Board was also updated on the position of Part Time Personnel Director; the position is currently filled (Part Time) and being paid through the existing line item. Mr. Norman expressed his displeasure worried that the City may get into a situation it cannot get out of.

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 7:06 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Board of Apportionment & Taxation meetings of January 23, 2012 if found to correct. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 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. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Chairman Sturges requested the Board consider addressing Item 5 and 6 from January which were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Communication #5 Bond Refunding January 2012

Mr. Norman made a motion to remove from the table communication #5 for Bond Refunding from January's meeting for consideration. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to increase both the revenue and expense items as follows:

Bond Refunding 2011 0310-12-911-0001 \$79,690.12 (Revenue)

Bond Refunding 2011 0201-11-911-0001 \$79,690.12 (Expense)

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

Communication #6 Building & Refuse January 2012

Mr. Norman made a motion to remove from the table communication #6 for Building & Refuse from January's meeting for consideration. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

The Board determined that the funding for the ARM's Gutter will come from the FEMA money received; the Finance Department will research will those funds were placed and handle accordingly.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$8,000 from Other Department Expense 001-0200-17-880-0003 into ARMS 001-0602-13-436-0006. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #1 Inland Wetlands \$1,000

Jo-Lynn Flaherty addressed the Board regarding her request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000. Ms. Flaherty explained that the Wetland Permit BOAT 2-14-12.doc

Fee is \$500 per home, White Hills Homes LLC paid \$2,000 for 4 home permit on Hoinsky Way but was only approved for 2 homes. The City needs to reimburse White Hills Homes LLC.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from BOAT Contingency into 001-0201-11-620-0004 Permit Fee Refunds. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #2 Transfer Tax Sale

Mr. Norman made a motion to increase both side of the budget, revenue and expense by \$50,000

0200-17-880-0003 Expense

0307-11-010-0024 Revenue

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

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$27,186.18 from Other Department Expense 0200-17-880-0003 to Legal Notices 0201-11-620-0002 for the payment of Legal Notices related to the tax sale. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

The Board requested a breakdown for the next meeting of the properties involved in the Tax Sale and the proceeds realized.

Communication #3 Election \$15,300

Ms. Valentine was present to discuss her request for an additional \$15,300 to fund the Republican Presidential Primary scheduled for April 24, 2012. Ms. Valentine advised the Board that being this is a Federal Election there are no changes the City can make (ie. Polling locations) to reduce costs, she also informed the Board that although the State provided the City with polling equipment it is very expensive to maintain, all machines must be tested regularly and memory cards must be purchased.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,300 from BOAT Contingency into:

001-0202-11-160-0001 Chief Moderator	\$ 400
001-0202-11-160-0002 Moderators (7)	1,750
001-0202-11-160-0006 AB Counters (4)	400
001-0202-11-160-0008 Election Works	8,250
001-0202-11-240-0001 Mandated Training	600
001-0202-11-822-0001 LHS Memory Cards	1,400
001-0202-11-822-0001 IVS Machine Testing	700
001-0202-11-823-0001 Rent	600
001-0202-11-824-0001 Meals/Polling	1,200

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

Mr. Norman made a motion to table the request for an additional \$980.84 for 0202-11-110-0001 Registrars Salary at this time. The Board would like to research how this salary line item was shorted. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #4 Nature Center \$600

With no one present to answer questions for the Board Mr. Smerznak made a motion to table the request from the Nature Center for a transfer in the amount of \$600. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion approve, the request was tabled. (10 yes)

Communication #5 EECBG Grant \$8,538

Mr. Commune made a motion to establish revenue and expense line item for the DEEP Quick spend program to purchase \$8,538 worth of Energy Star appliances.

1-001-0850-11-800-0183 Expense DEEP Quick Spend Program

2-001-0305-17-010-0183 Revenue DEEP Quick Spend Program

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

Communication #6 ARMS \$10,000

The Board had some debate as to how to handle the request from ARMS, Mr. Norman does not agree with the transferring from salary line items and would rather see the funds come from BOAT Contingency, either way the Board will make note that the salary line item for the Director need not be fill for next fiscal year. With the request approved \$7,000 worth of repairs will be satisfied leaving a cushion for the remainder of the fiscal year of \$3,000.

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$10,000 for ARMS as follows:

0801-12-111-0001 ARMS Director	Transfer Out	\$ 4,554.40
0801-12-440-0005 ARMS Maintenance	Transfer In	10,000.00
0801-12-111-0010 ARMS Crew	Transfer Out	5,445.60

Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes, 1 no Mr. Norman)

Late Communication #7 & 8

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept late communications #7 & #8 for consideration.

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

The meeting was opened to the public any one wishing to discuss items #7 & #8 may due so at this time. No on wished to speak the public session was closed.

Communication #7 ARMS Gutters \$2,500

After reviewing the Gutter Project for ARMS it was determined that the tapping screws, flashing screws, neoprene washers and pipe vents all need attention. The total change order to repair those items is \$2,500.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$2,500 from Other Department Expense 001-0200-17-880-0003 into ARMS 001-0602-13-436-0006. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #8 Ladder Truck 7

Mr. Kohut made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$14,700.11 from Other Department Expenses 0200-17-880-0003 into Repair to Apparatus 0401-12-440-0007 for insurance check for Ladder Truck 7. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Other Business

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 from BOAT Contingency into Misc Expense 1-001-0216-11-250-0001 to aid in the Ansonia Gridiron Club's celebration banquet. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Board of Aldermen Tentative Budget 2012-2013

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept for consideration the Board of Aldermen Tentative Budget for Uniform Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Chairman Sturges provide the Board with the Budget Workshops urging all members to come to as many sessions as possible.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation