

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to make further alterations in the estimates, appropriations and tax rates and to make appropriations and lay taxes for all City purposes for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. To consider requests for transfer 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 as it pertains to the finalizing of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 budget.

Members Present

Banks
Confinante
Commune
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Boran
Kennedy

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. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Final Budget Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Mr. Sturges addressed the Board and Public informing them that the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 would be set this evening in the same fashion department by department.

101 School Building Commission \$2,100

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the final budget for School Building Commission for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$2,100. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

200 BOAT \$412,359

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for BOAT for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$412,359. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

201 City Government \$3,023,425

Mr. Confinante made a motion to approve the final budget for City Government for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$3,023,425. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

202 Elections \$58,675

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for Elections for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$58,675. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

210 Flood Control \$27,400

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for Flood Control for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$27,400. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

211 City Engineer \$37,635

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for City Engineer for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$37,635. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

212 Building Inspector \$114,902

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for the Building Inspector for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$114,902. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

214 Nature Center \$177,459

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Nature Center in the amount of \$177,459. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

215 Insurance and Debt Service \$9,487,065

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Insurance and Debt Service in the amount of \$9,487,065. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

216 Mayor's Office \$204,970

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Mayor's Office in the amount of \$204,970. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

220 Emergency Operations Center \$10,000

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Emergency Operations Center in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

301 Police Department \$5,692,986

Mr. Confinante made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Police Department in the amount of \$5,692,986. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

302 Senior Center \$ 143,633

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Senior Center in the amount of \$ 143,633. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

400 Fire Marshall \$74,436

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Fire Marshall in the amount of \$74,436. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

401 Fire Department \$245,850

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Fire Department in the amount of \$245,850. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

402 Finance Department \$491,250

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Finance Department in the amount of \$491,250. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

405 Economic Development \$201,828

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Economic Development in the amount of \$201,828. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

420 Tax Department \$202,745

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Tax Department in the amount of \$202,745. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

450 Assessors Office \$222,964

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Assessor Office in the amount of \$222,964. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

502 Streets & Bridges \$1,521,456

Mr. Confinante made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Streets & Bridges in the amount of \$1,521,456. Mr. Strumello seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

601 Library \$490,611

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Library in the amount of \$490,611. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

602 Building & Refuse \$2,612,573

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Building & Refuse in the amount of \$2,612,573. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

701 Recreation \$96,573

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Recreation in the amount of \$96,573. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

702 Board of Education \$27,000,000

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Board of Education in the amount of \$27,000,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes, 2 no Ms. Banks, Mr. Williams)

801 ARMS \$708,435

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for ARMS in the amount of \$708,435. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

802 Town & City Clerk \$188,835

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Town & City Clerk in the amount of \$188,835. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

850 Municipal Grants \$366,494

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Municipal Grants in the amount of \$366,494. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

851 Educational Grants \$4,419,704

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Educational Grants in the amount of \$4,419,704. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

875 Capital Improvements \$409,000

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$409,000. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

It was noted that included in this department were the new police cars, the second payment for the levees, the Riverwalk Project and the temporary buildings for the Board of Education.

901 Municipal Planning \$35,425

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for Municipal Planning in the amount of \$35,425. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Fund Balance from Surplus Fiscal Year 2012-2013 \$322,000

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia approves the use of \$322,000 from the 2011-2012 fund balance as a supplement to revenue for the 2012-2013 City Budget. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Grand Total Final budget Expense Fiscal Year 2012-2013 \$58,680,788

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia approves the final budget of expenses for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$58,680,788. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Grand Total Final budget Revenue Fiscal Year 2012-2013 \$58,680,788

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia approves the final budget of revenue for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$58,680,788. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mill Rate fiscal year 2012-2013 27.65 Mills

Mr. Norman made a motion that the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia hereby set a tax rate of 27.65 mills on the dollar. To be and the same is hereby assessed on the ratable estate of the Town & City of Ansonia, last completed being the Grand List of 2011. One half (½) or 13.825 mills due July 1, 2012 and one half (½) or 13.825 mills due January 1, 2013. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Regular Meeting Session

The Board opted to continue with the regular session of the meeting without a recess. The meeting was opened to the public anyone wishing to address the Board may do so at this time.

No one wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Norman excused himself from the meeting. Record now shows 9 members present.

Minutes April 16, 2012 and May 14, 2012

Mr. Kohut made a motion to accept the minutes from April 16, 2012 and May 14, 2012 if found to be correct and place them on file. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Correspondence

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept all correspondence and take under new business if required. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication # 1 PACK 2012 Ansonia Nature Center \$2,275

Mr. Commune made a motion to establish an expense and revenue line item as follows:

1-001-0850-11-800-0185 PACK 2012 Project \$2,275

2-001-0305-17-010-0185 PACK 2012 Project \$2,275

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

Communication #2 Library \$45

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$45 from 0601-17-120-0001 Overtime/Shift Differential into 0601-17-110-0007 Library Clerk. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #3 Mayor's Office \$1,670

Mr. Commune made the motion to approve the request for an a additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency I into 0201-11-860-0002 \$1,670 to cover the purchase of flags for the Veterans. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #4 Valley Health District \$2,587

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency I into 001-0201-15-570-0008 Valley Health District, this was shorted in the 2011-2012 budget for the City's allocation but has been correct for the new fiscal year. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #5 Insurance Check Fire Department \$8,736.

Mr. Sharkey first wished to thank the Board for the fine job they did on the 2012-2013 Budget, this was a very hard budget season. The request before the Board is to cover expense incurred during a accident to one of the Fire Trucks this insurance check will be used to pay for the repairs.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$8,736 from 001-0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expense into 001-401-12-440-0007 Repair to Apparatus. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #6 Police Department

Chief Hale requested to revise his original request with some additional transfers to reduce the additional funding needed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the following transfers for the Police Department:

Line Item #	Transfer In	Transfer Out
0301-12-110-0003 Det/Sgt Salary		24,000
0301-12-120-0001 Police Overtime	34,000	
0301-12-110-0012 Reg Patrol Salary	14,000	
0301-12-111-0001 Crossing Guards		1,000
0301-12-246-0001 Buy Back Pay		7,000
0301-12-110-0009 PT Records Clerk		2,000
0301-12-110-0004 Dispatcher		10,000
0301-12-612-0001 Computer Teletype		2,000
0301-12-241-0002 Police School		2,000

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency II in the amount of \$22,120 to be allocated as follows:

0301-12-120-0001 Overtime	16,000
0301-12-223-0001 MERF	6,120

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to increase the revenue and expense sides of the budget as follows:

0200-12-140-0001 Private Duty	25,000
0301-12-223-0001 MERF	5,000
0308-12-010-0001 Private Duty Revenue	30,000

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

Communication #7 Building Inspector \$1,500

The budget was reduced in error for an auto stipend, it has been corrected for the 2012-2013 budget year.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,500 from BOAT Contingency I into 0212-11-250-0002 Auto Stipend. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #8 City Government \$100,000

Because the City chose to combine all the utilities in one department the estimating for budgeting purposes is still being worked out, Mr. Bshara will continue to research the utilities to get a better handle on them.

Mr. Commune made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from 0201-11-411-0003 Electricity into 0201-11-411-0004 Water \$50,000 and 0201-11-411-0006 Oil \$50,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #9 Police Testing Refund

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$8,820 from 0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses into 0301-12-248-0001 Dept Promotional Testing. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #10 Streets & Bridges \$21,296

Mr. Confinante made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$21,296 as follows:

Line Item	Trans. In	Trans. Out
0502-13-430-0003 Bleacher Repairs		500
0502-13-440-0004 Mobile Radio		3,843
0502-13-616-0002 Fertilizer		1,578
0502-13-630-0001 Small Tools		1,291
0502-13-860-0001 Contractual		3,000
0502-13-440-0002 Park Maintenance	10,212	
0502-13-435-0002 Walks, Gutters, Curbs		1,763
0502-13-611-0005 Safety Equip		2,000
0502-13-430-0001 Other Equip		1,321
0502-13-860-0001 Contractual		6,000
0502-13-611-0001 Street Supplies	11,084	

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

Communication #11 Building & Refuse \$3,035

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request to transfer 1,662 from 0602-13-440-0003 Community Center and 1,373 from 0602-13-616-0005 Transfer Station into 0602-13-616-0006 Land fill in the amount of \$3,035. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #12 Streets & Bridges Additional Appropriation

Mr. Schryver believed that the Bike Race may be a smaller event then originally thought so he suggested changing his request from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from BOAT Contingency I into 0502-13-120-0001 Streets Overtime. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #13 Building & Refuse Additional Appropriation

Mr. Schryver informed the Board that opening up Nolan Field a month earlier this year lead to the need for additional funding for the attendants.

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000 from BOAT Contingency I into 0602-13-111-0001 Nolan Field Attendants. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #14 Nature Center

Ms. Lindgren addressed the Board that the budget only funded the custodians for 10-15 hours per week, which is just not sufficient for the activities that take place at the Center. Ms. Lindgren believed that 700-800 would cover through the end of the year.

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$300 from 0214-17-720-0001 Building Projects into 0214-17-1111-0002 Part-time Custodian. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency I in the amount of \$400 into 0214-17-111-0002 Part-Time Custodian. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #15 City Government \$50,000

Mr. Williams made a motion to rescind \$50,000 from 0201-11-322-0001 Claims into BOAT Contingency. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency I into 0215-11-215-0001 Workers Comp in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #16 School Building Commission

The roof bids are in with the middle school coming in under the original estimate, however the administrative building, Mead and Prendergast all came in above the estimate because of the roof pitch. The plans have been accepted by the State with a reimbursement rate of 61.27. There are two contactors between the four projects. Any change orders to come to the City once the work begins will be submitted to the State for reimbursement at the current rate.

Mr. Williams made a motion to allocate to the expense line item 0875-19-461-0022 Roof 2012 Renovate within capital improvements \$3,778,800 with revenue as \$2,150,384 line item 0304-11-010-0025 School Roof Revenue 2012 and \$1,628,416 from the designated fund balance reserved for the School Roof Project.

This motion is contingent on receiving the final funding letter from the State of Connecticut and the City's share of the project will not exceed \$1,628,416.

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

Communication #17 Insurance Payment

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$2,130 from 0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses into 0401-12-440-0007 Repair to Apparatus. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #18 Hill Top Hose Insurance

Mr. Williams made a motion to increase the revenue line item 0307-11-010-0024 Other Department Revenue by \$25,000 and expense line item \$0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expense by \$25,000. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the transfer of \$17,880 from 0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses into 0602-13-436-0005 Fire House Repairs. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Other Business

Mayor Della Volpe thanked the Board for their many hours of hard work on the 2012-2013 budget. It was a job well done.

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. (9 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation