

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday December 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
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
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.

Chairman Sturges request that there be a moment of silence for those lost in the Newtown Tragedy.

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.

Ms. Radin Fifth Ward Alderwoman 198 Wakelee Avenue
As a member of the of the Salary Committee of the Board of Aldermen I would like to request that this Board consider approve the ARMS Director's Salary as approved by the Aldermen in the spring. He is doing a good job in the position for ARMS and the City. I am aware that the Police Union Contract was just signed for 2.65% which the City only put aside 2%. Please consider this request form Mr. Heon.

No one wished to speak the public session was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes November 19, 2012

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from November 19, 2012 with the following correction:

Communication #7 Dues & Membership line item should read 0405-18-620-0001
Communication #8 Adjustment should read \$85,646. Mr. Smerznak 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. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

BOAT Meeting Schedule 2013

The Board discussed the meeting schedule for 2013 using the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as their base meeting date. Accepting the Board of Aldermen Tentative Budget on February 12, 2013, and having their regular meeting on the 25th of February. The meeting schedule will be provided to the Board next month.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the 2013 Meeting Schedule. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #1 Nature Center \$3,000

Director Donna Lindgren addressed the Board regarding the shortfall in the Animal Care and Program line item. In the past the Friends of the Nature Center use to help fund this account but they have since taken over supporting the Pond House and their Programs so this account will have a shortfall. To date approximately 85% is expended and an estimate of \$3,000 would carry the line item until the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Boran made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0214-17-850-0001 Animal Care and Programs. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes, 1 abstain Mr. Commune)

Communication #2 Recreation Department

Mr. Coppola addressed the Board requesting an allocation be approved for the Basketball line item for registration money received. Mr. Williams made a motion to increase the Revenue Line Item 2-001-0307-17-840-0006 by \$1,920 and the expense line item # 1-001-0701-17-880-0001 by \$1,920 to accommodate the funding received. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Other Business

Mr. Sturges addressed the concerns of Ms. Radin regarding the ARMS Director. The last two months this Board has voted for this salary increase, the Board is in favor however we did not have enough votes to approve the request. It did not come before the Board this evening.

The Mayor advised the Board it will be before them again in January.

Mr. Norman wished to comment that he has reviewed the ARMS budget and although the salary has not been approve the Director is being paid at the higher rate therefore the Director's line item will be over spent if not approved by this Board.

Mr. Norman voiced his concern over the hiring practices by the City.

The Mayor advised that the position was filled as an Administrative Assistant, after going through the review process the job description was created after the position was filled.

The Mayor also wished to inform the Board that Police Officers will be at every school due to the Newtown Tragedy. This will increase the overtime cost for the Police Department and we should be aware of that. The duration of their presence is not known as of yet. The Board of Education will be reviewing their security within the schools down the road.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation