

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013 in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider request for transfer of monies and or new appropriations and any other business to come before said Board.

Members Present

Banks (Arrived 7:35 pm)
Boran
Confinante
Kennedy
Kohut
Norman (Left 7:55 pm)
Smerznak
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Strumello

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 9 members present (Ms Banks arrived later in the meeting).

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Public Session

At this time Mr. Sturges opened the meeting to anyone who wished to speak no one wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes July 15, 2013

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from July 15, 2013 if found to be correct. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Informational Communications

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file all informational items and act on them as necessary. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Sturges advised the Board of late communication #1 from the Finance Department which was before the Board for consideration. Mr. Norman made a motion to accept late communication #1 and place it on the agenda this evening. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

The meeting was opened once again to the public to discuss this late communication. No one wished to speak the public session was closed.

Communication #1 DECD Grant \$20,725

The Board questioned if a project plan was in place and which facility it was for. Ms. Krugel although out of Town was in communication with the Board and advised the project is for the Main Building.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-01142 Ventilation Cooling System Nature Center for \$20,725 and the expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-1142 Ventilation Cooling System Nature Center for \$20,725, from the DECD Grant but would like the Board to be provided with the project plan and anticipated completion date. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #2 Ansonia Animal Shelter Hearts and Tails \$850

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0200 Hearts & Tails \$850 and expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0200 Hearts & Tails \$850. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #3 Deep America the Beautiful \$3,780

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-1143 DEEP's America the Beautiful for \$3,780 and the expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-1143 DEEP's America the Beautiful for \$3,780. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes) *This has been approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Communication #4 Department of Justice Grant \$7,924

This is a 50/50 grant between the Department of Justice and the Police Officers. The City will pay their part then get reimbursed from the Department of Justice. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-1144 Bulletproof Vest Partnership for \$7,924 and the expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-1144 Bulletproof Vest Partnership for \$7,924. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #5 Dog Fund \$90

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the increase to the revenue line item 2-001-307-11-010-0009 Dog Fund \$90 and the expense line item 1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Dog Fund \$90.00. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #6 Grant Balance Rollover Report

Mr. Bshara supplied the Board with a list of Grant Balance Rollovers in the amount of \$548,436.00 from fiscal year 2012-2013 to fiscal year 2013-2014.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to accept the Grant Rollover report as supplied by the Finance Department. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #7 Transfer Station Rehab \$50,000

The Board is requesting information regarding who's in charge of this project and what is the City seeking to accomplish within what time frame.

Ms. Banks arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0310-12-010-0018 Transfer Station Rehab \$50,000 and the expense line item 1-001-0200-13-436-0001 Transfer Station Rehab \$50,000. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes, 1 abstain Ms. Banks)

Salary Resolution July 2013 Meeting

Mr. Williams made a motion to remove from the table the Salary Resolution from July 2013 for discussion. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved (10 yes)

Mr. Sturges made a few comments to the Board regarding the Salary Resolution:

- The Director of ARMS salary should be changed on the resolution.
- Amendments to the Grant Writer salary and the Registrar of Voters Salary have been changed on a revised resolution.
- The Board of Apportionment & Taxation has not seen that revised resolution to date.

The estimated retroactive pay for last year to July 2012 will be approximately \$30,000, as well as an additional \$30,000 through July 2013. Some questions were how the salary was figured on positions like the Fire Chief where different people may be in that position at different times. Mr. Bshara will bring that to the Personal Department.

Mr. Williams made a motion to return the Salary Resolution from July to the table until further questions are answered. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #9 Road Stimulus

Mr. Bshara advised the Board that upon completion of a project the State will audit the project and determine if any changes or charge backs need to be made. In the case of Beaver and Ford Street it was determined by the State that the City owed \$2,355.41 to close out the project.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,356.00 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0850-11-800-0165 Road Stimulus \$2,356.00. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved (10 yes)

Mr. Norman left at 7:55 p.m.

Late Communication #1 Finance Department \$13,507

Mr. Bshara advised that many avenues were looked at leasing, buying; this seemed to be the most cost effective. One for the Finance Department one for Public Works and one for the Fire Marshal, all free will be fixed with a faxing option.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$13,507 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0875-11-461-0006 for the purchase of three copies with faxing options. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Ms Ehman was present to answer any question the Board may have regarding the Board of Education. The Board of Education is working on a School Security Grant, looking for two additional School Research Officers as well as cameras and improved door entries. The State has \$5,000,000 for School Security and the decision of how it get disbursed should be known by September.

Mr. Sturges also made a Board aware of a Board of Aldermen meeting on August 20, 2013 regarding the Charter Revision, it will be a public hearing and one of the items being discussed is the right for the budget to go to referendum if it is increased by 1.5% or greater. Also needs to be worked out on this issue and should be discussed.

Also a special meeting is scheduled to be held on September 3, 2013 to discuss the Bond Referendum. The total Bond should be 5.2 million.

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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Sec. Board of Apportionment & Taxation