

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

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held a special meeting in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall on September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act on the following:

1. On the resolution appropriating funds and authorizing bonds for, Capital Improvements 2013-2014 of the City of Ansonia, pursuant to a Resolution entitle “Resolution Appropriation \$5,120,000 for City of Ansonia Capital Improvements 2013-2014 and authorizing the issue of up to \$5,120,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriations (0r such lesser amount if less than all components are approved) and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings therefore.”

Copies of said proposed resolution are on file open to the public inspection at the office of the Town and City Clerk. Dated August 26, 2013

### **Members Present**

Boran (Arrived 7:55 p.m.)  
Kennedy  
Kohut  
Norman  
Strumello  
Veillette  
Williams  
Sturges

### **Members Absent**

Banks  
Confinante  
Smerznak

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 8 members present (Mr Boran arrived at 7:55 p.m.).

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

Mr. Sturges opened the meeting reading the brief resolution:

On the resolution appropriating funds and authorizing bonds for, Capital Improvements 2013-2014 of the City of Ansonia, pursuant to a Resolution entitle “Resolution Appropriation \$5,120,000 for City of Ansonia Capital Improvements 2013-2014 and authorizing the issue of up to \$5,120,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriations (0r such lesser amount if less than all components are approved) and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings therefore.”

Mr. Sturges called for a motion to waive the reading of the entire Resolution, but to incorporate it within the minutes.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to that effect to waive the reading and incorporate the entire Resolution within the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented by the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Boran arrived 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Norman noted that parts of this resolution were approved some time ago, but there have been changes to it. It should be noted that this resolution will be tied to the Olsen Drive project and will represent a 20 year bond also with a significant tax increase to the citizens of Ansonia.

This will be a good test of the Board of Aldermen's ability to control the budget.

Mr. Sturges noted that there were conversations that the City may continue to may BAN (Bond Anticipation Notes)

Mr. Joe Fassi, City's Bond Counsel addressed the Board that a decision may be made to issue BAN's on an one year term to realize the lower interest rates, refinance and amortize the note taking advantage of the short yield curve.

Mr. Veillette agreed with Mr. Norman that this proposal is not as complete as it should be. This resolution will go before the citizens during the November election.

Mr. Williams questioned who will manage and control these projects? It is determined that all projects will be overseen by the City.

Mr. Kohut believes the City is looking to borrow money to do projects that should be handled within the normal course of business. This is going to represent a large tax increase.

Mr. Norman questioned the Board of Aldermen's project for the VAC Truck at \$325,000, why is this not going through the capital expenditures like the purchasing of Fire Trucks has in the past.

There is a project to have an oil tank removed; this should fall under day to day business we will be paying more in interest in the long run.

An example of situations not running smoothly is the transfer station, the City received \$1,000,000 in insurance funds and the budget is not complete because we ran out of funds. It is determine that there is some funding left and the scope of the project has changed. This project is being overseen by the Public Works Department.

Another issue mentioned is the Olsen Drive Project to date one half is removed and the City will need to replace 48 units throughout the City. If the plan the City comes up with to replace the units is acceptable Ansonia may be able to purchase the Olsen Drive property from the federal government. It needs to be noted however this is only half of the project the other end will need to be completed as well.

There was a question of minimum required votes to pass this resolution. Because it is being done during a normal election no minimum requirement is needed.

With no other discussion Mr. Williams seconded the motion to accept the resolution and send it to the Citizens of Ansonia. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos  
Sec. Board of Apportionment & Taxation

(Resolution Attached)

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM VOTE TO BE  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$5,120,000 FOR CITY OF ANSONIA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2013-2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF UP TO \$5,120,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION (OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNT IF LESS THAN ALL COMPONENTS ARE APPROVED) AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS THEREFOR," as adopted by this meeting of the Board of Aldermen, be submitted pursuant to Section 133C of the City Charter and Chapter 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, to a referendum vote of the qualified electors of the City for approval or disapproval at a referendum held in conjunction with the general election on November 5, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and that the Notice of said Referendum state the questions to be voted upon and the ballot labels with respect thereto as follows:

Question 1:

"Shall the \$1,225,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for energy conservation improvements including HVAC improvements among the Ansonia Rescue and Medical Services headquarters, Police Station and Library; roof repairs to City Hall, Eagle Hose & Hook Fire Company building, and Ansonia Rescue and Medical Services, and Armory, and for debt administration, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and BOAT, be approved? YES/NO"

Question 2:

"Shall the \$765,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for City Public Safety consisting of School Security improvements and the purchase of land to expand the police station, and for debt administration, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and BOAT, be approved? YES/NO"

Question 3:

"Shall the \$1,285,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for City Property improvements consisting of Ansonia Nature Center pond dredging and parking, Nolan Field Athletic Complex improvements, expansion of the River Walk, and Armory elevator installation, and for debt administration, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and BOAT, be approved? YES/NO"

Question 4:

"Shall the \$1,020,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for City Environmental capital improvements consisting of the acquisition of a Vacuum Truck, Transfer Station improvements, Peck School Demolition and underground oil storage tank removal, and for debt administration, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and BOAT, be approved? YES/NO"

Question 5:

“Shall the \$495,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for City Road and Parking Improvements to Woodbridge Avenue Extension, Beech Street and Hilltop Hose Driveway, and the West Main Street Parking Lot, and for debt administration, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and BOAT, be approved? YES/NO”

Question 6:

“Shall the \$330,000 appropriation and general obligation bond issuance authorization for the City to purchase land on Olson Drive, and for debt administration, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and BOAT, be approved? YES/NO”

The voting will be by paper/electronic ballot. Those desiring to vote for the question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at **“YES”**. Those desiring to vote against the question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at **“NO”**. Absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with law.

The warning of said Referendum shall state that the full texts of the aforesaid resolution and questions are on file open to public inspection in the office of the Town and City Clerk