

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday February 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to review and accept the tentative budget for the Uniform Fiscal Year 2013-214 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. And any other business to come before said Board, and executive session if necessary.

Members Present

Banks
Boran
Commune
Confinante
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Kennedy

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 11 members present.

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

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 7:05 P.M.

Minutes December 17, 2012 Organization Meeting and Regular Meeting

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from December 17, 2012 both the Organization Meeting and the Regular Meeting if found to be correct. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 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. (11 yes)

Board of Aldermen Tentative Budget for FY 2013-2014

Mr. Sturges commended the Board of Aldermen on a job well done preparing the Tentative Budget for FY 2013-2014 before the Board this evening. BOAT will spend the next several weeks working on the budget at this point until it is approved in May.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the Board of Aldermen Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as presented. Mr. Strumello seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Sturges presented the Workshop Schedule for the next several weeks being each Monday at 6:00 p.m. unless there is a regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the workshop schedule. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

January Business

Mr. Sturges advised the Board that the balance in BOAT Contingency is at \$112,000, there has been a lot of activity with storms that cost the City a large expense. Bases on that the contingency will be depleted and the Board may want to consider transferring funds from the reserve account to carry the City thru the remainder of the fiscal year. When the City is reimbursed the funds received from FEMA the reserve account can be replenished.

Mr. Williams made a motion to increase the fund balance as income in the amount of \$250,000 from the Reserve Account into BOAT Contingency. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11yes)

Communication #1 Assessor \$1,263.00

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$1,263 into 001-0450-116-11-0001 Office Supplies to purchase a new copier. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #2 Building Inspector \$2,700

Mr. Strumello made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,800 from Office Equipment 1-001-0212-11-461-0001 and \$900 from Dues & Subscriptions 1-001-0212-11-620-0001 into Blight Education 1-001-0212-11-241-0002 \$2,700. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #3 Fire Dept \$1,250

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,250 from Other Dept Expenses 001-0200-17-880-0003 into Protective Equipment 001-0401-12-243-0002. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #4 ARMS \$22,266

Mr. Sturges advised the Board that although this has come before BOAT several time it needs to be considered to avoid any unnecessary legal expense if it is not approved.

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,266 from BOAT Contingency into:

001-0801-12-111-0001 Director Salary	\$18,642.00
001-0201-11-221-0001 Pension Fund	2,198.00
001-0215-11-231-0001 Soc Security	1,426.00

Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes, 1 abstain Mr. Norman)

Communication #5 Dog Fund \$1,346.00

Mr. Confinante made a motion to increase Dog Fund Revenue 001-0307-11-010-0009 by \$1,346.00 and Dog Fund Expense 001-0301-12-614-0007 by \$1,346.00. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #6 Dog Fund \$30

Mr. Norman made a motion to increase Dog Fund Revenue 001-0307-11-010-0009 by \$30 and Dog Fund Expense 001-0301-12-614-0007 by \$30. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #7 Ansonia High School Football Team

Mr. Boran made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$4,000 into 001-216-11-250-0001 Mayor Misc Account to aid in funding the AHS Football Championship Banquet. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #8 Buildings & Refuse

Pulled no action taken

Communication #9 Streets & Bridges \$3,500

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,500 from BOAT Contingency into 0502-13-860-0003 Meal Allowances \$500 and 0502-13-440-0001 Tree Trimming \$3,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #10 Tax Department \$700.00

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$700 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0420-11-560-0001 for DMV. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #11 Chase Leasing Agreement

No action need be taken this is for information only on the 5 year lease for \$510,000 at 2% to be paid the first payment of \$100,000 and then \$85,356 a year over the next four years.

Mr. Commune made a motion to take a 5-minute recess before beginning February business. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

February Business

Communication #1 Finance \$24,000

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request from the Finance Office to transfer \$24,000 from 1-001-0402-11-110-0001 into 1-001-0402-11-110-0003 Accounting \$21,000 and 1-001-0402-11-110-0006 Finance \$3,000. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #2 Tax Department \$2,615.00

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,615.00 as follows:

1-0001-0420-11-611-0001 Tax Bill Printing \$2,150
1-0001-0420-11-241-0001 Education 465

From BOAT Contingency. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #3 Tax Department Information Only

The Board accepted the communication for information only to be considered for the new fiscal year.

Communication #4 Levee Project \$280,179

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the use of the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the Levee Project in the amount of \$280,179. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #5 Hurricane Sandy Expense \$1,988

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,988 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0220-12-410-0002 EOC Supplies. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #6 Library Grant 2011 \$1,220

Mr. Williams made a motion to increase both the revenue and expense sides of the budget for the Library Grant 2011 as follows:

1-001-0850-11-800-0168 \$1,220
2-001-0305-17-010-0168 1,220

Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #7 Fire Marshal \$300

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$150.00 from both 0400-12-611-0001 Fire Marshal Supplies and 0400-12-612-0001 Computer into 0400-12-620-0001 Dues and Subscriptions. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #8 Nature Center \$18,000

Ms. Lindgren addressed the Board regarding the availability to purchase a new Pavilion to replace the burnt down one at a reduced price of \$18,000. Public Works does have one being stored at their facility which was purchased with the insurance settlement however it was not exactly what the Nature Center had wanted. Mr. Norman made a motion to place communication #8 on the table at this time. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #9 Police Department

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve increasing both the revenue and expense sides of the budget for private duty in the amount of \$60,000.

1-001-0301-12-140-0001 Private Duty	\$50,000
1-001-0301-12-223-0001 MERF	10,000
1-001-0308-12-010-0001 Private Duty Revenue	60,000

Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$40,000 into Police Overtime 1-001-0301-12-120-0001 from Det/Sgt Salary 1-001-0301-12-110-0003 \$30,000 and Regular Patrol Salary 1-001-0301-12-110-0012 \$10,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$69,000 into 1-001-0301-12-120-0001 Police Overtime \$60,000 and 1-001-0301-12-223-0001 MERF \$9,000. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #10 Portable Classrooms \$1,401

The contract lease on the Portable Classrooms is up and the new lease came in higher at leaving the budget short by \$1,401.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$1,401 into 1-001-0875-19-461-0024 BOE Capital Expense for \$1,401. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen and Board of Education to see if anything can be done to either reduce or eliminate the expense for these portable classrooms as they are fully depreciated at this point. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #11 Building & Refuse/Streets & Bridges

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$44,400 from BOAT Contingency into 0602-13-120-0001 Building Overtime \$40,000 and 0602-13-221-0001 Pension \$4,400. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$99,900 from BOAT Contingency into 0502-13-120-0001 Streets Overtime for \$90,000 and 0502-13-221-0001 Pension City Share \$9,900.00. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Late Communications

Mr. Sturges requested the Board consider the late communications before them 1-4.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept late communication 1-4 for consideration. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The meeting was open to the public for anyone wished to address the late communications. No one wished to speak the public session was closed.

Mr. Norman made a motion to add the late communications to the agenda. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Late Communication #1 ARMS \$1,895

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,895 from 1-001-0801-12-111-0010 Ambulance Crew into 1-001-0801-12-170-0001 Stand By Duty. Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Late Communication #2 ARMS \$4,000

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0801-12-440-0005 Ambulance Maintenance. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Late Communication #3 & #4 Snow and Emergency Duty Fire Department

Ms. Banks made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$24,565 into 1-001-0401-12-331-002 to cover the cost for man power during both Hurricane Sandy and Storm Nemo. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The BOAT Contingency balance after this evenings business is at \$82,902.

Mr. Sturges requested that everyone try to attend as many workshops in the coming weeks as possible, noting it will only be the Board members there will not be Department Heads present.

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation

