

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
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Boran
Confinante
Kennedy

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 8 members present.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 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 7:05 p.m.

Minutes June 17, 2013

Mr. Veillette made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from June 17, 2013 with the correction to the attendance. The record should show Mr. Kennedy present and Mr. Veillette absent. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Informational Communications

Mr. Veillette made a motion to accept and place on file all informational items and act on them as necessary. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Mr. Norman wished to discuss the request which was approved by BOAT Communication #13 ARMS \$4,500 Generator Base-Radio. It has come to the attention of this Board that the Grant was approved based on the current generator not be used or refurbish in any way. If the City chooses to do this they are risking not only losing the current grant but putting the City in a poor situation for consideration on future grants. It is the understanding that the Mayor spoke with ARMS and requested the generator not be used. It appears a PO was written but stopped by

Finance. However looking at the current budget report it appears the funds were spent. Mr. Bshara will research the detail of the line item after the meeting.

This is a bigger issue then the funds being spent, it questions the integrity of the Department Heads. The Charter Revision has before them the issue of this Board and possibly doing away with it. This Board does not handle salaries like the resolution before us this evening. We merely monitor the fiscal budget.

Mr. Norman also brought to the Board's attention the Board of Aldermen appointment of himself to the Housing Authority. It is against the Charter for any member of this Board to sit on another commission, however since BOAT does not allocate funds to the Housing Authority there is not a conflict of interest.

Communication #1 ARM CPR Grant \$1,500

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0197 CPR Program \$1,500 and the expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0197 CPR Program \$1,500. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #2 Ansonia Harvest Festival \$2,000

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0198 Ansonia Harvest Festival \$2,000 and expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0198 Ansonia Harvest Festival \$2,000. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #3 Ansonia Library \$1,500

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0199 fir \$1,500 from the Valley Community Foundation for Vision Impaired Reading Material and the expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0199 \$1,500 Vision Impaired Reading Material. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Ms. Banks wished to go on the record to thank Ms. Eileen Krugel for the fine job she is doing as the Grant Writer bring much needed funds into the City of Ansonia.

Communication #4 & 5 Library \$17,650 HVAC

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve a request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,650 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0601-17-412-0002 HVAC Maintenance and Repairs. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #6 Non-Union Salary Resolution

Mr. Norman made to table the resolution for this month, allowing the Board to review the resolution and also to get a total dollar amount of what this resolution reflects in funding. It was noted that the resolution is for fiscal year July 1, 2012. It was also noted that the City Hall Union Employees received a 2 ¼% increase which is how the funding was determined for this resolution. Mr. Veillette questioned if the City had anywhere either in the Charter or in the

Personnel Department that employees need to be employed with the City for one year prior to receiving any increase. Ms. Banks seconded the motion to table the resolution at this time. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

The Board did discuss the possible changes this Board may be faced with coming from the Charter Revision Committee

- Ruling that Board/Commission Members missing three or more meetings without a valid excuse can be removed from the Board/Commission.
- Budget Process may be reverse where BOAT receives it first then goes to the Board of Aldermen for final approval.
- There may be a consideration that if the mill rate proposed is 1 ½ mills or higher it would go to public referendum.
- Another proposal is the Budget would be prepared by the Mayor and Finance then to the Board of Aldermen for final approval.

Any requested changes for the Charter Revision must be approved by the whole Commission, then by the Board of Aldermen then it would go before the citizens in the referendum in November.

With no other business to come before the Board Ms. Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Sec. Board of Apportionment & Taxation