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City of Ansonia

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation held their regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014 in the Aldermanic Chambers of 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

Ms. Biasucci
Mr. Blackwell
Ms. Boran
Ms Geruntho
Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Kohut
Ms Pinto
Mr. Smerznak
Mr. Veillette
Ms. Waugh
Mr. King

Members Absent

Ms. Izzo

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

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

The meeting was opened to the public anyone wishing to address the Board may do so at this time.

Fire Chief Joseph Kingston addressed the Board regarding a request for transfers from the March meeting which was tabled. He is in attendance this evening to answer any questions if the Board would like to revisit his request.

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

Minutes

Ms. Waugh made a motion to accept the following minutes and place them on file if found to be correct:

- March 17, 2014
- March 27, 2014
- March 31, 2014
- April 7, 2014

- April 10, 2014
- April 14, 2014

The motion was seconded by Mr. Smerznak. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #1 Dog Fund \$740.00

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the increase to revenue and expense line items as follows for the Dog Fund in the amount of \$740.00

2-001-0307-11-010-0009 Dog Fund Revenue
1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Dog Fund Expense

Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Chairman King wished to group the requests together because of the large agenda and handle all those who were present first. The Board was in agreement with that decision.

Communication #4 Mayor's Vehicle Lease \$1,500

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0216-11-250-0002 Vehicle Lease in the amount of \$1,500 to cover the new lease for the Mayor. It is approximately \$35 a month over the prior administration's lease. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #14 125th Anniversary Funds \$1,500

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the request for an increase of revenue and expense for the 125th Anniversary Funds in the amount of \$1,500 as follows:

2-001-0310-11-010-0022 125th Anniversary \$1,500
1-001-0201-11-611-0005 125th Anniversary \$1,500

Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The request was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to deviate from the agenda to discuss Communication #10 Summer Employment. Ms Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #10 Summer Employment \$25,000

Mr. Novak was present to discuss the program with the entire Board. It would be for part-time employment using BH Care clients and Veterans at a rate of \$10/hour for 19.5 hours a week. They would work on Parks, Fields, and Street clean up. Whatever funding of the \$25,000 allocated for this budget that isn't expended will go back into the General Fund, the new budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 has another \$25,000 allocated to complete the program.

The Board felt it was a good idea and hoped that most employed would be from the City.

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$25,000 into 1-001-0555-13-111-0001 Wages-Seasonal Help. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes, 2 no Mr. Kohut, Mr. Veillette)

Communication #3 Private Duty

Mr. Kohut made a motion to approve the request to increase the revenue and expense for Private Duty as follows:

2-001-0308-12-010-0001 Private Duty Fees	\$120,000
1-001-0301-12-140-0001 Private Duty	100,000
1-001-0301-12-223-0001 MERF	16,010
1-001-0215-11-231-0001 Social Security	3,990

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

Communication #5 School Security Referendum Project

The City has received a Grant for \$487,599 for school security. The Grant is 76.43% reimbursable for a total of \$372,671 leaving \$152,329 to be funded through the Bond Referendum.

Ms. Pinto made a motion to approve the Grant for School Security in the amount of \$372,671 into 1-001-0850-11-800-1152 expense and the revenue 2-001-0305-17-010-1152. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #6 Library \$12,800

Ms Capone addressed the Board regarding the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,800 for the purchase of 16 new computers. The \$12,800 will include all the computers, software, heavy security installed in each as well as a V&C for remote repairs via Bibliomation.

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to allocate an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$12,800 into 1-001-0601-17-590-0002. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #7 ARMS \$33,000

Chief Heon addressed the Board regarding his request for transfers in the amount of \$33,000. He understands the Board frowns upon the transfer from salary accounts into purchases however the Ambulance Crew line item is an estimate and the more volunteers ARMS can get to cover a shift the more money the City is saving. ARMS currently has 4 ambulances on the road.

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$33,000 as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans Out
1-001-0801-12-111-0010 Ambulance Crew		\$22,000
1-001-0801-12-440-0005 Ambulance Maint	5,000	

1-001-0801-12-440-0002 Preventative Maint	2,000	
1-001-0801-12-860-0001 Collection Fees		11,000
1-001-0801-12-243-0001 Uniforms	8,000	
1-001-0801-12-461-0002 Office Equipment	3,000	
1-001-0875-12-461-0038 Power Stretcher	15,000	

Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes, 3 no Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kohut, Mr. Veillette)

Communication # 11 Ansonia Nature Center \$14,237.00

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$14,237.00 for the Nature Center as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
1-001-0214-17-110-0001 Director		\$4,921.00
1-001-0214-17-110-0002 Asst Director		9,316.00
1-001-0214-17-111-0001 Ranger	\$13,537.00	
1-001-0214-17-111-0002 Custodian	700.00	

Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Referendum Funding

Although all the bids are not in or complete at this time the Board needs to consider funding the bonding projects so the work can begin once the Bids are awarded. A more accurate number per project will be available prior to year end.

Mr. Kohut made a motion to approve the transfers from the Bond Referendum Account

1-001-0200-11-825-0001 in the amount of \$2,695,317.00 into:

1-001-0875-12-461-0039 Police Dept Window Replacement	\$61,045.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0040 Library Window Installation	40,715.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0041 Armory Garage Roof Replacement	46,576.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0042 Armory Roof Replacement	75,072.00
1-001-0875-11-461-0043 City Hall Roof Replacement	20,570.00
1-001-0875-12-461-0044 Eagle Hose Fire House Roof Repl	40,570.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0045 Nolan Field House Roof Repl	40,570.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0046 Library HVAC/Hot Water Heater	75,570.00
1-001-0875-12-461-0047 Police Dept. Sprinkler Alarm Upg	125,800.00
1-001-0875-12-461-0048 Police Dept Generator	70,000.00
1-001-0875-19-461-0049 School Security	152,329.00
1-001-0875-13-461-0050 Transfer Station Rehabilitation	255,000.00
1-001-0875-13-461-0051 Underground Oil Tank Removal	15,000.00
1-001-0875-13-461-0052 Vactor Truck	325,000.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0053 Nature Center Parking Lot	245,000.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0055 Nolan Field House Improvements	110,000.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0056 Nolan Field Parking Lot Paving	189,000.00

1-001-0875-17-461-0057 Nolan Field Score Board	25,000.00
1-001-0875-17-461-0058 Riverwalk Segment 8 City Share	200,000.00
1-001-0875-22-461-0060 West Main St Parking Lot Improv	350,000.00
1-001-0875-12-461-0061 ARMS Roof Repl/HVAC Upg	232,500.00

Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Ms Blackwell made a motion to deviate from the agenda to handle business from March which was tabled. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #1 Building March \$500

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$500 from 1-001-0212-11-630-0001 Small Tool Equipment into 1-001-0212-11-612-0001 Computer Software. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #14 Fire March \$9,000

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$9,000 for the Fire Department as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
1-001-0401-12-440-0005 Radio Maintenance	3,000.00	
1-001-0401-12-440-0007 Repair to Apparatus	5,000.00	
1-001-0401-12-617-0001 Rescue Maintenance		5,000.00
1-001-0401-12-612-0001 Computer		1,000.00
1-001-0401-12-243-0002 Protective Clothing		2,000.00
1-001-0401-12-311-0001 Fireman's Physical		1,000.00
1-001-0401-12-241-0001 AFD Training	1,000.00	

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

Communication #8 City Government \$100

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$100 from 1-001-0201-12-570-0017 CMED into 1-001-0201-15-570-0008 Valley Health District. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #9 Insurance & Debt Service \$27,000

BOAT Contingency's Balance prior to this request is \$148,285.00

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0215-11-232-0001 Unemployment Compensation in the amount of \$27,000. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #12 City Government \$5,000

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0201-11-580-0001 Postage the amount of \$5,000. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #2 High School Boiler Check

No action was taken on this communication.

Communication #19 Finance High School Boiler

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the revenue for the Insurance Refund for the High School Boiler into 2-001-0310-11-010-0001 Insurance Refunds \$27,950.00 and the expense into BOAT Contingency 1-001-200-11-812-0001 for \$27,950.00. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #17 Police HVAC System

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to reverse the motions made in September 2013 for the reserve fund of \$550,000 as follows:

Revenue Reversal Fund Balance as Income (Into) 310-11-010-0014	\$550,000
Expense Police Department HVAC (Out of) 875-12-461-0036	\$550,000

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

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to transfer into Police Department HVAC 875-12-461-0036 \$550,000 from 200-11-825-0001 Referendum Bond Expense. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #13 City Government \$72,500

Corporation Counsel John Marini addressed the Board on the completed projects/legal issues as well as pending issues facing the City of Ansonia. He reviewed the breakdown of expense from January through June and how the shortfall in funding has arose. Atty. Marini also noted that an additional request for funding of \$49,000 into the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is also being requested.

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$72,500 from Claim 201-11-322-0001 into Legal 201-11-321-0001. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #15 Part-Time IT Position/Bonding Manager

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the position of Part-Time IT person and Bonding Manager. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #20 Finance \$38,000

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer from Settlement Contingency 200-11-811-0001 \$38,000 into Wages DPW 555-13-110-0001 \$25,000, IT

Manager 201-11-111-0004 \$8,000 and Finance Bookkeeper 401-11-110-0006 \$5,000.
Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #16 Grant Writer/Economic Developer

Mr. Veillette felt these two positions are the most important for the City of Ansonia both bring in income to the City. The Board is concerned with the lack of communication received from the Grant Writer. They are use to receiving monthly reports showing what Grants have been applied for, what has been approved if it is a matching grant or not, and what was the City denied in funding. Corporation Counsel Marini agreed the Board should have the communication they are looking for and he will relay their concerns to the Grant Writer.

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to reduce the salary of both the Economic Development to \$50,000 and the Grant Writer to \$35,000. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Donna Duclos (M)

Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation