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City of Ansonia**

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public session for comment on the tentative budget and to establish a tentative budget and tentative mil rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Ms. Izzo

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

Public Session

At this time Mr. King opened the meeting to anyone who wished to comment on the tentative budget.

Carol Merlone, Superintendent of Schools
8 Shortell Drive

Ms. Merlone wish to thank Mayor Cassetti, Aldermen Lorie Vaccaro Chairman of the Board of Aldermen Finance, Comptroller Mr. Nimons, this Board and Mr. King for the numerous hours spent preparing this budget and their commitment to education. With the support from these public officials we see a "Ripple of Hope" for the Education of Ansonia's Children. Thank you again for your endless hours.

Jared Heon, ARMS Director
10 Kiely Lane

Mr. Heon was reviewing the tentative budget today and noticed a further cut of \$7,500 to his budget in line item 1-001-0801-12-111-0003 Secretary Salary. This is playing with peoples'

salaries I would like to see the Board reconsider the cut and allocate the \$7,500 back to the line item; I do not feel ARMS can handle this reduction. Also I have submitted a 20 year plan for ARMS for capital expenditure; I have requested a first response vehicle for this year it was denied, that being said I will be submitting a request for two vehicles for next year. Although it is good to see the taxes go down we need to keep public safety in mind. Thank you for your hours of time put into this budget year.

No one else wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Prior to beginning the tentative budget section of the meeting Mr. Bshara request the Board vote on the reallocation of funds to revenue and expense line items, no change will be made to the bottom line of the budget.

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to reallocate funding as follows:

Revenue:

2-001-0303-19-010-0004 Education Equalizer reduce down by 441,774 to 27,937,075

2-001-0313-19-010-0001 Supplemental Education increase up by 441,774 to 28,378,849

Expense:

1-001-0851-19-800-0001 Supplemental Education Grant increase up by 441,774 to 61,827,097

1-001-0702-19-999-0001 Educational Expense reduce down by 441,774 to 61,385,323

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

Tentative Budget

200 BOAT \$565,092

Ms. Pinto made a motion to approve the tentative budget for BOAT for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$565,092. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

201 City Government \$2,692,871

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the tentative budget for City Government for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$2,692,871. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

202 Elections \$55,099

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the tentative budget for Elections for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$55,099. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

211 City Engineer \$38,558

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the tentative budget for City Engineer for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$38,558. Ms. Pinto seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

212 Building Inspector \$172,027

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the tentative budget for the Building Inspector for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$172,027. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

214 Nature Center \$176,927

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Nature Center in the amount of \$176,927. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

215 Insurance and Debt Service \$9,957,129

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Insurance and Debt Service in the amount of \$9,957,129. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

216 Mayor's Office \$202,224

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Mayor's Office in the amount of \$202,224. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

220 Emergency Operation Center \$30,000

Ms. Pinto made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Emergency Operation Center in the amount of \$30,000. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

301 Police Department \$5,722,165

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Police Department in the amount of \$5,722,165. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes, 1 abstain Ms. Blackwell)

302 Senior Center \$127,650

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Senior Center in the amount of \$127,650. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

400 Fire Marshall \$73,480

Mr. Kennedy a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Fire Marshall in the amount of \$73,480. Ms. Pinto seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

401 Fire Department \$253,750

Ms. Pinto made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Fire Department in the amount of \$253,750. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

402 Finance Department \$506,904

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Finance Department in the amount of \$506,904. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

405 Economic Development \$122,512

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Economic Development in the amount of \$122,512. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved (11 yes)

420 Tax Department \$215,751

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Tax Department in the amount of \$215,751. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

450 Assessors Office \$144,653

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Assessor Office in the amount of \$144,653. Ms. Pinto seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

555 Public Works \$3,858,418

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Public Works in the amount of \$3,858,418. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

601 Library \$497,898

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Library in the amount of \$497,898. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

701 Recreation \$96,700

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Recreation in the amount of \$96,700. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

702 Board of Education \$28,897,207

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Board of Education in the amount of \$28,897,207. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

801 ARMS \$712,500

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for ARMS in the amount of \$712,500. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11

yes)

802 Town & City Clerk \$351,581

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Town & City Clerk in the amount of \$351,581. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

850 Municipal Grants \$611,495

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Municipal Grants in the amount of \$611,495. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

851 Educational Grants \$5,162,331

Ms. Pinto made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Educational Grants in the amount of \$5,162,331. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

875 Capital Improvements \$106,401

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$106,401. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

901 Municipal Planning \$34,000

Ms. Pinto made a motion to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Municipal Planning in the amount of \$34,000. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Total Tentative Expenses Fiscal Year 2014-2015 \$61,385,323

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the total tentative expense for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$61,385,323. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Total Tentative Income Fiscal Year 2014-2015 \$61,385,323

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the total tentative income for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$61,385,323. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Total Fund Balance as Income Fiscal Year 2014-2015 \$550,000

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the use of 2013-2014 fund balance as a supplement to revenue for the 2014-2015 City Budget in the amount of \$550,000. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes, 1 no Mr. Veillette)

Tentative Mil Rate Fiscal Year 2014-2015 38.61

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve a tentative mil rate for fiscal year 2014-2015 at 38.61 mills on the dollar to be and the same is hereby assessed on the ratable estate of the Town & City

of Ansonia, last completed being the Grand list of 2013. One half (1/2) or 19.305 mills due July 1, 2014 and one half (1/2) or 19.305 mills due January 1, 2015. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The Board decided to cancel the meeting scheduled for May 15, 2014.

Mr. Smerznak thanked Mr. Bshara and Mr. Jaskilka for their many hours dedicated to supporting this Board.

Mr. King also thanked the Board for the amazing job done. This Board went over each department and each line item, this Board came together to get the job done. The City has been well served.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Donna Duclos (pt)

Sec. Board of Apportionment & Taxation