

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

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held a public meeting on Monday, June 16, 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  
Ms. Blackwell  
Ms. Geruntho (Via Phone)  
Mr. Kennedy  
Mr. Smerznak  
Mr. Veillette  
Ms. Waugh  
Mr. King

**Members Absent**

Mr. Boran  
Ms. Izzo  
Mr. Kohut  
Ms. Pinto

Chairman King called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record show 7 members present however Ms. Geruntho will be available via phone.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the call of the minutes. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

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

Alderman Patrick Henry  
16 Harris Road

Mr. Henry presented the Board with a proposal for a "Welcome to the Hilltop" sign, along with shrubs, flower and mulch. Ansonia needs to market the hilltop and this would be a nice way to start. Included along with the sign could be smaller signs of what is located on the hilltop ie. Schools, Churches, and Parks. The whole project may run \$10,000 but before any research is done I wanted to know if I had the backing of this Board. Board members thought that it was a good idea however other areas of town may feel slighted. Mr. Henry acknowledge their concern however he is an Alderman in the hilltop and it is his job to work to improve the area. The Board did not feel anything could be done at this meeting but would consider the project in the new fiscal year.

Horce Behrle, Charter Revision Commission  
94 Brook St

The Charter Revision Commission is looking for an allocation of \$10,000 to begin working on cleaning up the charter, there is a lot of useless information in there and without a budget the commission can not move forward.

Chief Jaren Heon, ARMS  
10 Kiely Lane

Mr. Heon wanted to bring to the Board attention a situation with C-MED which will effect the City's budget for 2014-2015. Everything is still uncertain but there will be significant changes, two major towns withdrew from C-Med which will result in a significant increase to the annual cost for the City. Current the annual fee is \$42,000, Ansonia could be looking at an increase based on per capita to \$120,000-\$130,000. As soon as Mr. Heon has more information he will past it along to the Board.

No one else wished to speak the public session was closed at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes May 19, 2014**

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting if found to be correct. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to deviate from the agenda and address all the transfer requests first then contact Ms. Geruntho to discuss and new monies. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #3 Debt Service \$30,140**

Mr. Bshara advised that the Auditors requested the interest and principal be broken out for accounting purposes for the Riverside Note.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$30,140 from 1-001-0215-11-911-0009 Riverside Note into 1-001-215-11-911-0010 Riverside Note Interest. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication \$4 VAC Truck \$325,000**

Mr. Bshara advised that this request is just a reversal of one done both in January and April.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$325,000 from 1-001-0875-13-461-0052 Vac Truck into 1-001-0200-11-825-0001 Bond Referendum Expense. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #5 BOAT \$325.00**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$325 from Settlement Contingency 1-001-0200-11-811-0001 into Audit Clerk 1-001-0200-11-111-0003. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #6 Fire \$4,550**

Fire Chief Kingston was present and advised the Board that the request for transfers would cover unexpected expense which recently occurred.

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer funds as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
401-12-440-0007 Repair to Apparatus	4,550	
401-12-860-0005 Juniors		500
401-12-860-0001 Emergency Fire		800
401-12-611-0003 Foam		250

401-12-611-0001 Office	400
401-12-440-0005 Radio Maintenance	1,500
401-12-311-0001 Physicals	1,100

Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #7 Tax Department \$8,189**

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,126 from 1-001-0420-11-613-0001 Tax Bills Printing and 7,063 from 1-001-0420-11-518-0001 Postage into 1-001-0420-11-611-0001 Office Supplies \$8,189. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #8 Tax Department \$570 (May's Meeting)**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to remove from the table communication #8 from May for the Tax Department. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$457 from 1-001-0420-11-521-001 Tax Office Travel, \$6 from 1-001-0420-11-241-001 Education, \$92 from 1-001-0420-11-560-001 DMV Ongoing, and \$15 from 1-001-0420-11-620-001 Due Fees into 1-001-420-11-611-001 Office Supplies \$570.00. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #12 City Government \$750**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$750 from 1-001-0200-11-811-0001 Settlement Contingency into 1-001-0201-11-130-0009 Charter Revision Secretary. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #13 City Government \$32,000**

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$32,000 from 1-001-0201-11-411-0003 Electricity into 1-001-0201-11-411-0005 Gas \$15,000 and 1-001-0201-11-411-0006 Oil \$17,000. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #14 Building Department \$3,900**

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$3,900 from 1-001-0200-11-811-0001 Settlement Contingency into 1-001-0212-11-110-0001 Zoning/Blight \$3,600 and 1-001-0212-11-111-0006 Secretary \$300. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

The Board contacted Ms. Geruntho via telephone to consider the reminder of the business.

**Communication #1 City Government \$1,850**

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0307-17-840-0010 Harvest Festival by \$1,850 and the expense line item 1-001-0215-11-570-0001 Harvest Festival \$1,850. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #2 BOE Fund 90/91**

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0313-19-010-0005 BOE Fund 90/91 for \$250,000 and the expense line item 1-001-0851-19-800-0005 BOE Fund 90/91 for \$250,000. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #8 Capital Projects \$35,000**

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$35,000 from 1-001-0215-11-911-0009 Riverside Demo into 1-001-0875-11-461-0028 Riverwalk Phase 1. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #9 Finance \$74,540**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0310-11-010-0001 Insurance Refund \$74,540 and the expense line item 1-001-0875-12-461-0061 ARMS Roof Replacement \$74,540. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #10 Board of Education \$665,979**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to increase the revenue line item 2-001-313-19-010-1 Supplemental Education Grants by \$665,979 and the expense line item 1-001-0851-19-800-0001 Supplemental Education Grants by \$665,979. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #11 Debt & Insurance \$75,000**

Mr. Bshara explained to the Board he was in communication with the leasing company for the two new Public Work Trucks and if the City opts to pay a June 2014 payment not only will they cut 2 years off the lease they will also save \$10,000 in interest.

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$75,000 from 215-11-911-0009 Riverside Demo into 1-001-0215-11-911-0011 Lease two Public Works Trucks. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #15 Public Works \$50,340**

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$50,340 as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
0555-13-120-0001 Overtime		340.00
0555-13-130-0001 PW Sec	340.00	
0555-13-423-0001 Refuse Haulaway		50,000
0555-13-451-0001 Gas & Motor Oil	40,000	
0555-13-430-0001 Building Repairs	5,000	
0555-13-436-0003 Parks & Streets	5,000	

Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved (8 yes)

**Communication #26 Public Works \$4,000**

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$4,000 from 0555-13-423-0001 Refuse Haul-away into 0555-13-120-0001 Overtime. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Ms. Waugh question how the summer help program was going, Mr. Novak advised it is working out very well the Town Parks and Streets are getting the attention they deserve and we are looking to increase the head count to ten.

**Communication #16 Riverwalk**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to increase the revenue line item 2-001-304-11-10-12 Riverwalk Phase 8 to \$1,152,000 and increase the expense line item item 1-001-875-17-461-58 Riverwalk Phase 8 \$1,152,000. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Ms. Waugh made a motion to transfer \$88,000 from Riverside Demo 215-11-911-0009 into 1-001-875-17-461-58 Riverwalk Phase 8. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #17 Recreation \$800**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$400 from 1-001-0701-17-880-0025 Girls Softball and \$400 from 1-001-0701-17-880-0016 Emergency Treatment into 1-001-0701-17-880-0010 Soccer \$800. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #18 Recreation \$1,568**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0307-17-840-0016 Recreation Program Fees \$1,568 and the expense line item 1-001-0701-17-880-0026 Recreation Program \$1,568. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #19 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$500**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0310-11-010-0022 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by \$500 and the expense line item 1-001-0201-11611-0005 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by \$500. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #20 ARMS \$55,900**

Mr. King suggested the Board act on each request individually.

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$4,000 from 1-001-0801-12-111-0010 Ambulance Crew into 1-001-0801-12-461-0007 General Equipment. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$2,000 from 1-001-0801-12-111-0010 Ambulance Crew into 1-001-0801-12-617-0001 Ambulance Supplies. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,900 from 1-001-0801-12-241-0002 EMT Course into 1-001-0801-12-461-0002 Office Equipment. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$4,000 from 1-001-0801-12-311-0001 Physicals into 1-001-0801-12-440-0005 Ambulance Maintenance. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved (8 yes)

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$44,000 from 1-001-0801-12-111-0010 Ambulance Crew into 1-875-12-461-0037 ARMS Pick Up. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was denied. ( 6 yes, 2 no Mr. Veillette, Mr. King)

**Communication #25 Dog Fund \$250**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0307-11-010-0009 Dog Fund \$250 and the expense line item 1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Dog Fund \$250. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

**Communication #27 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$10,000**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0310-11-010-0022 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by \$10,000 and the expense line item 1-001-0201-11-611-0005 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by \$10,000. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Ms. Geruntho ended her telephone conference.

**Communication #21 Doyle Senior Center \$400**

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$400 from 1-001-0302-17-110-0002 Secretary Salary into 1-001-0302-17-110-0003 Janitor Salary. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #22 Doyle Senior Center \$694**

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$694 from 1-001-0302-17-860-0001 Transportation into 1-001-0302-17-440-001 Equipment & Maintenance. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #23 Insurance & Debt Service \$7,500**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$7,500 from 1-001-0215-11-211-0001 Medical into 1-001-0215-11-211-0002 Opt-out. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**Communication #24 Insurance & Debt Service \$30,000**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$30,000 from 215-11-911-0009 Riverside Note into 555-13-61-0003 Park & Street Supplies for the purchase of new bleachers throughout town. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

**New Business**

Ms. Geruntho was contacted again to discuss the last few items of the evening.

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to accept the late communication from the Charter Revision Commission. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

The Charter Revision request was discussed, it was considered earlier in the year at a cost of \$20,000 a new firm has been contacted and offered to do the task for between \$5,000-\$10,000. All suggested changes would be approved by the Charter Revision Commission.

The current balance in BOAT Contingency is \$144,000.

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$10,000 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0201-11-321-0003 Charter Update. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

The Med-Bed Grant which expired still needs to be accounted for to balance the budget. Mr. Bshara request a transfer of \$4,000 to resolve this situation.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the transfer of \$4,000 from BOAT Contingency into 850-11-800-1138 Med-Bed. Ms Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

Lastly Mr. Bshara is looking to purchase some printers for City Hall to update the printers and allow for scan, fax and email options.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request to transfer from BOAT Contingency \$15,000 into 1-001-0875-11-461-0006 Copies. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes)

With no other business to come before the Board Ms. Waugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donna Duclos (1/1)

Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation