

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

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 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. Boran
Mr. Izzo
Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Smerznak
Mr. Veillette
Ms. Waugh
Mr. King

Members Absent

Ms. Blackwell
Ms. Geruntho
Mr. Kohut
Ms. Pinto

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

Public Session

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

Corporation Counsel John Marini addressed the Board regarding a late communication he would like to be considered this evening. Although it is a late communication it is of an important matter for public safety. If the Board wished not to consider this evening a special meeting may be called to handle this request. The request would be to allocate \$16,000 from funds that reside in an account from the Ansonia Parking Authority into the School Crossing Guards within the Police Department. A total of \$90,000 has been sitting in a bank account for the Ansonia Parking Authority this funding can be used for manner of street paving, lines draw and crossing guard safety. If the Board allocates the \$16,000 the crossing guards would be back to capacity.

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

Minutes August 18 and 28, 2014

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the meetings of August 18 and 28, 2014 if found to be correct. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Late Communication #9 Police Crossing Guards

Mr. Izzo made a motion to accept late communication #9 for the Crossing Guards to be discussed for consideration. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #1 Cultural Commission \$2,500

Ms. Waugh made a motion to accept the revenue and expense line item as follows:

2-001-0307-17-840-0010 Revenue Cultural Commission \$2,500
1-001-0201-11-611-0002 Cultural Commission Expense 2,500

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

Communication #2 Public Works \$10,000

Mr. Izzo made a motion to remove from the table for discussion Item #2 Public Works Wages (temporary/seasonal) 0555-13-111-0001 \$10,000. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Mr. Novak presented to the Board his request for an additional \$10,000 which would employee 4 part time workers until October 17, 2014. An additional \$765 would also need to be allocated to cover the FICA for these wages. It was noted that the original 9 part time employees worked fields, grounds, and painting. All of which would have had to be done by the three full time employees removing them from the road jobs that they were doing. Public Works currently does have one person on board completing 180 hours of community service; this has also help get jobs done at the complex. The VHC (Valley Health) was so please with the program this year they will be looking to secure grant money to fund the program next year.

The current BOAT Contingency balance is \$208,000, Mr. Boran believes it is a good program but the City has big things coming up and fears the City may run out of money.

It was also noted that Public Works currently only has 22 full time employees 3 of which are assign to Parks and Fields.

Mr. Kennedy questioned why the funding from the Parking Authority couldn't be used for this program. Corporation Counsel Marini explained that further research needed to be done to determine how that funding could be expended.

Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve the request to allocate from BOAT Contingency \$10,765 as follows:

0555-13-111-0001 Wages (temporary/seasonal) \$10,000
0215-11-231-0001 Social Security 765

Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was denied. (6 yes, 2 no Mr. Boran, Mr. Kennedy)

Communication #3 Ansonia Block Watch

Mr. Norman, Blockwatch Captain addressed the Board regarding a grant received in the amount of \$1,700 from the Valley Community Foundation for the Ansonia Block Watch. The funds have been received into the City and Mr. Norman is just looking to have them allocated to a line item.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0182 Block Watch \$1,700 and expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0182 Block Watch \$1,700. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #4 Police Department \$1,069

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0308-12-010-0008 Special Operations \$1,069 and expense line item 1-001-0301-12-614-0006 Special Operations 1,069. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #5 Town Clerk \$1,200

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0802-11-4440-0001 Office Equipment in the amount of \$1,200. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #6 125th Anniversary Sponsorship Fund \$1,000

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

Communication #7 Insurance & Debt Service \$30,000

Mr. Bshara advised the Board that the Unemployment Compensation account if approved for the additional \$30,000 should be sufficient for several funds but will probably not carry the City through June.

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0215-11-232-0001 Unemployment Compensation. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #8 ARMS Power Load Grant \$12,500

Chief Heon advised the Board that ARMS has been awarded a grant from the Matthies Foundation in the amount of \$12,500 for the purchase of a Power Load Device. The \$12,500 represents 50% of the purchase price. This price is good until September 31, 2014. Stryker Corporation has offer the City the ability to finance over 3 or 4 years the remaining \$12,500 at 0% interest.

Mr. Bshara voices his concern that he is not in favor of leasing a \$12,500 purchase nor showing it has a capital expenditure. The paperwork alone to get the City approved for the financing may not be complete prior to September 31, 2014.

Chief Heon informed the Board that he intends to seek further grants for the balance of the Power Load Device.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the \$12,500 grant from the Matties Foundation for the Power Load Device and allocate \$12,500 from BOAT Contingency for the balance of the equipment.

1-001-0850-11-800-0208 Stryker Stretcher Fastening System Grant \$12,500
2-001-0305-17-010-0208 Stryker Stretcher Fastening System Revenue \$12,500
1-001-0875-12-461-0049 Stryker Stretcher Fastening System Expense \$12,500 (from BOAT Contingency)

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

Communication #9 School Crossing Guards

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from the Police Department to fund the Cross Guards for \$16,000 as follows:

1-001-0301-12-111-0001 Cross Guards	\$16,000
2-001-0310-12-912-0000 Operating Transfer In (From Parking Authority)	16,000

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 yes)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna Duclos (v)

Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation