

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

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday January 27, 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
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.

Chairman King introduced himself to the Board and audience as a 15 year resident of Ansonia, he has run a business in Town and he is looking forward to working with everyone. Let us work together offering any suggestions for the best interest of Ansonia.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Smerznak 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. No one wished to speak the public session was closed at 7: 05 p.m.

Minutes December 16, and the amended December 19th 2013 Meetings

Ms. Waugh made a motion to accept the minutes from December 16, 2013 and the amended minutes from December 19, 2013 and place them on file if found to be correct. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

2014 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to accept the 2014 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Apportionment & Taxation. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

*Meeting Schedule to be submitted to the Town & City Clerk for filing

Communication #1 7 #5 Dog Fund

Mr. Kohut made a motion to approve the communication #1 and #5 for the Dog Fund increasing both the revenue and expense accounts by \$812.00

2-001-0307-11-010-0009 Dog Fund Revenue \$812

1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Dog Fund Expense \$812

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

Communication #2 Tax Office \$23,692.05

The Tax Collector explained to the Board that the City received \$26,692.05 in error from Bank of America when the wrong parcel was chosen by Core Logic Services. Ms.

Geruntho made a motion to increase both the revenue and expense line items as follows:

1-001-0420-11-870-0001 Tax Refund Expense \$23,692.00

2-001-0300-11-010-0003 Tax Overpayment Revenue \$23,692.00

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

Communication #3 Transfer Station \$355,000.00

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to increase both the revenue and expense for the Transfer Station as follows:

2-001-0310-12-010-0018 Transfer Station Rehab \$355,000.00

1-001-0200-13-436-0001 Transfer Station Rehab \$355,000.00

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

Communication #4 Public Works \$84,500.00

Superintendent Michael Schryver addressed the Board informing them of his pending retirement, and introducing his successor Doug Novak. The Board wished both gentlemen well. Mr. Schryver explained that the excess in the Refuse Haul-Away was because the budget was set prior to the bidding of the haul away which realized a savings to the City. The shortages are in Overtime for snow storms, Equipment Repair for a plow truck repair, and Park and Streets maintenance to purchase a street roller and infield conditioner.

Mr. Boran made a motion to approve the request for transfers as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
0555-13-423-0001 Refuse Haul-Away		84,500.00
0555-13-120-0001 Overtime	41,000.00	
0555-13-430-0002 Equip Repairs	21,000.00	
0555-13-436-0003 Parks & Str Maint	22,500.00	

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

Communication #6 Board of Education AHS Boiler \$39,000

Both Dr. Merlone and Facility Manger Robert Evans were present to discuss the boiler situation at the high school. Mr. Evans informed the Board that one of the three original boilers installed at the high school has been discover with a series of cracks. The

warranty on the boilers was 10 years they are 15 year old. The remaining two boilers are up and running but on the day where the temperature falls in the teens like it has the two boilers are not sufficient to heat the building. The Board of Education is looking for funding to replace the boiler at a total cost of \$39,000. It is estimated to take one week to repair the boiler however the temperature needs to be above 40 degrees. Dr. Merlone advised the Board that parents have called into her office complaining that the children are taking exams under these cold conditions. The Board questioned why money could not be transferred from within the Educational Budget. Dr. Merlone advised that they are not spending anywhere; there will be a shortfall in Special Education and Out Placement in the amount of \$350,000, which will need to be addressed in the near future. The Board questioned why not try to wait until the new budget year or consider paying the supplier over the two fiscal years. Mr. Evans believed there may be \$5,000 within the equipment account that could be used but could not be certain. The Board suggested tabling the request at this time urging the Board of Education to go through their budget to insure the funds can not come from within prior to coming to BOAT. The BOAT Contingency balance is \$66,000 which needs to carry the City until the end of June.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to table the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$39,000 at this time. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Late Communications

Ms. Waugh made a motion to accept the late communication for consideration. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The meeting was opened again to the Public to discuss the late communications. No one wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Late Communication #1 Town & City Clerk Transfer \$2,000

The Mayor wished to get new charters issued to all new City members (Aldermen or Officials). That would require a transfer of funds.

Mr. Boran made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$2,000 from 0802-11-613-0001 Absentee Ballot Printing into 0802-11-591-0008 Charter/Code Printing. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Late Communication #3 Referendum Money \$5,120,000

Mr. Veillette made a motion to increase the revenue and expense line item to reflect the Referendum Funding Approved as follows:

2-001-0310-11-010-0020 Bond Proceeds Referendum	\$5,120,000
1-001-0200-11-825-0001 Bond Referendum Expenses	\$5,120,000

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

Late Communication #2 Vac Truck \$325,000

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$325,000 from 1-001-0200-11-825-0001 Bond Referendum Expenses into 1-001-0875-13-461-0028 Vac Truck. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The City is looking at a 2013 model which is available and being held for them for 60 days. The new 2014 model would be an additional \$20,000.

New Business

Mr. Veillette made a motion to request the Board of Apportionment & Taxation Auditor do an audit on the ARMS Budget. It appears ARMS has purchased a ATV vehicle which was not approved by BOAT. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The Board was reminded of the February 11th meeting, the acceptance of the Board of Aldermen Budget.

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Veillette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation