

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

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss budget issues for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Members Present

Ms. Biasucci (Left Meeting at 7:10 p.m.)
Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Kohut
Mr. Veillette
Ms. Waugh
Mr. King

Revenue:

The Board began the evening review the Revenue Section of the Budget. Adjustments were made as follows:

- 2-001-0303-19-010-0003 Non Public Health Welfare Increase to \$11,000
- 2-001-0304-11-010-0003 Telecommunication Property Tax Decrease down to \$30,000, \$20,000 reduction.
- 2-001-0304-11-010-0006 PA Spec Vet Exemption Increase up to \$30,000 from \$14,000.
- 2-001-0306-11-010-0001 Excavation Permits increase to \$10,000 from \$8,000, the Revenue and Expense are the same in the budget.
- 2-001-0307-11-010-0001 Motor Vehicle Supplements increase to \$450,000 up from the \$400,000.
- 2-001-0307-11-010-0022 Historic Records set to \$2,000 from zero.
- 2-001-0307-11-010-0030 Recycling Credit set to \$5,000 from zero.
- 2-001-0307-11-010-0031 Metal Recycling Credit set to \$25,000 from zero.
- 2-001-0307-11-010-0012 Miscellaneous Income set back to \$50,000 from \$100,000 in part the reclassifying of the Recycling Program.
- 2-001-0310-11-010-0001 Insurance Refund set to \$2,000 from zero.

The net change in revenue is an increase of \$43,000.

The Board agreed with the revenue changes as listed.

Public Works 555

Mr. King brought those members that were not present Monday evening up to speed on the request for two new trucks from Public Works. Mr. Novak is requesting the Board consider leasing two additional trucks in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year at a cost of \$75,000-\$80,000. Some concerns mentioned were, is Mr. Novak going to acquire through the State Bidding Process, the City needs to take advantage of that program.

The Board felt a cost analysis should be done, analyze the cost to keep the current fleet on the road with the repairs costs verses the leasing program.

Mr. Veillette questioned where the funding was coming from, maybe we should consider the purchase of only one truck rather than the two requested.

Mr. Kohut felt if they could cut the \$75,000 out of the budget then the lease could be considered.

Ms. Biasucci also thought yes leasing the trucks would be great, however viewing on the side of conservativeness the City needs to keep spending down. It appears more people on this Board are against the spending for the trucks unless the funds can be found with the budget.

Mr. King felt the timing for the Department Insurance & Debt Service was good, before the Riverside and Referendum funding kicks in.

Ms Waugh suggested putting off the purchase for another year.

Mr. Bshara suggested the Board make a list of items they may want to address at the end of the budgeting process ie: Truck Lease

Pension Funding

Look at these items after the bottom line is complete and discuss them at that time.

The Haul-away, Curbside Pickup and Tonnage for the City is still being looking at no true numbers have been submitted to the Board.

The Board would like to get a report from the Grant Writer on a regular basis showing what Grants are in the works, if they require matching from the City, and what Grants have been denied. That information was always useful in the past.

BOAT 200

The BOAT Contingency line item 1-001-0200-11-812-0001 has been drastically cut to \$48,566 that will not be nearly sufficient for the fiscal year. The Board determined that setting it up to \$400,000 was a more reasonable funding for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The Settlement Contingency 1-001-0200-11-811-0001 set at \$146,602 covers the Police Union contract which is up this year, the non-union employees as well as the Registrar of Voters.

It was also noted that if the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 goes up 3% more of the net taxes to be collected the budget will need to go to Referendum for the taxpayers to approved.

A motion was make to adjourn the meeting this evening at 8:25 p.m. The Board will meeting Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct their regular monthly business.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna Duclos (in)
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation