

Board of Apportionment & Taxation
City of Ansonia

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation held their regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 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. Boran
Ms Geruntho
Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Smerznak
Mr. Veillette
Ms. Waugh
Mr. King

Members Absent

Mr. Blackwell
Ms. Izzo
Ms. Pinto

Chairmen King called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 9 members present.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

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

Mr. Randolph Carrol, Chairman of the Ansonia Historical Commission addressed the Board regarding the lack of funding for the next Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for his Commission. The amount that the Commission would need would be \$1,400 for the Commission Secretary and \$1,200 for miscellaneous projects.

Secondly he was told he did not have sufficient funds to request expenditure for the award of an Essay Contest being run in the amount of \$175.00. The advised that this request would be considered under other business and the Board would review the request for funding for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

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

Minutes February 11 and 24, 2014

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 11 and February 24, 2014 Meetings if found to be correct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Veillette motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #1 Building \$500.00

Mr. Veillette made a motion to table the request for a transfer of \$500 for the Building Department due to lack of representation for the Department. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes) The request was tabled.

Communication #2 Police Department

Chief Hale addressed the Board regarding transfers needed from within the Department and a request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 for Overtime.

Chief Hale advised the Board that the Department has tired twice to secure the SRO Grant and has been denied both times.

Board Contingency balance is over \$200,000 prior to this request.

Mr. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$78,000 within the Police Department as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
1-001-0301-12-110-0012 Reg Patrolman Salary		\$55,000
1-001-0301-12-246-0001 Buy Back Sick Time		5,000
1-001-0301-12-241-0002 Police School		7,000
1-001-0301-12-612-0001 Computer Teletype		2,000
1-001-0301-12-570-0002 Dare Program		1,000
1-001-0301-12-440-0008 TV Camera/Prison		2,000
1-001-0301-12-434-0002 Portable Radios		1,000
1-001-0301-12-440-0006 Signs & Paints		2,000
1-001-0301-12-241-0001 MRT Training		3,000
1-001-0301-12-120-0001 Overtime	\$60,000	
1-001-0301-12-434-0001 Police Car Repairs	10,000	
1-001-0301-12-614-0005 Police Supplies	3,000	
1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Dog Fund	5,000	

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 from BOAT Contingency into Overtime 1-001-0301-12-120-0001. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #3 Library Grant \$1,225.00

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to approve the revenue and expense line items for the Library Grant in the amount of \$1,225.00 as follows:

- 2-001-0305-17-010-0168
- 1-001-0850-11-800-0168

Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #4 & #5 Ansonia Nature Center \$3,000 Grant

Ms. Rubelmann, Director of the Nature Center addressed the Board informing them that this \$6,000 Grant received by the Nature Center will be allocated in four installments the first two before the Board this evening.

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the revenue and expense line items in the amount of \$3,000 for the two checks received into the City. The line items are:

- 1-001-0850-11-800-0202
- 2-001-0305-17-010-0202

Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #6 Finance \$2,700

Mr. Bshara advised the Board he was withdrawing this request to purchase a shredder, the City has secured a contract with "Shred-It" for a nominal monthly fee.

Communication #7 125th Anniversary \$5,000

Ansonia will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary and the City would like to plan several events throughout the year for the citizens to take part in and enjoy. The Mayor is looking for a \$5,000 allocation as seed money to get the events rolling but will be turning to the business within Town for support.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$5,000 into 1-001-0201-11-611-0005 125th Anniversary Expense. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #8 Computer Technician Position

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to table the request to approve the creation of the Computer Technician Position 1-001-0201-11-111-0004. The Board is looking for the Job Description, salary and hours. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The request was tabled. (9 yes)

Communication #9 Dog Fund \$70.00

Mr. Boran made a motion to approve the request to increase the revenue and expense for the Dog Fund by \$70 as follows:

- 2-001-0307-11-010-0009
- 1-001-0301-12-614-0007

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #10 \$5,707.00 Insurance Claim Refund

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$5,707.00 from 1-001-0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expense into 1-001-0301-12-433-0001 Vehicle Accident Account. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #11 Bonding Project Manager

Ms. Waugh made a motion to table the request to approve the creation of the Special Bonding Project Manager Position. The Board is looking for the Job Description, salary and hours. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The request was tabled. (9 yes)

Communication #12 Cost Cutting Secretary \$750

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$750 from 201-11-130-0014 Historic District Commission into 1-001-0201-11-130-0018 Cost Cutting Commission Secretary. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Kennedy made a comment on how there is so much said regarding the need for this Board, that they are not elected to set the budget for the City and now a chosen committee is established to review ways to cut costs with the City.

Communication #13 Finance \$102,000

The Board discussed the request for the \$59,000 into Department of Public Works Wages, it was determined that \$24,000 was to cover the raised approved the remainder is for the Special Bond Project Manager. Since the Board voted to table that request at the current time Mr. Kohut made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$24,000 from Settlement Contingency 200-11-811-0001 into Department of Public Works Wages 555-13-110-0001. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$30,000 from Settlement Contingency 200-11-811-0001 into Social Security 215-11-231-0001 covering the additional Overtime Expense, Town Clerk, Asst Town Clerk and the raises for Public Works. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request for the transfer of \$5,000 for the Accountant-Finance 402-11-110-0006 from Settlement Contingency 200-11-811-0001. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was denied. (5 yes, 4 no Kennedy, Kohut, Veillette, Waugh)

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request for the transfer of \$8,000 for the Computer Tech 201-11-111-0004 from Settlement Contingency 200-11-811-0001. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was denied. (8 no, 1 yes King)

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen requesting more information on all the positions Computer Tech, Special Bond Project Manager and

Accountant Finance. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #14 Fire \$9,000

Ms. Waugh made a motion to table the request from the Fire Department for transfers in the amount of \$9,000 due to lack of representation from the Department. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The request was tabled. (8 yes, 1 no King)

Late Communications

Mr. Veillette made a motion to accept for consideration late communications from the Grant Writer for the payment of a Prentis Printing Bill and Ansonia Historic Commission. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

The meeting was opened to the public any one wishing to discuss the late communication may do so at this time. No on wished to speak the public session was closed at 9:00 p.m.

Late Communication #1 Grant Writer

The Board was concerned because what was before them was a statement rather than an invoice. Mr. Bshara believe that the funds where already established in the West Main Street Improvement Project and no additional action needed to be taken. Ms. Geruntho made a motion to table late communication #1. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved, the request was tabled. (8 yes, 1 no King)

Late Communication #2 Historic Commission \$175 Transfer

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$175 from Historic District Commission 1-001-0201-11-130-0007 into 1-001-0201-11-570-0018 Ansonia Historic Commission. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Old Business

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. (9 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
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Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation