

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

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia met in a public meeting on Monday March 31, 2014 to discuss budget considerations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Members Present

Ms. Biasucci
Ms. Blackwell
Mr. Kohut
Mr. Smerznak
Mr. Veillette
Ms. Waugh
Mr. King

Chairman King opened the meeting reading a letter from the Mayor requesting \$50,000 be put back into Crossing Guards 1-001-0301-12-111-0001 for fiscal year 2014-2015 noting the City is saving money on salaries and associated costs related to the not hiring two new police officers to replace the two retiring officers.

Ms. Biasucci question how there could be a saving with a reduction of man power if overtime will be used to fill the shifts. She understands that parents are always going to complain when there is a short fall that affects their children. Many mandates come down from the State Capital and have the City's hands tied.

Down the road in the near future (approximately two years) the City will be looking at an estimated ten officers retiring. That is when the City will realize the savings by replacing officers at a lower pay scale.

The City has three officers currently in training; they will be with seasoned officers in the near future.

The Police Department did evaluate the locations of the crossing guards and determined if the \$50,000 was funded they can reinstate all but two crossing guard positions.

Another area of concern is the Police Pension Fund 1-001-0301-12-222-0001, currently 26 members are being paid from the fund. An additional \$50,000 needs to be added to the account to cover any shortfall, bring the total to \$400,000.

The Board voted to make the changes as noted for the Crossing Guards and the Police Pension Fund.

The Board moved onto ARMS where the main area of concern was the EMT Supervisors funded at \$59,022.00. The questions were, how many supervisors, what is the pay rate, what are the hours worked and will these positions be considered full time requiring the City to pay benefits?

Is the EMT Secretary Salary still necessary? The Board did not make any firm decisions on ARMS at this time. They wish to speak with the Director regarding their concerns.

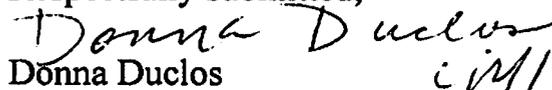
Lastly for this evening the Board reviewed Elections. There is an estimated \$17,000 in the Settlement Contingency for the anticipated increase in Registrars and Deputy Registrars Salary. A survey was completed of surrounding area and what these positions are paid and although the increase can not go into effect until after the election the City needs to prepare for the increase in salary.

The City is looking into combining the polling places if a referendum is necessary in the fall, which will reduce cost but needs to be approved by the State.

Next Monday April 7, 2014 the Board will be discussing the Fire Department and Library. Mr. Bshara advised the Board that he was approached with a request to increase the contribution for the Boys and Girls Club to \$20,000. Many Ansonia residents use the facility.

With no other business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna Duclos *DM*
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation