

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment and Taxation held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider requests for all transfers of monies of all departments and/or new appropriations where funds are available to various departments. And any other business to come before the Board.

Members Present

Boran
Commune
Kennedy
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Veillette
Williams
Sturges

Members Absent

Confinante
Galston

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sturges. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 10 members present.

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Public Session

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

Ms. Eileen Ehman addressed the Board advising them of the written approval received today for a Police Department Grant in the amount of \$110,000. This grant is an 80-20 matching grant to be shared by Ansonia, Shelton, Fairfield and North Branford equally. The grant is to be used for an "In Car Reporting System". Formal notification will be in the Grant Writer's Monthly Report next month.

No one else wished to address the Board at this time. The public session was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from the Organizational and Regular Meeting December 15, 2008

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the minutes from the Organizational Meeting with the following correction:

Page 2 paragraph 3 read: This has not been done; this position has **no** seen an increase in several years.

Should read: This has not been done; this position has **not** seen an increase in several years.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The minutes were accepted with correction. (10 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting with the following correction:

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Fire Chief Ehman advised the Board that his term as Chief concludes on the 31st of December. He just wished to **that** the Board for all their support during his term; this Board always was very fair in their decision regarding the Fire Department.

Should read: Fire Chief Ehman advised the Board that his term as Chief concludes on the 31st of December. He just wished to **thank** the Board for all their support during his term; this Board always was very fair in their decision regarding the Fire Department.

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The minutes were accepted with correction. (10 yes)

Informational Communications

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept all the informational communications within the packet and place them on file. Anyone wishing to address these communications may do so during new business. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication # 1 DUI Enforcement Grant

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue and expense line item as follows:

2-001-0305-17-010-1124 Revenue DUI Enforcement Grant \$17,850

1-001-0850-11-800-1124 Expense DUI Enforcement Grant \$17,850

Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$5,950 from 0301-12-120-0001 Police Overtime into 0850-11-800-1124 BOAT Contingency. Then from 0850-11-800-1124 BOAT Contingency into 0850-11-800-1124 DUI Enforcement Grant \$5,950.

The Chief will notify the Finance Department in writing when funds were used and need to be charge to the DUI Grant. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #2 Board of Education \$32,627

The Board of Education Business Manager explained that the City of Ansonia is in receipt of a check from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$32,627.00. The funds are earmarked to be used for heating assistance. The Board of Education is projected to have over a \$55,000 short fall without this grant. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to increase line item 0303-19-010-0007 Heating Assistance and 702-19-9999-

0001 Board of Education by the amount of \$32,627.00. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #3 City Treasurer's Report of Income December 2008

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Income for December 2008. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #4 City Treasurer's Report of Interest on Investments December 2008

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Interest of Investments for December 2008. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #5 Police Department \$45,000

Chief Hale advised that the department does have new police officers on staff, which should help with the overtime issue.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$45,000 from 0301-12-110-0003 Detectives/Stg Salary into 0201-11-860-0001 Dog Fund \$5,000 and 0301-12-120-0001 Overtime Police. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #6 Public Works Streets & Bridges \$60,000

Acting Superintendent Mr. Schreiber advised the Board that the City has been hit with 24 storms to date costing \$84,000 in overtime and approximately \$1,000 per storm for sand and \$700 per storm for salt. To date the overtime account is in the red \$36,000. The union contract does not allow the City the option of offering comp pay in lieu of overtime.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000 from BOAT Contingency into:

0502-13-120-0001 Streets Overtime \$40,000

0502-13-430-0002 Vehicle Repairs 10,000

0502-13-615-0001 Sand & Salt 10,000

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Communication #7 Public Works Street & Bridges \$30,000

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from BOAT Contingency into:

0502-13-120-0001 Streets Overtime \$20,000

0502-13-615-0001 Sand & Salt 10,000

Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Current balance in BOAT Contingency after the Public Works' request is \$217,000.

Communication #8 Transfers Other Department Expenses

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$1,845 as follows:

From: 0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses \$1,845

Into: 0201-11-860-0001 Dog Fund 345

0701-17-880-0001 Basketball 1,500

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Other Business

Mr. Norman inquired where the Board stood regarding the tabled Secretary salary. Mr. Sturges informed the Board he spoke with the Board of Aldermen Salary Committee and their thought process was were the secretaries' salaries a stipend or a salary? That was still being discussed and would be resolved this year. The issued will remain on the table.

The Board will receive the Budget Workshop Schedule next month.

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Strumello seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation