

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. 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 the Board as well as Executive Session if necessary.

Members Present

Commune
Kennedy
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Williams
Veillette
Sturges

Members Absent

Boran
Confinante
Galston

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

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

Public Session

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

Mr. Steve Blume, Board of Alderman President

Mr. Blume advised the Board he was here to represent the Mayor (who was home ill). The Mayor wished this Board to consider funding the "Incubator Reimbursement" to the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$576,000. In order for the City of Ansonia to qualify for any future small city grants the outstanding bill must be paid. The funding can be reimbursed back to the City from the sale of the buildings.

Mr. Gene Sharkey, Fire Department

Mr. Sharkey wished to apologize for the two late communications this evening #8 and #9; hoping the Board would deviate from the agenda to consider them.

No one else wished to address the Board the Public Session was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes January 26, 2009 and February 17, 2009

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the January 26, 2009 meeting and the February 17, 2009 meeting if found to be correct. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Information Communications

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept all informational communications and place them on file. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Deviation from the Agenda

Mr. Norman made a motion to deviate from agenda and add items #8 Insurance Claim Shredder Fire, #9 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, and 10 "Incubator Reimbursement. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Public Session Items #8, #9, #10

Mr. Sturges opened the meeting to the public to discuss late communications #8, #9 and #10. No one wished to speak. The public session as closed.

Communication #1 Police Overtime \$4,034.64

Mr. Miller withdrew the request at this time. No action taken

Communication #2 City Treasurer Report of Income January 2009

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Income for January 2009. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #3 City Treasurer Report of Interest on Investments January 2009

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Interest on Investments for January 2009. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #4 Miscellaneous Income \$22,142.11

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and increase Miscellaneous Income into 0310-11-010-0012 by \$22,142.11, and expense 0875-17-761-0001 \$1,500 Recreation Capital and expense 0200-12-140-0002 BOAT Concession Stand \$20,642.11. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to request that Comptroller Miller contact the Recreation Department to insure they understand how the Concession Stand Project would need to be controlled and the funding handled. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #5 Miscellaneous Income \$500

Mr. Williams made a motion to increase 0310-11-010-0012 Miscellaneous Income \$500 and 0875-17-761-0001 Recreation Capital \$500. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #6 2008-2009 Board of Education Budget

No action was necessary at this time regarding the \$126,704 additional funding for the Board of Education for Cost Sharing.

Communication #7 ARMS Transfer 7,969.00

Mr. Fainer addressed the Board assuring them that all purchases by ARMS will be expensed out of the correct line item. The Rescue Chief position will not be filled until next fiscal year, and the only area of concern would be the Ambulance Maintenance. The maintenance line item is difficult to estimate with the age of all the equipment.

Mr. Strumello made a motion to approve the transfers from ARMS in the amount of \$7,769.00 as follows:

<u>Line Item #</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
0801-12-111-0005 Rescue Chief		1,385.00
0801-12-243-0001 Uniforms	1,385.00	
0801-12-111-0009 Training/Safety		1,434.00
0801-12-461-0004 Protective Equip		4,000.00
0801-12-860-0003 JR Corps		650.00
0801-12-440-0005 Ambulance Maint	6,084.00	
0801-12-521-0002 Travel		500.00
0801-12-617-0005 General Supplies	500.00	

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

Communication #8 Fire Department Insurance Claim \$3,199

Mr. Sharkey withdrew the request for the insurance claim \$3,199 once he learned the check has not been received by the City.

Communication #9 Assistance to Firefighters Grants \$35,320

It was noted that the \$35,320 grant for Assistance to Firefighters is a 95% funding to the City's 5% funding. The City's 5% funding must be additional funding and cannot come from the current training budget.

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0142 in the amount of \$33,554 and expense line item 1-001-0850-11-800-0142 in the amount of \$33,554 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

BOAT Contingency Balance \$217,000

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$1,766 into Matching Grants 0201-11-800-0001. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Mr. Commune made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,766 from Matching Grants 0201-11-800-0001 into 1-001-0850-11-800-0142 Assistance Firefighters Grant. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Communication #10 Incubator Reimbursement

The Board discussed the funding to repay the Incubator Loan in the amount of \$576,000. The Undesignated Surplus Account was earmarked to be used and reimbursed with the sale of the buildings.

Undesignated Surplus Balance \$5,700,000 which is 5% of the City's Budget as recommend by the City Auditors.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to increase revenue 0310-11-010-0014 fund balance by \$576,000 and expense 0201-11-611-0004 Incubator Reimbursement \$576,000. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

Other Business

The budget hearing schedules were passed out beginning March 2nd through April 27th. The Board expressed concern over the tentative budget presented which represents a 3.45 mill increase. The Board discussed the consideration of cutting all department by 10% to meet the needs of the taxpayers of the City.

Three of the City's largest taxpayers, Big Y, Target and Stop & Shop are all appealing their assessments in court at the present time.

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Veillette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation