

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

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held a special meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider requests from all departments. And the presentation and acceptance of the Mayor's Budget

Members Present

Ms. Blackwell
Mr. Cassetti
Mr. Delibero
Mr. Izzo (Arrived 7:04 pm)
Mr. Veillette
Mr. King

Members Absent

Mr. Smerznak

The meeting was called to order by Chairman King. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 6 members present, there is a quorum.

There was no call of the meeting but the Town Clerk will be notified to provide for future meetings.

Public Session

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

No one wished to address the Board, Mr. Delibero made a motion to close the Public Session. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)The public session was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes January 5, 2015

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting of January 5, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cassetti. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Presentation of Mayor's Budget FY 2015-2016

Mayor Casseti addressed the Board with his presentation of the very first proposed budget presented by the Mayor of the City of Ansonia. Mayor Casseti believed this should have always been done, and has embraced the project. The budget before the Board of Apportionment & Taxation will move the City forward while realizing a decrease of 1 mill. It has become apparent that the Citizens of Ansonia have been overtaxed with a general reserve fund of 17% of the City Budget. The Grand List of Ansonia has grown to over \$6,000,000. The floor was then turned over to Comptroller William Nimons to touch on the highlights of the Budget.

- This year's budget has a collection rate of 97% up from 96.5% from last year.
- A Capital Improvement Plan for 5 ½ years is in the works, this is something that should have been done years ago.
- This Budget is working with the current Education Grant numbers as the actual funding will not be available until later in the process.
- The City is instituting a 3% increase for the rent of the Probate Court and ATP Building along with a increase to the parking lot for Fitzpatrick's.
- The Town Clerk's fines are estimated to be increased.
- BOAT Contingency Settlement account will be \$314,405 for the Union Contracts.
- \$181,918 for the Old City Pension is built into this budget.
- C-Med is up this year at a rate of \$95,000.
- There is an estimated \$300,000 of give backs for City Hall Union Employees as well as a reduction in medical by \$250,000.
- There is a Safety Building and Dog Pound in the Mayor's budget and the Crossing Guards have been moved to the Board of Education.
- MERF is down \$41,000.

It was noted that the ECS is projected by the State and is determined by the wealth within your community. The City's Board of Education budget reflects 32% of the total Budget. This is a very good budget; every effort was made to give all departments what they needed. The plan is to have the Capital Improvements Plan for 5 ½ years go to the Taxpayers in November.

Mr. Izzo made a motion to address the items on the agenda first then return to scheduling the budget workshops. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication A Storm Juno

Mr. Izzo made a motion to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund Balance as Income into BOAT Contingency to cover expenses related to Storm Juno in the amount of \$78,020.00. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the transfer from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$78,020 to cover expense for Storm Juno as follows:

1-001-0301-12-614-0006	Special Operations	\$ 712.00
1-001-0301-12-120-0001	Overtime	2,600.00
1-001-0401-12-311-0002	Snow Duty	11,450.00
1-001-0555-13-860-0002	Meal Allowance	702.00
1-001-0555-13-120-0001	Overtime	24,161.00
1-001-0555-13-860-0001	Contractual Services	25,000.00
1-001-0555-13-430-0002	Equipment Repairs	6,557.00
1-001-0555-13-451-0001	Gasoline	1,037.00
1-001-0801-12-521-001	Expense Account	501.00
1-001-0801-12-111-0010	Ambulance Crew	4,900.00
1-001-0801-12-440-0005	Ambulance Maintenance	400.00

Mr. Izzo seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

ARMS \$6,717

Chief Heon addressed the Board that advising that the Ambulances are inspected and kept up to code including maintenance and tires. Tires for the Ambulance last approximately 18 months at a cost of \$5,000.

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,717 from BOAT Contingency into:

1-001-0801-12-440-0002	Preventative maintenance	\$1,717
1-001-0801-12-440-0005	Ambulance Maintenance	5,000

Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Zoning, Blight and Building \$46,777.21

Corporation Counsel Marini addressed the Board on the Blight Remediation status. The Department started the year with funds of which all were used.

Liens are placed on the property and the City is working on a policy to receive payments in prior to the sale of the property. The City would like to have a revolving fund, using the fees collected to continue the work. To date everyone is paid that has done work on these properties and the City is using the Public Works Department as much as possible to keep funding in the City.

Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve the transfer from the Reserve Fund Balance as income into BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$46,778.00. Mr. Delibero seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Mr. Izzo made a motion to transfer from BOAT Contingency in the amount of \$46,778.00 into:

1-001-0212-11-321-0001 Sheriff Fees	\$1,028.00
1-001-0212-11-241-0002 Education Blight	1,506.00
1-001-0212-11-612-0001 Computer	1,562.00
1-001-0212-11-620-0001 Dues	2,682.00
1-001-0212-11-443-0002 Blight Remediation	25,000.00
1-001-0212-11-120-0008 Blight Overtime	15,000.00

Mr. Delibero seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Union & Merit Salary Increase \$14,743

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$14,743 from Settlement Contingency 1-001-0200-11-811-0001 into:

1-001-0212-11-111-0001 Building Inspector	217.91
1-001-0212-11-111-0003 Electrical Inspector	90.81
1-001-0212-11-111-0004 Plumbing Inspector	90.81
1-001-0212-11-110-0001 Zoning Blight Officer	460.13
1-001-0212-11-111-0006 Zoning Secretary	152.91
1-001-0211-11-110-0001 City Engineer	193.08
1-001-0401-12-111-0001 Chief	61.00
1-001-0401-12-111-0002 Asst. Chief	122.00
1-001-0401-12-111-0008 Supt Fire Alarms	44.03
1-001-0401-12-111-0006 Sec/Bookkeeper	29.34
1-001-0400-12-111-0007 Asst Fire Marshal	88.02
1-001-0214-17-111-0001 Ranger I	127.05
1-001-0214-17-111-0001 Ranger II	139.53
1-001-0214-17-111-0001 Ranger III	304.61
1-001-0214-17-111-0002 Custodian	111.03
1-001-0301-12-111-0001 Crossing Guards I	192.19

1-001-0301-12-111-0001	Crossing Guards II	230.63
1-001-0301-12-111-0001	Crossing Guards III	384.46
	Main Assistant	121.07
	Facilities Attendant I	106.98
	Facilities Attendant II	110.83
1-001-0555-13-110-0001	Facilities Attendant III	242.35
1-001-0555-13-110-0001	Superintendent	713.96
1-001-0801-12-111-0010	EMT Supervisor	1,057.64
1-001-0801-12-111-0010	EMT Driver	3,752.99
1-001-0801-12-111-0007	Chief Driver	14.65
1-001-0801-12-111-0001	Director	650.00
1-001-0216-11-110-0003	Mayor's Admin Aide	313.17
1-001-0201-11-111-0001	Corp Counsel	269.01
1-001-0216-11-110-0006	Chief Admin Aide	720.00
1-001-0201-11-110-0003	Grant Writer	850.00
1-001-0802-11-110-0002	Asst. Town & City Clerk	1,219.40
1-001-0215-11-231-0001	Social Security	1,008.42
1-001-0201-11-221-0001	Pension Fund/City Emp	553.00

Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

2015-2016 Budget Workshop Schedules

The Board determined that meeting Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates would work for most:

Feb 11th

Feb 18th

Feb 23rd

Feb 25th

March 2nd (prior to regular meeting)

The Board will meet on the 11th to review the current Mayor's Budget then will meet with Police, Fire and ARMS on the 18th

Public Works and Board of Education on the 23rd

And the remainder meetings scheduled can be used to meet with other departments upon request. Ms. Blackwell made a motion to accept the agreed upon budget workshops. Mr. Delibero seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

With no other business to come before the Board Ms. Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Delibero seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
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Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation