

Board of Apportionment & Taxation
City of Ansonia

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider requests for new appropriations where funds are available to various departments. And any other business to come before said Board.

Members Present

Mr. Cassetti
Mr. Duffus
Mr. Lopez
Mr. Smerznak
Mr. Veillette
Mr. King

Members Absent

Ms. Blackwell

The meeting was called to order being chaired by Mr. King. The Board rose for the pledge to the flag. The record shows 6 members present. There is a quorum.

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Roy Tidmarsh, who served on this Board for many years.

Chairman King introduced and welcomed Mr. Duffus newest member of BOAT.

Mr. Cassetti made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

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 the public session was closed. (7:07 p.m.)

Minutes

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting both the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Cassetti seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication #1 Police Department Overtime

Chief Hale addressed the Board regarding the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for Overtime expenses. After reviewing his request he would like to propose that the amount be cut in half to \$50,000. Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation as follows:

<u>Line Item #</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
1-001-0301-12-120-0001 Overtime	\$50,000	
1-001-0301-12-223-0001 MERF	7,490	
1-001-0215-11-231-0001 Social Security	725	
1-001-0200-11-812-0001 BOAT Contingency		\$58,215.00

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

Communication #2 Police Department Private Duty

Chief Hale advised the Board that Private Duty is an Increase to the Revenue and Expense side of the budget with an additional 20% collected for administrative fees. Currently 4-5 officers are out 5-6 days a week in Ansonia and some surrounding Towns.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the requesting to increase the following revenue and expense line items:

<u>Line Item #</u>	<u>Amount Increased</u>
1-001-0301-12-140-0001 Private Duty Expense	\$ 100,000
1-001-0301-12-223-0001 MERF	16,010
1-001-0215-11-231-0001 Social Security	3,990
2-001-0308-12-010-0001 Private Duty Fees	120,000

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

Communication #3 Animal Fund \$1,455

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to increase the revenue line item 2-001-0307-11-010-0009 Animal Fund \$1,455 and the expense line item 1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Animal Fund \$1,455. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication #4 Cancelled Class Refund \$900

Mr. Duffus made a motion to approve the request for a transfer in the amount of \$900 from 1-001-0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses into 1-001-0301-12-241-0004 Training to cover the cancelled class refund. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication #5 Ansonia Nature Center \$700

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to increase both the revenue and expense side of the budget for the IMLS Museum Community Round Trip Project. Line Item 1-001-0850-11-800-0202 by \$700 and 2-001-0305-17-010-0202 by \$700. Mr. Cassetti seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication #6 UI Grant \$20,000

Comptroller Nimmons advised the Board that the funds were received for the UI Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Cassetti made a motion to approve the request to increase line item 1-001-850-11-800-0206 by \$20,000 and line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0206 by \$20,000. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication #7 Town Clerk \$3,523

Town Clerk Ms. Waugh addressed the Board with three bids to purchase new furniture for the Town Clerk's Office. The current furniture is a hazard and should be replaced. Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,523 from BOAT Contingency 1-001-0200-11-812-0001 into Office Furniture 1-001-0802-11-461-0001. Mr. Duffus seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (6 yes)

Communication #8 City Government \$2,000

Chairman King advised the Board that the City currently has five sheriffs working with the City who do not have any formal form of identification. The request before them this evening is to provide these sheriffs with proper City ID's as well as business cards and maybe an outer jacket to identify they are a City Organization.

Mr. Lopez questioned if the City ever thought of purchasing a badge/ID machine outright for use throughout the City. Mr. Veillette requested a letter be sent to the Grant Writer and Board of Aldermen requesting the City look into writing a Grant for such a purchase. A letter will go to both the Grant Writer and the Board of Aldermen and Chairman King will follow up with an explanation at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve the request to fund \$2,000 from BOAT Contingency 1-001-0200-11-812-0001 into 1-001-0201-11-580-0027 Sheriff Supplies. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (5 yes, 1 abstain Mr. King)

Informational Items

Senior Center Transfers \$900
Ansonia Center Transfers \$100
Mayor's Office Transfers \$12,500

The Board decided to keep the meeting on the 8th on the agenda to begin discussions related to the budget. The Mayor's Budget is being delayed because the City has just completed settlement on three contracts along with some major changes to insurance coverage. All of this as well as the budget at the State level not be completed has delayed the BOAT from receiving the budget as expected.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation

Enc/Letter to BOA Grant Writer