Minutes
Board of Finance
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Vice Chairman Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Mark Thompson, Nancy Onofrio and Michele Pavlik.
Not present: Trisha Danka and Jim Simpson.
Other present: Finance Director Doug Thomas, Paul Roy, Paul Wetowitz, Paul Beres, Frank Loda, and First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.
Vice Chairman Bill Paecht calls the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Seating of Alternates.
None.

ITEM # 4 – Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 5 – First Selectman’s Comments.
Motion to move to the bottom of the agenda.
Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Nancy Onofrio
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Transfers.
Motion to place on the table discussion of Control # 22 – Police Department transfer of $23,800.00 with Captain Paul Beres.
Motion: Michele Pavlik Second: Peter Jezierny
Vote: 5-Yes 0-no 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Captain Paul Beres explains that this transfer is needed to purchase a new police vehicle and the funds are available from the Education line item from the Police Department due to many police officers being out of work in the fiscal year of 2008/2009 and did not have the training and education. There was not money put in the budget for 2009/2010 for any new vehicles.

Michele Pavlik requests a list of the dates, time periods and names of the officers that were out and a detailed list of the education that was not utilized by those officers. Peter Jezierny points out that the vehicle line item was depleted in the 2008/2009 budget year, which was approximately $92,000.00 and three vehicles were purchased.

Motion to approve Control # 22 from the Police Department for $23,800.00 from Education Meetings & Seminars acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-350 and into Machinery & Equipment – Cars acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-745 for the purchase of a new police vehicle.
No Motion made.

Motion to table Control # 22 transfer for the Police Department for $23,800.00 until a detailed report in writing is provided to explain the overage in the Education account for the Police Department.

Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Nancy Onofrio

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Control # 23 transfer for Parks for the amount of $5,500.00 from Water acct # 1-001-450-5220-635-411 into General Supplies acct # 1-001-450-5220-635-610 to be used towards the purchase of security lighting for parks and a link to the new police surveillance system. Overage in water account due to the large amount of rain storms this year. Additional moneys have been applied through grant requests. There are no quotes yet because the Parks Commission will be going out to bid.

Motion: Michele Pavlik Second: Nancy Onofrio

Vote: 4-Yes (Peter Jezierny, Michele Pavlik, Nancy Onofrio, Mark Thompson) 0-No 1-Abstain (Bill Paecht) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Control # 24 transfer for the Fire Marshal for the amount of $18,500.00 from Salary Regular employee acct # 1-001-420-2230-560-110 for $7,000.00 and from Health Insurance acct # 1-001-410-1550-560-560-21 for $4,800.00 and from Purchased Service Garbage acct # 1-001-430-3230-590-426 for $6,700.00 and into Water – Fire Hydrants acct # 1-001-420-2230-560-411 for $18,500.00 to pay the water company and water authority bills for the fire hydrants in Town. Funds were taken out of that account to purchase the new Fire Marshal vehicle and the water rates went up as well as more hydrants put in.

Motion: Michele Pavlik Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Control # 25 transfer for the Highways Dept for the amount of $9,190.00 from Purchased Service Garbage acct # 1-001-430-3230-590-426 into Trees account # 1-001-430-3110-570-424 for tree service to various parks, French park stump grinding, take down and removal of 2 Hemlock trees and take down and removal of 4 Hemlock trees at French park.

Motion: Michele Pavlik Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Control # 26 for the Police Department for the amount of $1,100.00 from the Electricity acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-622 into Oil acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-624 to cover an additional oil delivery in late June 2009.

Motion: Michele Pavlik Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Correspondence.
- Letter from the Finance Department to All Vendors dated 7/16/09 concerning Town of Seymour policy to have a purchase order for all purchases from all departments.

ITEM # 8 – Approval of Minutes from meeting on 6/23/09.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Finance meeting on 6/23/09.

Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Michele Pavlik

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
ITEM # 9 – Financial Reports.
Doug Thomas, Finance Director: There are not a lot of changes since last financial reports. The Finance Department is working on year end reconciling and bank statement reconciling. There has been 99.54% of property tax collection so far.

Michele Pavlik: Asks if there was any response from the Board of Education on the approximately $300,000 deficit in the 2008/2009 budget year. Doug Thomas states that the Board of Education will pay $1,100.00 towards the deficit.

Mark Thompson: Asks about the approximately $1,000,000 deficit in the entire budget. Doug Thomas states that almost $1,000,000 is due to Fund Balance and the rest is the shortfall in revenues from the Board of Education.

ITEM # 10 – Other Business.
Motion to get an update from Doug Thomas, Finance Director on the Audit.
Motion: Michele Pavlik  Second: Nancy Onofrio
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Doug Thomas, Finance Director: States that the Auditor was here in early June to do internal control testing and will be back in September and October to close the books and do the bank statement reconciliation. States that the Finance Department has been more efficient in their procedures, which is making it an easier process this year.

Motion to place First Selectman's Comments back onto the Agenda.
Motion: Peter Jezierny  Second: Nancy Onofrio
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman: Last week the Town went to get their rating because we will be short term borrowing 2.6 million for the Chatfield LoPresti project and for the High School project. The reason for the short term borrowing is because the rates are less than 1% and bonding is much higher. The Town also does not want to bond the whole amount for the Chatfield LoPresti project until the State officially approves the funding for the project. The Town's rating has not come back as of yet.
The First Selectman states that Economic Development is doing well in the Town and there are several business coming in and have submitted plans. He also states that the train station may be getting redone and he has met with Haynes concerning the connector road project. He states that the Economic Development Department has been aggressive in trying to bring new business into Town.

ITEM # 11 – Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 12 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 7:54PM.
Motion: Peter Jezierny  Second: Michele Pavlik
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify
Respectfully submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

VIA EMAIL

Bill Paecht,
Vice Chairman