Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance  

Minutes  

Budget Deliberations  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00pm  
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall  

Members Present: Aileen Baldwin, Jim Cretella, Zani Imetovski, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Richard Demko (alternate)  

Members Absent: None  

Others Present: Stephan Behuniak, Joseph Cronin, Jr., Clay Jurgens, Jim Forsyth, Mike Konwerski, John Lovisolo, Ehlayna Napolitano, and Doug Thomas  

Item #1 – Call to order  
Chairman Bill Sawicki called the deliberations to order at 7:00pm.  

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance  
Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  

Item #3 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2016/2017 Budget  
The Board of Finance discussed the following department’s budget:  

- **Fire Marshal** – presented by Paul Wetowitz  
  o Salaries are by union contracts; overtime was reduced  
  o Education – need to maintain certifications  
  o Water bills – letter from Aquarion is attached; Aquarion has changed to monthly billing  
  o Paul was not very sure of the numbers for water and hydrant charges estimates  
  o Paul Wetowitz and Doug Thomas will get together and confer with Aquarion to arrive at firm estimates for these items. Also, per Bill Sawicki, they will redo this budget to be in the same format as all other budgets presented; some items in this budget the town pays for  
  o Paul will return next Wednesday, 2/24/16 to present revised budget  

- **Inlands/Wetlands** – presented by Paul Wetowitz and James Forsyth  
  o Largest increase is for additional enforcement officer (per Board of Selectmen) – 8 hrs/week/officer  
  o Budget given to Board of Finance is not correct. Many line items are incorrect.  
    - Aileen Baldwin made a motion to table discussion of this budget until next Wednesday, 2/24/16 which was seconded by Heather McDaniel. All were in favor.  

- **Seymour Ambulance**  
  o Budget received by the Board of Finance was incorrect.  
    - Aileen Baldwin made a motion to table discussion of this budget until next Wednesday, 2/24/16 which was seconded by Zani Imetovski. All were in favor.  

- **Fire Department** – presented by Fire Chief John Cronin, Jr. and Clay Jurgens (Fire Commissioner)  
  o Line Item 105 and 110 combined  
  o Line 120 Clerk position is vacant but will hire someone this year
o Line 125 and 220 are the same
o Line 340 Purchase Professional Services – EAP had a slight increase
o Line 350 Education – increase in certification education (due to state cuts)
o Line 430 Repairs & Maintenance – increase is mostly truck related expenses
o Line 530 Communications – increase due to things moved from other areas of budget where they didn’t belong
o Line 615 Clothing – need to replace 10-12 pieces per year
o Line 622, 624, 626 – Electricity, Heating Fuel, and Gas & Diesel – use town contract prices – these numbers are estimates
o Line 720 – Building Improvements – largest item is a request for funds to install video cameras for firehouse
o Line 740 Equipment Capital -- is for (mandatory) replacing of airpack bottles (currently have 120) and need to replace 30-40 per year @ about $900 – applied for grant to defray costs
o Line 743 – OSHA (mandatory) repairs

Public Works and Parks Departments need to present their budgets by March 2nd at the LATEST. Doug will check to see when they can come to do this.

Item #4– Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Submitted by:
Monica Dimon
Recording Secretary