Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Jim Cretella Zani Imetovski, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma

Members Absent: Aileen Baldwin, Richard Demko (alternate)

Others Present: Anthony Caserta, Tony DiPrimo, Geri Evans, Susan McMahon, Bill Paecht, Doug Thomas, and Sean Walsh

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order
Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

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

Item #3 – Seating of Alternates
None

Item #4 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2017/2018 Budget
The Board of Finance discussed the following department’s budget:

❖ Parks Department – presented by Bill Paecht
  o Bill Sawicki is member of Parks Department
  o Water rates have increased
  o Trees – many were removed last year, this year we need to remove the stumps; also another 10 trees are needed to be removed
  o Backstops – at the parks – 14 need to be replaced this year – this is a safety issue – cost is $1,500 each
  o Porta-potties taken from the high school need to be put back
  o Eliminated $2,400 for cleaning of the bathrooms, the summer seasonal employees will do
  o Supplies – need to get goose repellant
  o Electricity increase – due to Broad Street and French Park additional needs
  o Machinery – will be looking at buying new lawnmowers this year or next year – cost is $30,000 each

❖ Public Works – presented by Sean Walsh
  o The seasonal employees have been invaluable; they allow much more work to be done – will have four this year
  o Snow – based on five year average
  o Tree account – increase of $10,000 needed; additional roadside cutting
  o Repairs & Maintenance – reduced maintenance costs; have 8 trucks total
○ Transfer Station – need to have a second employee – safety reasons
○ Brush cutting – need to sub out; very heavy work; additional $12,000
○ Doug will create a new line item for this called “Brush Cutting” with a budget of $12,000
○ Everyone commended Tony DiPrimo on an excellent job this year streamlining the Public Works Department; many positive changes; informative reports
○ Street Lighting project is moving forward
○ Currently have 17 Public Works employees; 20 would be ideal for the future; even if increase by just one person per year. The department should put down on paper any ideas for needs for employees and/or storage and space.

Item #5- Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:
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