

MINUTES
Board of Finance
Tuesday, March 23, 2010 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Len Greene, Bill Sawicki, Kristen Harmeling, Nancy Onofrio, Peter Jezierny.

Others present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Frank Loda, Jeanne Loda, Ron Skurat, Doug Thomas, Rick Belden, James George, Debra Ice, Maryanne Mascolo, John Stelma, Michelle Walsh, and Chief Metzler.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Mark Thompson.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Seating of Alternates.

None.

Motion to move item # 11a Review Audit with Auditor James George up on the agenda.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Bill Sawicki

Vote: 6-Yes (Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki, Nancy Onofrio, Peter

Jezierny, Len Greene) 1-No (Kristen Harmeling) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

James George, Auditor: Discusses the Management letter and GASB45. There is also a lengthy discussion concerning the audit. General Fund Balance is 2.5 million dollars. The Management letter contains specific concerns that the Auditor had found and documented. The Auditor would like to begin the audit in May for this year.

ITEM # 4 – Public Comment.

Ingrid Conlon, 73 Brookfield Road: Would like the Board to note her displeasure for the action that was taken last night in only giving the Board of Education a \$500,000 increase. She states that the Board of Education has been cut too much over the past few years. A letter is submitted to the Board.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Has made several requests for information to the Finance Department and the Board of Finance and would like the information that he has asked for.

ITEM # 5 – First Selectman Comments.

- Discusses reasoning behind proposed tax increase of 2 mills. Mark would like a priority list from the First Selectman.
- Tells the Board that the Town of Seymour will finally be receiving the Town Aid to Roads from the State.

Second: Bill Sawicki

Vote: 5-Yes (Mark Thompson, Bill Sawicki, Bill Paecht, Nancy Onofrio, Peter Jezierny) 0-No 2-Abstain (Len Greene, Kristen Harmeling) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 – Finance Directors Report.

Doug Thomas: Reports that the Town will be receiving the Town Road Aid from the State of approximately \$110,000.00. Discussed need for status list on all grants applied for, amount and status.

ITEM # 11 – Other Business.

Kristen Harmeling: Gives Board members a mill rate calculation sheet that she would like distributed at the Public Hearing on 4/8/10. She would also like to know how the Board plans to present the budget. She would like to see a power point presentation. The Board members discuss the process of the public hearing, which will be held on the 8th of April, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Middle School Auditorium.

ITEM # 12 – Budget Discussions and possible vote on various departmental, boards and commissions budgets.

Tabled at beginning of meeting.

ITEM # 13 – Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 14 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40PM.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Len Greene

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**