

MINUTES
Board of Finance
Annual Budget Hearing
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 @ 7:00PM
Seymour Middle School

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Michele Pavlik, Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Nancy Onofrio, Mark Thompson, and Jim Simpson.

Others present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Finance Director Doug Thomas, Assistant Finance Director Tony Caserta, Superintendent Maryanne Mascolo, Assistant Superintendent Rick Belden, Associate Superintendent Christine Syriac, Bruce Baker, Frank Loda, Jeanne Loda, Lucy McConologue, Dennis Rozum, Kurt Miller, Esther Rozum, Ed Wasikowski, Dianna Koskelowski, Brian Koskelowski, Paul Sponheimer, Al Yagovane, Barbara Wilhelmy, John & Polly Putorti, John Leon, Bill Kovacs, Paul Roy, Fred Stanek, Eileen Faustich, Jara Ciocca, Christine Harrison, Tara Petrino, David Wane, Steve Marchetti, Michael Severino, Bernadette Hamat, Michael Oberdick, Mary Sue Feige, Cathy Goodrich, Jo-ann Dilley, Rebecca Trzaski, Basilla Stevens, Patricia Sabatini, Jennifer Batterton, David Olechna, Alison Brett, Jen Karpovich, Jo-ann DelPrete, S.J. Gesek, Rosemary Necio, Pam Scinto, Holly Rickel, Debra Julian, Carl McLaughlin, Joanna Mays, Noelle Milano, Kelly Grimme, Ron Grimme, Joan Rinkewith, Barbara Eighmie, Allison Acquavella, Kelly Garofalo, Deborah Bennett, Shawn Filipowich, Gerry Eckhardt, Anna Scribano, Barbara & George Junko, Aaryn Baker, Joe Signorile, Allison & Tom Cunningham, Wendy Sebas, Patricia Boyle, Steven Boyle, Tom Flanin, Carol Sypriewski, Fatina Nika, May Leon, Heather Edwards, Patty Zehall, Kristen Bruno, Alfred Bruno, Mary Demik, Debi Molfese, Vivien LaChance, Jaclyn Freddino, Michelle Proto, Laura Cafarelli, Angel McAuliffe, Jennifer Forin, Brian Cleveland, Kari Glidden, Carlos & Miriam Vidal, Darlene O'Callaghan.

- The Annual Budget Hearing was opened by Board of Finance Chairman Trisha Danka at 7:10PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trisha Danka, Chairman Board of Finance: Begins by stating that the goal for the Board of Finance was to have a 0% tax increase for the residents of the Town of Seymour, but they managed a very minimal increase of 0.28 mill that they worked tirelessly on, which they have managed to not eliminate any Town Services or programs. They have also managed to have no layoffs on the Town side. The Board of Education along with most Town Departments all came in with a 0% increase from last year's budget. Unfortunately there has been a decrease in revenues, which include home values declined, lower interest rates on investments, applications/permits down due to economic development slump and loss of Oxford tuition. Legal obligations have also increased, which include salary and benefits and the cost of goods and services have also increased due to the economy. There has been a spending freeze implemented by the First Selectman throughout the Town Departments. The Senior Tax Freeze is remaining at its current level, also there are no new capital projects, and no new borrowing. There is a deficit predicted for the current year and we are hoping to offset that with the spending freeze. The Board members have provided a "Tax Increase Analysis for FY 2009-2010 Budget" for anyone interested in seeing what a 0.28 mill increase will mean for their taxes. The Board of Finance would like to thank everyone for their hard work and they also thank all in attendance.

Public Comment:
NONE

- Public Hearing is closed at 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary