

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 7:00pm  
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** David Bitso, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, and John Stelma

**Members Absent:** Rich Grudzias and Ed Wasikowski

**Others Present:** Doug Thomas

**Item #1 – Call Meeting to order**

Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #3 – Seating of Alternates**

None

**Item #4 – Public Comment**

None

**Item #5 – Approval of Minutes—October 28, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve Minutes from October 28, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion: David Bitso

Second: John Stelma

Yes: 4

No: 0

Abstain: 1 (David Bitso)

**Item #6 – Approval of Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2015**

Meeting dates for 2015:

1-27-15	7-28-15
2-24-15	8-25-15
3-24-15	9-22-15
4-28-15	10-27-15
5-26-15	11-24-15
6-23-15	12-22-15

Motion to approve above meeting dates for Board of Finance Regular Meetings

Motion: David Bitso

Second: Heather McDaniel

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Item #7 – Comments from the First Selectman**

None

**Item #8 –Report from the Finance Director**

- The auditors are done with their field work.
- There will be several transfers coming up: Town Buildings - Repairs & Maintenance; Town Counsel; Town Engineer; Sewer Fees
- Good terms were negotiated for the Supervisors Union Contract; the Clerical and Public Works contract will be done soon also.
- Bill Sawicki asked if there was any decision on the shifting away from the state pension plan. This was supposed to be a focal point of the contract negotiations. This is to ease the burden on the town finances.
- Regarding the Garbage and Recycling Contracts: Bill Sawicki asked the following questions:
  - Is there an appropriation clause on this contract? If the town chooses not to fund it is it possible to cancel without penalty? The town needs a safety net if we can't fund it.
  - Why was the Board of Finance not apprised of this contract before it was approved? It is unconscionable that a decision was made for a contract of this amount of money without even consulting or notifying the Board of Finance. In the future, the Board of Finance should be notified.
  - David Bitso asked if this was a one or five year contract. Doug Thomas said that Latella sold the garbage contract to Winter Brothers and Winter Brothers negotiated the contract to include the recycling deal also. It was for a five year contract. Any major contract should include the Finance Director's input. Bill Sawicki asked why he was excluded from the negotiations. Bill also asked where the cost savings breakdown information was, and if this contract was reviewed by Town Counsel. Are there termination clauses?

**Item #9 – Transfer Requests**

Transfer #1 – Board of Finance – FROM: Contingency TO: Professional Services Auditing \$3,300.00  
Transfer needed to cover additional cost of auditing contract. Budget passed before auditing contract was awarded.

Motion to approve above transfer.

Motion: David Bitso	Second: Beverly Kennedy
Yes: 5	No: 0
	Abstain: 0

**Item #10 – New Business**

- Heather McDaniel said that she was never contacted regarding her appointment to the Community Relations and Communications Advisory Committee for the Board of Education. She will reach out to Yashu Putorti via e-mail.

**Item #11 – Correspondence**

- We did receive a grant from the state for \$2 million for new bleachers and artificial turf for the high school
- Bill Sawicki received a letter from Rick Belden regarding a humidity problem detected at the Middle School. This looks like it will most likely be a Capital Budget Request as the money probably wouldn't be included in the Board of Education's regular budget. Heather McDaniel asked if the Board of Education

is pursuing any investigations with the contractors as part of a warranty. Most likely it has been too long for a warranty issue.

**Item #12 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: David Bitso

Second: Beverly Kennedy

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Submitted by:

***Monica Dimon***

***Recording Secretary***