

**Town of Seymour
Board of Finance**

Minutes

**Tuesday, January 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

Members present: Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki, Peter Jezierny, Michelle Walsh, Jay Hatfield and Kristen Harmeling

Others present: Paul Roy, Doug Thomas, Frank Loda, Tony Caserta, Joan Gee, Harry Marks, Wayne Finkle, Saundra Gesek, Evelyn Molner, Phil Wilhelmy, Missy Orosz, Jack Ahearn, Clayton Jargens, Carol Ralson, Mary Skuret, Ron Skuret, James Garofalo, H. Simpson, P. Satkowski, Robert Koskelowski and Colleen Fries

Item # 1 – Call meeting to order

The Vice Chairman, Bill Paecht opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Item # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item # 3 – Filling Vacancy on the Board of Finance

Vice Chairman, Bill Paecht asked for any nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Finance.

Motion to nominate Bob Koskelowski as a new member.

Motion: Michelle Walsh

Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 4

No: 2

0: Abstain

Item # 4 – Swearing in of New Member by Justice of the Peace

Mr. Jay Hatfield swore Mr. Robert Koskelowski in as a new member.

Item # 5 – Election of New Chairman

The Vice Chairman, Bill Paecht asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Finance.

Motion to nominate Robert Kosklowski as Chairman of the Board of Finance

Motion: Peter Jezierny

Second: Jay Hatfield

Vote: 4

No: 2

1: Abstain

Robert Koskelowski

Item # 6 – Seating of Alternates

No seating of alternates

Item # 7 – Public Comment

Paul Roy – 80 Washington Ave. and First Selectman

Mr. Roy asked the BOF to seriously consider sending the resolutions to the town for vote as is. Mr. Roy stated that these items would be handled without increasing tax base and will be financed using our debt service without increasing the debt service. Mr. Roy also expressed that these resolutions would help the town move forward in improvements.

Missy Orosz – Chestnut Street

Ms. Orosz spoke to the board regarding statements made at the last BOF meeting regarding the tennis program. She said that there were many inaccuracies stated regarding the tennis program.

Tom Eighmie – 50 Laurel Lane, Chairman of the Communications Commission

Mr. Eighmie asked the board to consider the importance of the discussion on the bond resolutions especially the replacement of emergency services communication equipment located in the Seymour Police Department used to dispatch, radio logging and telephone system interface. He noted that recently there was a catastrophic failure of the console at the Police Department.

Phil Wilhemy – 161 Maple St.

Mr. Wilhemy asked the board to consider the bond resolutions as part of fiscal responsibility and not as need. The fiscal responsibility shows no new debt no new taxes and would ask

the board to not change the resolutions and let them go to referendum for the Town of Seymour decided.


Joan Gee – 5 Basset Road, Chairman on the Commission on Aging

Ms. Gee asked the BOF to take a very close look at Commission on Aging department. She stated that she is disgusted with the Commission on Aging. She stated that there is nothing going on at the Senior Center and many seniors utilize other town's Senior Centers.

James Garofalo – 160 Bungay Road

Mr. Garofalo asked the BOF to look at the resolutions as improvements to the community not as much as dollars and cents. He also asked the BOF to support the bond resolutions proposed by the Board of Selectman and to put the proposal forward to the community as a separate proposal and give it due consideration and publicity. He asked the board to let the people decide.

Item # 8 – Discuss and take possible action on Bond Resolutions as approved by Board of Selectman

Motion to accept Item ~~1~~ – Various Town Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions. (See attached) 

Motion: Kristen Harmeling
Yes: 2


Second: Bill Sawicki
No: 4

1: Abstain
Robert Koskelowski

Motion to accept Item 2 – Various Emergency Services Equipment Acquisitions and Improvements. (See attached) 

Motion: Bill Paecht
Yes: 5


Second: Kristen Harmeling
No: 2 0: Abstain

Motion to accept Item 3 – Seymour High School Field Bleacher Replacement. (See attached) 

Motion: Kristen Harmeling
Yes: 4

Second: Bill Paecht
No: 3 0: Abstain

Motion to accept Item 4 – Improvements to Various Town Buildings. (See attached)

Motion: Bill Paecht 
Yes: 0

Second: Kristen Harmeling
No: 7 0: Abstain

Motion was made to recommend returning Item 4 (a) back to the Board of Selectman to add the full price of roof repair at Seymour Public Works Department garage.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Bill Sawicki

Yes: 5

No: 1

1: Abstain

Michelle Walsh

Motion to accept Item 5 – Bunting Road and Garden City Areas Road Improvements. (See attached)

Motion: Kristen Harmeling

Second: Bill Paecht

Yes: 2

No: 5

0: Abstain

Item # 9 – Comments from the Chairman

Mr. Koskelowski thanked the BOF for appointing him to the BOF.

Item # 10 – Comments from the First Selectman

Mr. Paul Roy, First Selectman reported that he has been meeting with all boards and commissions to review budgets and stated that all departments will be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Roy asked that the order of the Feb. 10, 2011 budget workshop meeting be changed.

Item # 11 – Report from the Finance Director

Mr. Doug Thomas, Finance Director reported that not much had changed since the last meeting on January 11, 2011.

Motion to add the Recreation Director to the agenda

Motion: Jay Hatfield

Second: Peter Jezierny

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Mr. Jack Ahearn reported that there was an error on the last Recreation Department financial report presented at the January 11, 2011 BOF meeting. He stated that the correct amount was \$19,784.00 taken in for the summer camp and funds to attend Roller Magic.

Item # 12 – Discussion of up coming budget workshops

Kristen Harmeling would like to see another public comment added at the end of BOF meetings. She would like to give the residents the opportunity to speak after BOF discussions. Mrs. Harmeling also spoke regarding implementing a two minute rule during public comment. She mentioned that there should be an exception for Chairman's of any boards or commissions.

Item # 13 – Transfer Requests

Motion to approve Ctrl. 5 – Fire Department transfer \$5,000 from Purchased professional services, \$3,000 from Building improvements to Repairs and Maintenance – \$8,000
Transfer \$1,500 from Building improvements to General supplies - \$1,500

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Jay Hatfield

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to approve Ctrl. 6 – Public Works Department transfer from Contingency account \$80,000 to Snow plowing materials - \$40,000 and Overtime snow plowing - \$40,000

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Kristen Harmeling

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item # 14 – New Business

No new business.

Item # 15 – Correspondence

Mr. Sawicki read a letter from Al Bruno regarding the Board of Selectman's decision to approve a part time Economic Director or Consultant.

Item # 16 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Peter Jezierny

Yes: 7

No: 0

0 – Abstain

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Submitted by:

Kelly Breault
Recording Secretary

RESOLUTIONS OF BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF SEYMOUR 2011 CAPITAL PROGRAM BOND AUTHORIZATIONS
January 26, 2011

Item 8 (Various Town Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$687,000 for costs related to the acquisition of various Town vehicles and related equipment, including: (a) for use by the Public Works Department, two Mason Body dump trucks and related equipment (estimated cost \$150,000), a John Deere loader and related equipment (estimated cost \$130,000), a heavy-duty full-size dump truck equipped for snow plowing (estimated cost \$170,000), and a second heavy-duty full-size dump truck equipped for snow plowing (estimated cost \$150,000), (b) for use by the Parks Department, a Ford Super Duty 4x4 rack truck equipped with snow plows, emergency lighting, and an oversized power lift (estimated cost \$74,000), and (c) costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$13,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$687,000 to finance the appropriation.

Item 9 (Various Emergency Services Equipment Acquisitions and Improvements).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$1,366,000 for costs with respect to various emergency services equipment acquisitions and improvements, including (a) acquisition of self contained breathing apparatus to comply with safety codes for front line fire fighting safety for use by the Citizens Engine Company No. 2 and the Great Hill Hose Company (estimated cost \$300,000); (b) acquisition of two general use utility vehicles equipped for immediate emergency response, one each to be used by Citizens Engine Company No. 2 and the Great Hill Hose Company (estimated cost \$90,000); (c) acquisition of a full-service rescue truck and related equipment for use by the Citizens Engine Company No. 2 (estimate cost \$600,000); (d) replacement of emergency services communication equipment located in the Seymour Police Department used to dispatch, radio logging, and telephone system interface (estimated cost \$275,000), (e) installation of a simulcast radio system to coordinates simultaneous broadcasts from multiple emergency responder transmitters in overlapping areas (estimated cost \$75,000), and (f) costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$26,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,366,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the projects and to reduce or modify the projects, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the projects as so reduced or modified.

Item 8 (Seymour High School Field Bleachers Replacement).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$428,000 for costs related to replacement of the Seymour High School field bleachers, and related improvements and equipment (estimated cost \$420,000), and costs related

to the financing thereof (estimated at \$8,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$428,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen, or any building committee or committees established from time-to-time by the Board of Selectmen for the projects and so delegated such authority, shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

Item 8 (Improvements to Various Town Buildings).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$357,000 for costs related to improvements to various Town buildings, including (a) replacement of the roof on the Seymour Public Works Department Garage on Derby Avenue, and related work and improvements (estimated cost \$50,000), (b) installation of a new boiler and heating system at the Seymour Community Center at 20 Pine Street, and related work and improvements (estimated cost \$150,000), (c) implementation of the Energy Committee's plans to convert Town buildings into energy and cost-efficient structures (estimated cost \$150,000); and (d) costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$7,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$357,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the projects and to reduce or modify the projects, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the projects as so reduced or modified.

Item 8 (Bunting Road and Garden City Areas Road Improvements).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$306,000 for costs related to road improvements on approximately seven miles of roads in the Bunting Road and Garden City areas, as to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, and related improvements, work and appurtenances and any related land or easement acquisitions (estimated at \$300,000), and costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$6,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$306,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.
