

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

Minutes

Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 7:00pm  
Flaherty Room, Seymour Town Hall

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

**Members Absent:** None

**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**

Jay Holly was sworn in as an Alternate

**Item #4 – Public Comment**

None

**Item #5 – Approval of Minutes—December 23, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve Minutes from December 23, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion: Heather McDaniel                      Second: David Bitso  
Yes: 6                      No: 0                      Abstain: 1 (Rich Grudzias)

**Item #6 – Approval of Budget Workshop Meeting Dates for 2015**

Motion to approve attached meeting dates for Budget Workshop Meetings 2015

Motion: Beverly Kennedy                      Second: David Bitso  
Yes: 7                      No: 0                      Abstain: 0

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

None

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

- Audit report has been distributed.
- Congratulations on our CAFR. We are the first in the valley to achieve.
- Accident at the Citizen's Engine Company – will have some expenses to pay out; Bill Sawicki said to make sure none of these hit the appropriation lines.
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- The Audit showed:
  - Material weakness in financial reporting.
  - Bank reconciliations did not agree with general ledger balances. This is very serious. For next month's meeting we need to know which accounts were affected and by what amounts, why this happened, and how many months they were off.
  - Management letter was attached with some other issues including the workers comp reporting being off. For next month's meeting, we need a response as to what exactly is being done to correct each of these items.

**Item #9 – Transfer Requests**

None

**Item #10 – New Business**

- Bill Sawicki had posed three questions to the Board of Education (asking for a 1.16 Million increase) which were answered in the attached handout.
  - What accounts for the contract increases?
  - Tuition – how many children are we talking about? What is the cost? Is there a padding (estimate of how many children we may have) included in this number?
  - Personnel – how many people are retiring? Does the budget include these people and/or their replacements?
- Bill Sawicki would like the First Selectman to present his budget during the first week, not the last. We would like to see his budget and initiatives.
- Could we possibly work towards a mill rate reduction or a zero increase? Is it do-able?
- Did the Seymour Lumber pay all of their back taxes or make a deal? Will need to find out.
- Can we consolidate any of the departments? Recreation? Elderly? Not sure yet.
- In researching the Termination /Non-Appropriation Clauses for the Garbage/Recycling contracts, they are NOT going to be putting these into the contracts. This is part of the agreement made with Winters Brothers. Need to find out WHY these are not there. What are the terms?

**Item #11 – Correspondence**

None

**Item #12 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Rich Grudzias

Second: John Stelma

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Submitted by:

**Monica Dimon**

**Recording Secretary**