

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

Minutes

Budget Deliberation Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Rich Grudzias, Beverly Kennedy, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Jake Holly (alternate)

Members Absent: David Bitso, Heather McDaniel, Ed Wasikowski

Others Present: Priscilla Altorelli, Dana Flach, Joe Kusiak, Fred Messorre, Marietta Sabetta, and 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 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2015/2016 Budget

The Board of Finance discussed the following department's budget:

- ❖ Assessor's Office – only major increase was in the contract services and this was an additional \$2,000 for the map updates; last update was in 2006; update includes color photography provided by the Valley Council of Governments and addition of new roads.
- ❖ Culture & Arts Commission – no increase; many thanks for what is there.
- ❖ Tax Collector – had zero increase; First Selectman cut \$2,500; property tax refunds have been moved to the Contingency line item.
- ❖ Economic Development Department – Other Professional Services – \$20,000 – this money is for things like engineering or environmental services should the town have need of them for the Greenway Project or others; also could be used for demolition of blighted properties. Regarding the Greenway Project – we received grant money from the state – the project will cost about \$700,000. We received \$250,000 towards construction, but the town will need to provide the designs and a portion of the construction money. The contract for this is in the process of being signed. Regarding the Tri Town Plaza – long term lease is in place; has been listed with a realtor. We have the sale of LoPresti School almost complete; is with the lawyers and assessors right now finalizing (42 apartments will be built there).
- ❖ Economic Development Commission – The \$9,000 line item is for: \$7,500 Critical Signage (parking area signs) – 10 signs. The other \$1,500 is for the website and Map of Downtown. Lot of volunteer work done by committee members.

Item #4– Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary