

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

Minutes

**Budget Deliberation Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00pm**  
**Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Rich Grudzias, Beverly Kennedy, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Jim Cretella, Jake Holly (alternates)

**Members Absent:** David Bitso, Heather McDaniel, Ed Wasikowski

**Others Present:** Paula Chapla, John Cronin, Gerry Eckhardt, Harvey Eckhardt, Suzanne Garvey, Clay Jurgens, Chris Motasky, Peter Sampiere, Doug Thomas, Tom Tomashesko, Paul Wetowitz, Dan Zaniewski, and Doug Zaniewski

**Item #1 – Call Meeting to order**

Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**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:

- ❖ Fire Marshal – Hydrants #411 – per additional information this line item is \$376,573.22. Can the Fire Marshal find out if the 5.6% credit is built into this number? Some additional money needed for repairs and maintenance; additional money for telephone – service provider was switched to Verizon because Sprint service was unreliable and texting was needed. With Verizon the cost is \$145/month (cheapest plan for business) for both phones (FM and Deputy). Are these phones on the Town Verizon plan? Income account budget for \$2,000 – to General Fund – many new business locations in town
- ❖ Library
  - Looking for two new part time people (19.5 hours @ \$15)
  - Would like to expand the hours the library is open
  - The library director would like a copy of the new union contract recently signed – Doug will get for her.
  - Can we have a breakdown of how much the base salary is and how much went to retro pay (to total the \$216,000?)
  - Can we use the trust fund money coming in for the Salaries line item? No – the Hamel fund is to be used for books (\$37,000) and the Wooster fund is to be used for maintenance (\$55,000)
  - Bill Sawicki asked if we could get a copy showing the breakdown of how the town money and the trust fund money will be spent.
  - Suzanne Garvey asked if we could use some of the money from her salary line item to purchase a rug for or flooring for the program room. They have price quotes and the additional money from that line item should cover the expense. Doug will assist her in requesting a transfer.

❖ Fire Department

- #430 - Repairs & Maintenance – for FLEET MAINTENANCE – Doug will change the description on that line item.
- Electricity, heating fuel, gas and diesel were numbers from the town hall projections.
- Clerk salary had a cost of living increase
- EAP programs had an increase
- Money was moved within line items in several areas

Tomorrow we will meet here at 7pm for the Board of Education – providing the weather cooperates!

**Item #4- Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Submitted by:

**Monica Dimon**

**Recording Secretary**