

**Town of Seymour
Board of Finance**

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Minutes

**Budget Deliberations
Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

Members Present: Aileen Baldwin, Jim Cretella, Zani Imetovski, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Richard Demko (alternate)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Stephan Behuniak, David Bitso, Tom LaPaglia, Michael Metzler, Ehlayna Napolitano, Paul Satkowski, Doug Thomas, and Elise Wood

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 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2016/2017 Budget

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

- ❖ Registrar of Voters – presented by Elise Woods
 - This will be a VERY busy year; already there have been MANY people registering for parties
 - The biggest expense will be staffing; previously people could vote just for president at the town hall (Presidential Balloting), but this is no longer allowed. Now there is "Election Day Registration" where people can register ON Election Day to vote. This is a very involved process and will require additional staffing on that day. There are two additional primaries this year: April (presidential primary) and August (senate and state representative primary).
 - Registrars are now required to be CERTIFIED. This involves 8 classes @ \$200 each (x 2 people) = \$3,200; not all needed for this budget; introduced Tom LaPaglia (democratic registrar)
 - Chairman Bill Sawicki asked if we could please change the title on the "Purchased Professional Services" to "Election Staffing" to encompass all expenses related to Election Day. Costs for repairing voting machines should not go here.
- ❖ Police Department – presented by Deputy Chief Paul Satkowski
 - Many thanks to the Board of Finance members for their efforts and support given throughout the year. This budget is the result of careful consideration and review and presents the needs of the department to continue keeping the community/residents AND our employees/officers safe on a daily basis and give them the proper training and equipment needed to perform their duties. This is the only department open 24 hours/day/7 days/week. This year's budget for the police department is \$4,227,914.

- Salaries increase is 2.49% per negotiations.
- Physical Agility Benefit – incentive to keep officers physically fit thereby reducing sick time and insurance claims – new item in the contract – compensated \$300 annually if test is passed
- Revenues expected are \$54,129.
- Capital expenditures requests were attached to the budget and discussed

Item #5– Adjournment

Motion was made by Heather McDaniel to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Heather McDaniel

Second: Zani Imetovski

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary