

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Wednesday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Jim Cretella Zani Imetovski, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma

Members Absent: Aileen Baldwin, Richard Demko (alternate)

Others Present: Stephan Behuniak, Jim Forsyth, Michael Metzler, Susan McLean, Paul Satkowski, Doug Thomas, and Paul Wetowitz

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 2017/2018 Budget

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

- ❖ Police Department – presented by Chief Michael Metzler
 - The Chief will be retiring this year
 - Handout listing expected income was distributed; \$55,530.00
 - Under "Communications" – increase was due to PD being responsible for ALL town security cameras & GPS
 - Under "Capital Requests" : Parking Area, More Painting, Bulletproof Vests, Encryption System (for the radios), and vehicles
 - Staffing is full right now; Bill Sawicki asked if there would be any more people added to the department; possibly in the future, depending on caseload.
 - Department is in good shape with radios, weapons, computers & vehicles at the moment.
 - Under overtime – if grants are received, money will be put back into this line
 - Training – sometimes new mandates require unplanned training
- ❖ Planning & Zoning – no one was in attendance to present their budget
- ❖ Inlands/Wetlands – presented by Paul Wetowitz
 - Legal Fees of \$4,200 were added at the suggestion of the First Selectman and Operations Manager. The number will be included here and taken from elsewhere in the Legal Fees line item.

- Deduction \$1,500 for the "Other – Dues" consultation program; has never been used at all; if an opinion is needed will consult the Town Engineers
- Meetings/Seminars is less because Peter Jezierney isn't here any more
- Travel is adequate amount
- Communication – phone allowance is given per month
- Budget is \$600 less than last year, with the exception of adding Legal Fees of \$4,200

Item #5– Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary