

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Wednesday, February 8, 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: Anthony Caserta, Tony DiPrimo, Geri Evans, Susan McMahon, Bill Paecht, Doug Thomas, and Sean Walsh

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

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:

❖ Parks Department – presented by Bill Paecht

- Bill Sawicki is member of Parks Department
- Water rates have increased
- Trees – many were removed last year, this year we need to remove the stumps; also another 10 trees are needed to be removed
- Backstops – at the parks – 14 need to be replaced this year – this is a safety issue – cost is \$1,500 each
- Porta-potties taken from the high school need to be put back
- Eliminated \$2,400 for cleaning of the bathrooms, the summer seasonal employees will do
- Supplies – need to get goose repellent
- Electricity increase – due to Broad Street and French Park additional needs
- Machinery – will be looking at buying new lawnmowers this year or next year – cost is \$30,000 each

❖ Public Works – presented by Sean Walsh

- The seasonal employees have been invaluable; they allow much more work to be done – will have four this year
- Snow – based on five year average
- Tree account – increase of \$10,000 needed; additional roadside cutting
- Repairs & Maintenance – reduced maintenance costs; have 8 trucks total

- Transfer Station – need to have a second employee – safety reasons
- Brush cutting – need to sub out; very heavy work; additional \$12,000
- Doug will create a new line item for this called “Brush Cutting” with a budget of \$12,000
- Everyone commended Tony DiPrimo on an excellent job this year streamlining the Public Works Department; many positive changes; informative reports
- Street Lighting project is moving forward
- Currently have 17 Public Works employees; 20 would be ideal for the future; even if increase by just one person per year. The department should put down on paper any ideas for needs for employees and/or storage and space.

Item #5- Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary