

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Richard Demko (alternate)

Others Present: Tony Caserta, Paula Chapla, Gerry Eckhardt, Harvey Eckhardt, Suzanne Garvey, Joyce Koslowski, Susan McLean, Mary McNellis, Thomas Schutte, 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 – Seating of Alternates

None

Item #4 – Deliberation and Discussion of 2017/2018 Budget

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

- ❖ Library – presented by Suzanne Garvey
 - Salaries are contractual
 - Request for an additional part time person; this is so we can stay open a 6th day, possibly, and that there can be three people in the building at all times; they can help with creating fliers and other clerical work.
 - \$2,500 requested for gas/heating to reduce amount needed to use from the trusts
 - Bill Sawicki suggested that the Library put together a list of needed items (furniture, etc.) and submit the list as a Capital Request.

- ❖ Community Services – presented by Mary McNellis
 - Includes Services for the Elderly AND Recreation Commission
 - Under Services for the Elderly, request for a part time driver; will share with the camp program. This will save money as we won't have to use a separate driver for the seniors AND the camp
 - Additional needs in General Supplies due to 35 new programs being offered
 - 2.73% increase total
 - Under Recreation Commission, request needed to make the part time person full time. There are a total of 71 programs (Elderly AND Recreation).
 - Ratio for summer camp is 1:16 (better than last year)

- Communications amount increased due to online registration rates increase. And also, the flyer that was sent out to each household (cost of \$1,500) detailing the programs available really helped increase registrations. Would like to do a spring/summer AND fall/winter edition.
 - Total increase of budget is 9.85%
- ❖ Revenues – will be discussed on Wednesday’s meeting with the presentation of the First Selectman’s Office.

Item #5– Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary