

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Richard Demko, Jim Cretella, Zani Imetovski, Beverly Kennedy, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma

Members Absent: Heather McDaniel

Others Present: Michael Lombardi, Susan McLean 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 2017/2018 budget:

- **Bill Sawicki asked if the Town Counsel could provide a statutory reference for the town not being allowed out of MERS.**
- A lengthy discussion took place on the financed behind budgeting of money for the air canisters for the Fire Department. Mike Lombardi was present to answer any questions.
- The canisters have an expiration date of August 2018.
- Money has been budgeted in the current budget for \$53,000. This year the department has purchased 14 cylinders. There are a total of 108 cylinders that need to be replaced at a cost of \$1,200 each. (less the 14 purchased this year). Funding for the cylinders has been planned as follows: \$14,000 each for 2017, 2018, and 2019. Also, for 2018 and 2019 budgets, \$30,000 in the Capital Plan. Additionally, \$27,000 will be added to the Capital Plan, to be split between 2018 and 2019 budgets. This should fund the total amount needed to replace all the canisters.
- Mr. Lombardi said that he had applied for a Katherine Matthies Grant for the two RIT packs that are also needed for the department. This could be \$8-9,000 off the amount needed if this grant is received.
- **Doug will ask the police chief, Michael Metzler, if he would attend the budget deliberations on Monday, March 20th to explain the reason why \$16,846 was deducted from the "Training & Seminars" line item in the police budget.**
- **Are the tires purchased for the police department vehicles as part of the State Bid List?**
- Zani Imetovski suggested that \$1,500 for website work be moved from EDD #433-300 to EDC #435-300. All were in favor.
- Things to think about until next meeting: Do we provide for any of the \$1.7million reduction in state funds? We can't ignore it. If we use fund balance (reduce it) to pay for this, it could cost us by affecting

our bond rating, insurance costs, etc. We would do better to put some more money in the Mill Rate Stabilization Plan.

Item #5- Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

Recording Secretary