

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:35pm
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Jim Cretella, Richard Demko, Kristyn Hanewicz, Beverly Kennedy, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma; Kwame Dunbar (alternate)

Members Absent: Heather McDaniel, Gary Popielasz (alternate)

Others Present: Doug Thomas, Tom Eighme, Rob Dyer, Tony Caserta

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 – Public Comment

None

Item #4 – Deliberation & Discussion of 2018/2019 Budget

Discussion of Communications Commission budget by Tom Eighme, Director:

Trying to improve portable radio reception in the Clinton Road/Rimmon Rd area due to increased call volume in this area for all public safety. When we did the system evaluation in 2014 and system install in 2016 this area was not noted on the design. We have looked at Ansonia & Woodbridge site coverage maps for possible coverage with no luck.

I have reached out to Regional Water for use of their building (Stone Building) on Clinton Road, we would have to provide for our own electric (U.I. \$875 yr) & teleco (Frontier T-1 circuit \$3,240 yr)

Equipment necessary (Identical to RT 34 site) is \$25,500

As I go over what is available in this year and projected next year budget, it is close to accomplish this (\$6,000), also providing the Board of Finance can increase the two utility line items.

- Electrical wiring = \$2,200 – can take care of this out of this year's budget
- Antenna installation – can also take care of this out of this year's budget
- Receivers/Connectivity – 3 radio receivers – cost \$8,450 each – connectivity is another couple hundred
- Yearly costs are: \$875/year for UI; \$3,240/year for Frontier
- \$20,464 will be dedicated to replacing Antenna & Hardline for Public Works @ the Aquarion water tank and repairing & replacing antenna for schoolwide system @ the High School and money to move to State PD Hotline.
- In the Tower Rental line item – most of the money was going to the McConnies Tower on Progress Drive. Now, since Aquarion changed, we are sending \$2,000 to them.

- Bill Sawicki asked if they use the \$20,464 for this project would they be needing the money for other things? Tom said they would just be missing a few technology items and would get by.
- Bill Sawicki asked if Tom could break down the \$20,464 and send this information to him and Doug who could send to the Board.
- Bill also asked Tom to revise the budget and add the \$875 for Electricity and \$3,240 for Frontier and explain each line item. Then send the revised budget to Doug.

Discussion of **Emergency Management Commission** budget by Tom Eighme, Director:
Budget has remained the same as last years.

Discussion of **Town Operations - Building** budget by Operations Director Tony Caserta:

- The only differences from the First Selectman's budget are:
 - Overtime – for custodians based on this year – had several situations where they had to come in on weekends & evenings.
 - Utilities – Electricity & Oil – per contractual agreements with Johnson Controls. Had escalators in there every year.
 - Repairs & Maintenance – First Selectman increased to \$90,000

Bill Sawicki asked Doug Thomas to provide an updated budget (including current actual costs) as of 2/28/19 for the Monday, March 4th deliberations meeting.

Item #5– Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon
Recording Secretary