

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

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Budget Deliberations  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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

**Members Absent:** Gary Popielasz (alternate)

**Others Present:** Doug Thomas, Kurt Miller, Clay Jurgens

**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 – Public Comment**

None

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

Discussion of the 2018/2019 budget:

- Community Services
  - Make the Salary Reg Employees 80,000
  - The \$4,800 for on-line registration SHOULD be included in budget.
- Parks – DOUG – please move the electricity line from Parks to the Utilities section. (12,000)
- Library
  - We will not fund this at this time per Kurt Miller. Adding these hours will not increase programming.
- Retirement – discussion on the MERS Plan and some of our options.
- Capital/Non-Recurring
  - Mill Rate Stabilization Fund will become the Turf Replacement Fund. DOUG: Leave at 45,000 and please rename this line item.
- Contingency
  - Tom Eighme had a line for 10,000 for the repair of the sewer pipe @ Great Hill. Kurt said to take out of his budget because the Town will pay for it. **The Town will pay for ripping up and repair of the floor. Tom does not need this in his budget.**
- Bond Purchase and Interest Accounts – Some of the interest numbers still need to be paid – are not in the escrow account. This is why the Principle/Interest lines are not both there.
- Board of Education – The difference of 195,108 is due to using an incorrect MBR % calculation along with a few other items that the BOE added.
  - Originally was 1.8% for First Selectman's budget

- Need to add more because of health insurance increase – currently the increase is 17.4%; we are not leaving Cigna. We have reached our maximum to be paid for claims.
- Using the 17.4% increase, the Town side is short about 5,000; the Board of Education side is short about 84,000 (Kurt needs to discuss with Mike Wilson to check the numbers and try to bring this number down). These numbers are a worst-case scenario.
- **FOR MONDAY – please get us a breakdown of the 195,108 original difference, and have the Superintendent come if possible. We need to decide whether to fund the additional monies requested by the BOE or just the additional needed for the health insurance (84,000)**
- Question to Superintendent – why the different interpretation of the MBR %.
- New MBR is: Last year’s MBR + 50% of any increase.
- Kurt will go over the numbers with Mike Wilson again for Monday.
- Revenues
  - Boys & Girls Club Rent – no rent is being collected - take out the 3,900 here.
  - Capital Project Reimbursement for 300,000 – remove this from Revenue.
- Town Contributions – Recreation
  - Land Trust Fireworks – we will fund this; it is a Town event. INCLUDE the 5,000.
  - Boys & Girls Club – we should stay with the 10,000.
  - Pumpkin Festival – same as last year, 5,500.
  - TEAM should get the 10,500
  - DOUG: please add a line for “Little League” and “Pop Warner” and fund with 3,500 each.
- Selectman’s Office
  - HR Director (1) = 80,000; Admin Assistant (1) = 39,330; FS Assistant (1) = 60,660. These numbers are correct.
- Registrar of Voters – use the 45,000 for now. DOUG will check to see if this is needed. (2 additional people per polling place = 6 additional people for Same Day Registrations)
- Assessor’s Office – Purchased Services – Maintenance – use the 45,000
- Town Operations – Buildings – the overtime line – make this line 10,000
- Police Department – Salary (Uniformed Police) – use the 2,760,868; Salary (Supers) – use the 25,000
- Fire Department - Building Repairs & Maintenance – USE the 37,000.
- Water – Fire Hydrants – DOUG: please adjust these numbers to the 401,639.17
- Office of Building Compliance – change the TRAVEL line to be 6,000
- Highway Materials – Put 10,000 in the “Road Lining” line and make the “Pothole Repair” line 10,000.
- Waste Collection – USE THE FIRST SELECTMAN’S NUMBERS

**DOUG: PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE REPORTS.....**

1. DOUG – please create a section for BUILDING REPAIR – put all line items from the departments under this – keeping the account #'s and labeled for each department.
2. Please update the # of people ( ) in the health insurance section.
3. Please make the Pumpkin Festival 2018/2019 Budget be 5,000 and Actual YTD be 5,000. And the TEAM 2019/2019 budget be 10,500 and Actual YTD be 10,500.

The Public Budget Hearing will be set for Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 7pm in the Norma Drummer Room, Town Hall.

**Item #5– Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Submitted by:

***Monica Dimon***  
***Recording Secretary***

