

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberations  
Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** Jim Cretella, Richard Demko, Kristyn Hanewicz, Beverly Kennedy, Heather McDaniel, Bill Sawicki, and John Stelma

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

**Others Present:** Paul Wetowitz, Dana Flach, Tom Eighme, 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 – Public Comment**

None

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

Discussion of Fire Marshal's Office budget by Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz:

- Salary Fire Marshal – temporary agreement with union – Board of Selectman have not approved yet but expect them to at next meeting. Will be an increase.
- Deputy Fire Marshal salary – per union contract \$59,186
- Stipend for inspector - \$5,000 (additional) – current is 0
- Overtime, Education/Meetings/Seminars, Repairs & Maintenance - same
- Communications & Telephone – reduce by \$250
- Fire Prevention/Advertising – reduce by \$200
- General Supplies – reduce by \$300
- Clothing, Gasoline – same
- Books & Periodicals – code changes this year – per state fire marshal these books are mandatory – cost is additional \$1,300 – they are not available on line
- Equipment – additional \$800 for tires for Deputy Fire Marshal's car – will get same discount as police department
- Fire Hydrant budget: Aquarion - \$379,736.34 and Regional Water Authority - \$396,462.43 (3.2% increase)
- Revenue same at \$2,000
- New projects in town: 145 Main Street will become Boxcar 145; Route 67 Diner has expanded; Alberto's is remodeling; 12-unit condo off of Summerbrook Way

Discussion of Inland/Wetlands budget by Chairperson Paul Wetowitz:

- Salary increase 2.4%
- Increase board secretary fees for additional meetings \$200
- Legal fees – currently line has no money – add \$2,197; Is this enough? Should be but if extra is needed we can use money from the town legal fees line
- Dues line item not needed – deduct \$250
- Communications/Telephones – same
- Travel - same

Discussion of Tax Collector budget by Tax Collector Dana Flach:

- Salary amounts – per Union Contract
- Everything else in the budget is the same; \$0 increase

Discussion of Communications Commission & Emergency Management budget by Director Tom Eighme:

- COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: There was an increase \$356 for the dispatch service provider Northwest Public Safety but to keep the increase to zero, the amount was deducted from the Machinery & Equipment line item.
- Currently we share a tower with Ansonia (@ Nolan Field) and they are looking for a new site; we will need to contribute some when a new venue is selected.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Zero dollar increase. Everything stayed the same.
- Storm Shelter Support is not funded. We will add \$5,000 to the Contingency line for this possible expense. May not need it, but at least it will be there.

**Item #5– Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted by:

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