

Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Deliberations  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** Jim Cretella, Richard Demko, Kristyn Hanewicz, Gary Popielasz (alternate), Bill Sawicki, and John Stelma

**Members Absent:** Heather McDaniel, Beverly Kennedy

**Others Present:** 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 2018/2019 Budget:

- Per Rick Belden, the state passed a law that the cost for education of special ed students that qualify for Medicaid would be billed to the government. 12.5% would go to Seymour, 12.5% to consulting contractor, and remainder to state. This could be \$30-40,000 for us. Therefore, we do not need to allocate that \$45,000 previously put in contingency. Doug has removed this already for tonight's reports.
- FIRE HYDRANTS: the \$375,716 does not include the Regional Water Authority expense. **Doug will add \$18,000 to this number.** Correct number is \$393,716.
- TOWN OPERATIONS/BUILDINGS: The salary numbers listed are incorrect. Doug will correct the following: Director of Operations should be \$86,910; Custodians (regular employees) should be \$159,800. **Addition of \$24,000 for these differences. Doug will check with Kurt Miller to be sure that these numbers that we changed to are correct.**
- **Doug will find out why Kurt Miller thinks that the ECS Grant should be at \$9.525 million.**
- **Doug will check the Community Services Revenues match their corresponding expenses.**
- **Doug will find out what the "Property Tax Loss" line item is.**
- If anyone has any questions please e-mail Bill Sawicki.
- **Doug will find out what the Mill Rate will be with these changes.** We will fix the numbers so that the mill rate will stay at 36.
- The IRS is requiring the firemen to get W2's instead of 1099's. **Doug will take the \$65,000 out of tax revenue and put a new line under the SELECTMAN'S OFFICE for "Emergency Volunteer Abatement".**

**Also need to add \$4,975 expenses under SOCIAL SECURITY associated with this line item. Doug will add the line item here also for "Emergency Volunteer Abatement".**

- Expenses currently: \$56,191,343; Revenues currently: 56,019,424; difference of about \$132,000 – vehicle mill rate is also at 36
- **Doug needs to correct the "Circuit Breaker Program" on the Budget Summary sheet to \$100,000.** Per Doug this program may go away, but not definite yet. **Doug will check if we are keeping this program.**
- **Doug will take out the word "Freeze" on Senior Citizens Freeze for \$50,000.** The tax collector takes this number and divides it amongst the applicants.
- **Doug will correct the tax collection rate on front sheet to 98.5%.**

**Item #5– Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by:

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