

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

Minutes

Budget Deliberations
Monday, March 26, 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: 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:

- Currently the budget is at 36.1 mills; we need to reduce that to a “no increase” budget. Keep at 36mills.
 - We are at about \$117,000 over
 - Discussed taking out the additional funds in Contingency for Trees and the Emergency Shelter supplies; also, a possible 98.6% collection rate.
 - The additional salary in Town Operations and Retirement is part of the reason we are over.
 - Bill Sawicki asked about creating an ordinance for the moving of \$4million out of Fund Balance (\$2million to Capital Non-Recurring and \$2million to the Internal Service Fund). Doug Thomas said that the paperwork for this is in the works.
 - Still no answer on where the \$11,000 in “Property Tax Loss” number came from.
 - Are the numbers in Health Insurance correct? Town Clerk – for 2 people – Single & Family - \$74,192; First Selectman’s Office – 2 people – Single & Family - \$81,213; Town Buildings – 5 people - \$155,383 includes two buy-outs. These numbers seem very high.
 - We will make the following adjustments:
 - Casino Revenue – go back to the \$67,844. ADD \$43,733 in Revenue
 - Mill Rate Stabilization Fund – REDUCE by \$40,000
 - Contingency – Labor Community Services – REDUCE by \$10,000
 - Contingency – Snow Plow Materials – REDUCE by \$23,731
- These changes should keep the mill rate at 36.
- If Public Works or the Community Services department ends up having a dire need for this money, they can always come to the Board with a transfer request.

- Motion to set the Town Budget Hearing for Tuesday, April 10th 2018 @ 7pm @ Seymour Middle School
Motion: Richard Demko Second: John Stelma
Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Item #5- Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon
Recording Secretary