

**Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Norma Drummer Room
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Michele Pavlik, Bill Paecht, Trish Danka, Jim Simpson, Nancy Onofrio, Pete Jezierny, Al Yagovane

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Doug Thomas, Tony Caserta, Paul Roy, Brian Koskelowski, Rhonda Geffert, Jennifer Harkey, Sue Rafferty, Jason Avery, First Selectman Bob Koskelowski.

Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Trish Danka

Seating of Alternates

No Action Taken.

Castles in the Park-Update

Jennifer Harkey thanked the BOF for the generous transfer that allowed them to finish Castles in the Park. She informed the board that all equipment was bought and paid for and installed with the exception of the signs which would be installed as soon as spring gets here. Jennifer stated they would be returning \$5, 464.00 to the Town that was unspent.

Jennifer also informed the board that their non-profit status might be dissolved unless someone knew of another organization that would like to take it over. Trish requested that Bill Paecht look into this with the Parks Department to see if there was anyone who like to take over the non-profit status for any other parks project in town. The deadline to transfer ownership is May 2008.

Public Comment

None.

First Selectman Comment:

First Selectman stated he had nothing new to report and that everything was going well within the town.

Transfers

Transfer #12-Seymour Kick off Club-- Motion to transfer \$3,000 from the Contingency or Fund Balance to be given to the Seymour Kick-off Club for rings and a plaque for the Seymour Wildcats Class SS 2007 State Champions. **Motion to table until the February 26, 2008 meeting.**

Motion: Al Yagovane

Second: Michele Pavlik

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Page 6 of the report show Town Insurance is running high. Doug reported that this line is paid in the summer months and Longevity is paid 1 time per year.

Page 9 of the report shows Police Department overtime at 97%, and K-9 at 126%. Doug stated he would inquire with the Chief on these items.

Page 10 shows Vehicle Lease for the Fire Department under town instead of under the Vehicle Lease account in Fire Department budget. Doug will check on this also.

Copy of the 2006/2007 Annual Audit was handed out to all Board members at the meeting by Doug. BOF members were asked to review the audit and bring any questions or comments to the next monthly BOF meeting. (February)

Motion to go back to First Selectman Comments on the agenda.

Motion: Michele Pavlik

Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Other Business

LoPresti Playground: Trish informed Sue Rafferty and Jason Avery that while the PTA is discussing upgrades, the board could not take any action on the playground until a formal funding request is submitted. Trish recommended that the returned monies from Castles in the Park be forwarded to make improvements to LoPresti Playground and the entire board concurred. First Selectman Koskelowski reported that LoPresti Playground is a priority to be upgraded due to the amount of children that use the playground and its deteriorated condition. Trish stated that she would attend the next BOS meeting to advocate on behalf of the BOF for the returned monies from Castles in the Park be used toward LoPresti Playground. Trish also highlighted the importance of appropriate timing for coming before the BOF to request funding if a town agency or group has fundraising events planned (in order to be fair with allocation of town funds, requests to BOF for funding one time projects should come after fundraising events are concluded and money raised is known, instead of before the fundraising events occur)

Sue Rafferty-54 Maple Street informed the BOF that the BOE has approved the project. Sue gave the Board pictures of what the playground looks like now and drawings of how it will look when completed. Sue informed the BOF members that there would be 2 phases to the project. The total cost for the new playscape (including shipping) and repairs to salvage pieces of the current playscape is \$23,000.00. Cement, railroad ties and such are not included in this cost. To date \$2,000 has been raised and a ziti dinner is being planned for the end of February. First Selectman Koskelowski reported that the town would be able to provide some assistance in any way they could such as clearing of the brush, etc. Trish thanked Sue for keeping the BOF informed.

Upcoming BOF Budget Workshops: Trish stated that there is long season in front of the board and that the board needs to stay strongly focused on the tax payers. The budget workshops would run the same as last year. Workshops will be held starting Tuesday February 19, 2008, location to be determined. (Christine will check with the availability of the CC and report back to Trish.) Workshops will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. and Trish would like to do 3 budgets per night with the exception of bigger budgets such as the Board of Education, Public Works, and Seymour Police. Trish reported that the Economic Development Commission Budget workshop will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall in the Flaherty Room.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:20 p.m.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Al Yagovane

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.