

Seymour Board of Finance
2008-2009 Proposed Budget
Public Hearing
Tuesday – April 8, 2008 – 7:00 pm
Seymour Middle School Auditorium

Corrected

BOF Members Present **BOF Members Absent**

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| 1. Trish Danka
2. Pete Jezierny
3. Nancy Onofrio
4. Bill Paecht
5. Michele Pavlik
6. Jim Simpson | Al Yagovane |
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- Public Hearing was called to order at 7:10 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance.
- Residents provided comments on proposed budget.

Jennifer Harkey-3 Deerfield Drive: Stated that she felt the original budget should have been left alone and allow the people to vote for both the town and Board of Education.

Amy Dona-Stated that she felt the Board of Education is not receiving enough money to stay at the status quo level for the upcoming school year.

Christine Peltier- Asked Board of Finance members to look at the big picture. She stated that if money is not put into the town in the long term the town would be sorry down the road.

Jane Padacile- Stated that the Board of Education budget is to high and that residents can't even afford an increase of \$2.00 per week in there tax bills.

Gretchen Robinson-Stated that she would rather take on a second job to deal with the hardship of a tax increase so that the children can get the proper education and not suffer.

Carrie Hunnicutt-Asked that in spirit of communication to please bring the BOE up closer toward their original budget submitted.

Robin Johnson- Stated that the Board of Education budget should be moved closer to their original request.

Frank Loda-Osprey Drive-Stated that legal fees should be cut by \$25,000.00 as a minimum.

Paul Roy-Stated that an economic development plan needed to be instituted to assist with offsetting the taxes the taxpayers are paying.

Mark Akerys-Stated that cuts should be made in the right areas of town and Board of Education Services. The Board of Education seems to go straight to cutting athletics which also hurts the children.

Eileen Faustige-Stated that we should not argue over the money and that the board of education should be given the support they deserve and the funding they requested.

First Selectman and Bruce Baker both stated to the residents in attendance that the budget as presented should be supported and both urged the residents to vote in favor of passing the budget.

- Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:10 pm.