

**Board of Finance
Special meeting
Seymour Town Hall
Flaherty Room
April 29, 2008**

Members Present: Trish Danka, Michele Pavlik, Al Yagovane, Pete Jezierny, Bill Paecht.
Members Absent: Jim Simpson, Nancy Onofrio.
Others Present: First Selectman Robert J Koskelowski, Tony Caserta, Doug Thomas, Brian Koskelowski, Alex Danka.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trish Danka.

Trish asked members for their opinions on the auditor's that sent in Request for Proposals (RFP's) for auditing services to the Town of Seymour. Trish stated that it is the responsibility of the Board of Finance to choose the lowest qualified bidder for the job.

Al stated that he felt that all firms should be interviewed in person and then a decision be made. Michele replied to Al that Doug did interviews with the auditors that submitted the RFP'S (request for proposals) and also verified their references and reported in writing to the board of his recommendations. Al stated that he prefers to meet people so that he could follow his "gut" when making a decision. Without meeting the auditors, Al stated that his first choice would be Michaud & Accavallo due to the fact that he is a valley auditor and his second choice would be James A. George.

Doug stated to the Board of Finance members that they did have the option of only appointing the auditor for a term of 1 year with the option of renewal. Tony stated that there were auditors that could be eliminated immediately just due to the information uncovered during reference checks.

Bill Paecht stated that he felt that 3 of the 4 bidders were qualified, with that being said he chose James A. George as his pick as he felt that the company was eager, there bid for services was the best, and they've never worked for the town in the past and a new set of eyes would be a good thing.

Pete Jezierny stated that he favored Carlin Charron & Rosen due in part to the amount of people they would send to the town to handle the audit. Pete questioned Doug if it was standard practice for auditors to handle more than one municipality at a time and was told that yes they usually handle multiple towns and that most auditors send at most 3 people to assist with the audit.

First Selectman Robert Koskelowski reminded the board that they can't hire a firm that is over there budget without requesting a transfer to cover the difference in costs. At this time the amount budgeted is \$40,845.00.

