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**Town of Seymour ~ Board of Finance
 MINUTES**

**Presentation of Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessor, Library, Fire Department, Communications & Emergency Management Department Budgets
 Wednesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00pm
 Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

Members Present: Quinn Levey, Andy North, Richard Demko, Kristyn Haniewicz, Beverly Kennedy, Mary Kruger; Robin Andrews, Alice Levey (alternates).

Members Absent: Bettyann Peck; Tracy Rappa (alternate)

Others Present: Jason Vieira, Monica Dimon, Chris Edwards, Lianna McMurray, Dana Flach, Annmarie Drugonis, Steve Ditria, Suzanne Garvey, Kevin Murowsky

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

Chairman Richard Demko called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Richard Demko introduced all members (and alternates) of the Board of Finance.

Item #3 – Public Comment

None

Item #4 - Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Town Clerk

- Town Clerk Lianna McMurray presented the 2026/2027 Town Clerk budget

Department and account descriptions	Acct. No.	Actual FY 2021 - 2022	Actual FY 2022 - 2023	Actual FY 2023 - 2024	Actual FY 2024 - 2025	Budget FY 2025 - 2026	Actual YTD as of 1/27/26	Department Requests FY 2026 - 2027	% Change of Budget
Town Clerk	475								
Salary: Director	410-1540-475-101	72,544	75,441	75,282	79,595	81,784	47,590	84,033	2.75%
Salary: Regular employees	410-1540-475-110	52,943	58,909	60,175	62,000	63,707	36,860	64,901	1.87%
Certification of land records	410-1540-475-320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Vital statistics	410-1540-475-340	988	711	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	0.00%
Education/Meeting/Seminars	410-1540-475-350	310	545	700	600	1,000	375	1,000	0.00%
Professional association dues	410-1540-475-365	190	190	200	190	200	190	200	0.00%
Repairs and maintenance	410-1540-475-430	100	-	100	100	100	-	100	0.00%
Other purchased services	410-1540-475-500	2,413	1,493	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,078	2,500	0.00%
Printing and binding	410-1540-475-550	28,654	23,712	25,000	24,622	27,000	12,892	28,000	3.70%
Travel	410-1540-475-580	-	-	75	75	150	145	150	0.00%
General supplies	410-1540-475-610	960	2,394	2,500	2,480	2,500	1,534	2,500	0.00%
Equipment	410-1540-475-740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Sub Total		157,102	163,395	167,532	173,168	179,941	101,664	184,384	2.47%

- Salaries First two lines are contractual increases. No other lines except Printing & Binding have increases.

- The increase in Printing & Binding:
Info Quick Solutions Inc – they manage the monthly turnkey record management system and verification. This is based on volume and the projected cost for the next fiscal year is \$21,625

Civic Plus – they manage the printed and online subscription of the code of ordinances and the online hosting of the Town Charter at an annual cost of \$6,375

DISCUSSION:

- No questions

Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Tax Collector

- Tax Collector Dana Flach presented the 2026/2027 Tax Collector Budget.

Department and account descriptions	Acct. No.	Actual FY 2021 - 2022	Actual FY 2022 - 2023	Actual FY 2023 - 2024	Actual FY 2024 - 2025	Budget FY 2025 - 2026	Actual YTD as of 1/27/26	Department Requests FY 2026-2027	% Change of Budget
Tax Collector	455								
Salary: Director	410-1515-455-101	82,068	82,716	84,112	88,831	91,377	54,845	93,890	2.75%
Salary: Regular employees	410-1515-455-110	50,523	56,028	58,750	61,771	63,714	37,338	66,149	3.82%
Overtime				-	-	-	-		0.00%
Education/Meeting/Seminars	410-1515-455-350	1,000	1,005	360	978	1,000	880	1,750	75.00%
Repairs and maintenance	410-1515-455-430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Other purchased services	410-1515-455-500	22,273	25,131	24,669	24,990	28,000	24,610	29,900	6.79%
Communications/Telephones	410-1515-455-530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Travel	410-1515-455-580	332	674	328	208	150	48	150	0.00%
General supplies	410-1515-455-610	15,317	11,945	16,494	16,492	20,000	14,972	24,000	20.00%
Refunds - Prior years	410-1516-456-800	-	-	-	-	-	-		0.00%
Sub Total		171,514	177,499	184,714	193,370	204,241	132,473	215,839	5.68%

- Salaries have contractual increases.
- The Education line increased because the Assistant Tax Collector is now certified and we need to keep up with the Education – 50 hours over 5 years – to maintain certification.

Acct #350 EDUCATION

Cost of dues: State Association \$125 (Collector \$75, Asst. \$50).
 New Haven County \$50 (Collector \$25, Asst. \$25). **NRTCTA Dues \$80 – (\$40 each) – NEW.** (NRTCTA offers discounts for Online Seminars with membership).
 Business Card Ad In Ad Book - \$15 + \$5. Two State Meetings (May and November) - \$75 each x 2 + \$150. Two County Meetings (April and December) - \$60 each x 2 + \$120. Two Road Show Meetings - \$60 each x 2 + \$120. **Online Seminars - \$200 NEW.** Annual Tax Collector's Seminar - \$1,000 + \$75. Assistant is now certified and both Collector and Assistant have to maintain certification with Meetings and Seminars (50 hours within 5 years, Courses and Seminars are not always via zoom or close in location).

Acct #500 OTHER SERVICES

Quality Data System contract \$19,371. + \$800.00
 Printing and Processing Real Estate Bills + \$40.00
 Printing and Processing Motor Vehicle Bills + \$150.00
 Printing and Processing Personal Property Bills + \$15.00
 Printing and Processing Supplemental Motor Vehicle Bills + \$40.00
NEW; IDICORE: +\$900.00 – Service provided to be able to look up returned mail for addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Very helpful tool.
 CBS COPIER - Copier overage
 Balance to Corporate Mailing for folding, inserting, and barcoding of Tax Bills and Delinquent Statements.

- Other Purchased Services increased – Quality Data went up \$800, the billing company went up a few hundred. There is a new item we would like to use – IDICORE – Allows us to search addresses/phone #'s for people we cannot find. The trial has shown it to be very helpful.
- General Supplies increased due to postage increases and general supply cost increases.

DISCUSSION:

- Richard Demko asked if the Education is state mandated. Dana Flach said yes.
- Quinn Levey wanted to verify that the increase for IDICORE is \$900. Dana said yes.
- Andy North asked how much will this IDICORE boost your success rate of going after people. Dana said that any one account that we can recoup will help this pay for itself. We are allowed to search up to 250 times a month. The cost is \$75/month.

Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Assessors Office

- Assessor Kevin Murowski presented the Assessor’s Office 2026/2027 Budget:

Department Detail by Line Items

Department and account descriptions	Acct. No.	Actual FY 2021 - 2022	Actual FY 2022 - 2023	Actual FY 2023 - 2024	Actual FY 2024 - 2025	Budget FY 2025 - 2026	Actual YTD as of 1/27/2026	Department request FY 2026-2027	% Change of Budget
Assessors Office									
	465								
Salary: Director (1)	410-1522-465-101	89,448	55,992	91,675	65,000	89,000	53,742	97,216	9.23%
Salary: Regular employees (1)	410-1522-465-110	55,983	58,804	60,279	54,159	63,714	40,830	64,901	1.86%
Education/Meeting/Seminars	410-1522-465-350	1,270	2,013	2,175	1,796	1,200	-	3,000	150.00%
Professional association dues	410-1522-465-355	200	70	225	30	225	120	500	122.22%
Purchased Service - Revaluation	410-1516-465-330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Purchased serv - Maintenance	410-1522-465-500	37,087	38,187	40,484	41,382	45,000	29,340	45,000	0.00%
Travel	410-1522-465-580	-	-	250	201	250	-	-	-100.00%
General supplies	410-1522-465-610	998	791	1,000	1,000	1,000	533	1,000	0.00%
Clothing	410-1522-465-620	400	400	400	400	400	-	500	25.00%
Books and periodicals	410-1522-465-640	590	580	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0.00%
Equipment	410-1522-465-740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Sub Total		185,973	154,797	197,488	163,968	201,789	124,665	213,117	5.61%

- Kevin brings 10 years experience as an Assessor to the job.
- Salaries are for two full-time staff members with contractual increases.
- Education line is to maintain my certification and next level certification.
- Professional Association Dues has increased because now we have two staff members with various associations memberships
- Purchased Services Maintenance line is for Quality Data Service – our software program for administrative personal property and computer assisted mass appraisal program. Also, New England Geo, which is our mapping software. This line has not changed.
- Travel -not needed any more because the Assessors Office now has use of a Town Vehicle.
- General Supplies – no change.
- Clothing – increased per contract.
- Books & Periodicals – software for assessing motor vehicles and heavy construction equipment. No change.
- Total increase is 5.61% .

DISCUSSION:

- Richard Demko just wanted to verify that the Education line for the certifications are state-mandated. Kevin Murowski said yes.
- Quinn Levey asked – from 2021 to now, the salaries are all over the place – why? Kevin said that we did not have an Assessor for a period of time, just an ACTING Assessor. Quinn also asked about the increase in Director’s Salary from \$89,000 to \$97,000 – is this contractual? Kevin said yes.

- Andy North asked also about the increase. Jason Vieira said that much of that is because we are going from a non-certified to a certified Assessor. Last year we put in a placeholder amount at the low range. Now that we have one, the current amount is about \$94,000.
- Jason Vieira said that previously there was an allowance for travel and use of personal vehicle. Now we have use of a car.

Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Library

- Head Librarian, Suzanne Garvey presented the 2026/2027 Library Budget.

Department and account descriptions	Acct. No.	Actual FY 2021 - 2022	Actual FY 2022 - 2023	Actual FY 2023 - 2024	Actual FY 2024 - 2025	Budget FY 2025 - 2026	Actual as of 1/27/2026	Department Request FY 2026-2027	% Change of Budget
Library	640								
Salary Director	450-6500-640-101	78,711	80,280	83,831	88,141	89,510	44,254	89,944	2.75%
Salary Regular employees	450-6500-640-110	232,030	245,022	232,128	244,710	272,528	132,888	287,268	5.41%
Salary Part Time	450-6500-640-120	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,120	100.00%
Salary Library Pages	450-6500-640-121	11,310	7,880	6,811	7,181	15,000	8,622	15,000	0.00%
Repairs and Maintenance	450-6500-640-430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Purchased Services - Adult education	450-6500-640-630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Books and periodicals	450-6500-640-640	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Machinery and equipment	450-6500-640-740	3,875	2,694	2,230	1,885	-	-	-	0.00%
Machinery and equipment - Technology	450-6500-640-743	35,791	35,192	39,248	39,285	39,248	39,212	39,098	2.81%
Sub Total		357,517	364,118	364,148	368,285	400,284	209,964	452,428	11.63%

Salary Part Time- Asking for the addition of part time staff- Two part time employees- \$20.00/hour, 14 hours each- \$28,120.00

450-6500-640-120 \$29,120.00

- The first two line items are contractual increases.
- The third line item we are asking for some part-time workers. Right now we are closed on Monday's. We would like to be open Monday's and do some more Saturday programs. Now we have only two staff on Saturdays. This is something that would benefit the Town. We are looking for two people @ \$20/hr for 14 hrs/wk. Comes out to \$29,120.
- The only other increase is for our Bibliomation Consortium Fee which went up slightly this year.
- The total increase is 11.69% increase.

DISCUSSION:

- Richard Demko just wanted to verify that the ILS Fee is in Machinery & Equipment line. Suzanne said yes. Richard asked if we have the patronage #s. Suzanne said they should have been in the packet, but she does have them. These are six-month figures.
 - Total circulation (all types) = 32,648
 - Visits to building = 18,885
 - Computer sessions – 2HR (can be extended) = 1,331
 - Meeting Pod (can be extended) – 2 HR = 113 – usually Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - Children's Programs = 87 – 1,295 in attendance
 - Adult Programs = 65 – 823 in attendance
- Richard Demko asked if these numbers are an increase. Suzanne said that this is a slight increase; we started opening at 8am instead of 9am.
- Andy North asked if the additional employees would mean we would be open on Mondays. Suzanne said that we haven't been open on Monday since 2008. Suzanne has a survey ready to go about the hours – asking what the people in Town would like to see. When we are able to do a program on Saturday, we do get a lot of interest.
- Alice Levey asked if there is ever any interest of volunteers to fill these positions. Suzanne said the main problem with volunteers is that they could not do something that a Union person does.

Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Fire Department

- Fire Chief Chris Edwards presented the 2026/2027 Fire Department Budget.

Department and account descriptions Accr. No. Actual FY 2021 - 2022 Actual FY 2022 - 2023 Actual FY 2023 - 2024 Actual FY 2024 - 2025 Budget FY 2025 - 2026 Actual as of 1/27/2026 Department Request FY 2026-2027 % Change of Budget

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Fire Department	899								
Salary - Chiefs Wages	420-2200-450-101	-	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	0.00%
Salary - Engineers Wages	420-2200-450-125	16,800	15,200	19,400	19,276	16,800	7,773	16,800	0.00%
Salary - Mechanics Wages	420-2200-450-130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Salary - Part Time Clerk	420-2200-450-139	-	-	6,700	11,000	11,000	7,289	6,000	-44.88%
Board secretary fees	420-2200-450-125	1,000	1,195	885	779	2,000	400	2,000	0.00%
Purchased services - Medical	420-2200-450-040	25,428	12,813	16,725	41,536	41,000	20,427	43,000	3.27%
Education/Training/Seminars	420-2200-450-030	28,650	25,648	24,534	28,126	28,500	27,319	40,000	0.99%
Repairs and Maintenance	420-2200-450-420	74,156	64,941	85,140	64,881	65,000	51,460	65,000	30.77%
Communications	420-2200-450-430	10,200	-	15,479	19,600	15,300	10,200	15,500	0.00%
Travel	420-2200-450-580	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
General supplies	420-2200-450-410	1,862	3,308	4,829	3,336	4,000	2,070	4,000	0.00%
Clothing	420-2200-450-415	21,825	25,127	48,795	48,899	52,000	51,772	50,000	7.83%
Gasoline	420-2200-450-036	11,174	25,575	20,072	17,119	20,000	9,406	20,000	0.00%
Building Improvements	420-2200-450-720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Machinery and equipment replacement cost/	420-2200-450-740	(40)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Vehicle lease	420-2200-450-741	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Machinery and equipment O&M	420-2200-450-743	47,223	65,948	49,800	46,983	49,000	44,164	50,000	18.37%
Machinery and equipment	420-2200-450-745	43,919	29,500	21,532	28,280	30,000	28,100	40,000	33.33%
Sub Total		219,177	174,823	225,221	249,474	253,200	204,524	255,100	11.86%

**2026-2027 Budget
LINE**

**Fire Department
BREAKDOWN**

Qty	Description	
101 Salary Chief's		
	Chiefs (1)	\$4,000.00
	Asst. Chiefs (3)	\$6,000.00
	TOTAL	\$10,000.00
105 Salary Staff		
	2 Engineers	\$6,000.00
	4 Asst. Engineers	\$10,600.00
	TOTAL	\$16,600.00
125 Secretary Fees		
	Board Secretary Fees	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$2,000.00

The *Part-time clerk* was removed from this budget – shared with the Fire Marshal. \$5,000 left in the budget for Firewatch duties.

Purchased Professional services – slight increase.

Education – every year we send 12 people to a Fire I and 12 people to the Fire II class. Fire I is state mandated. These are up to \$1,300 each per person (with materials).

Repairs & Maintenance – last year I asked for \$85,000 and got \$65,000. Now I am in the red this year. Our fleet is getting older. Still have a truck out of service waiting for repair.

Communications/Telephone – this is our reporting software. No increase.

General Supplies – no increase.

Clothing – increase here - NFPA put a limit of 10-year life on our structural fire gear. This is fine for larger departments that may do 4-5 fires a week, but we do maybe 10 fires/year. We don't go through our gear that fast, but due to statute we need to replace every 10 years. We try to replace 10 sets/year. We got a new vendor. Now the cost is \$4,300 per set (this is just coat and hat). Cost is \$10,000 with other stuff.

Gasoline – stayed the same.

120 Part time Clerk

Fire Watch **\$5,000.00**
TOTAL

340 Purchased Professional Services

Medical **\$43,000.00**
TOTAL

350 Education:

1 RIT Class **\$1,850.00**
12 Firefighter II Class at \$800 each **\$10,800.00**
12 FFI Class at \$1200 each **\$15,600.00**
1 Aerial Safety Class **\$1,600.00**
1 Strategy and Tactics Class **\$1,050.00**
1 Safety Officer Class **\$2,000.00**
2 Burn Classes at \$750 each **\$1,500.00**
2 Q2 class **\$1,350.00**
1 Fire Prevention and Public Relation **\$1,350.00**
1 Recruitment **\$2,000.00**
TOTAL

430 Repairs/Maintainance:

General apparatus and Equipment **\$85,000.00**
TOTAL

530 Communications/Telephone

Advanced Fire Data reporting **\$15,500.00**
TOTAL

610 General Supplies

General House/Cleaning Supplies **\$4,000.00**
Total

Machinery & Equipment OSHA – mandated, unfunded items; we did pick up the fire extinguishers for INSIDE the fire houses. Preventive maintenance and testing that need to be done.

Machinery & Equipment (Non-Capital) – other necessary items; list is below. 33.33% increase.

Total is 11.86% increase

615 Clothing

10 Sets of Turnout Gear	\$43,881.00
20 Helmets	\$6,237.00
10 Pairs of Boots	\$1,200.00
25 Pairs of FF Gloves	\$2,150.00
15 Mask Mate Nomex Hoods	\$1,271.00
20 Extrication Gloves	\$1,000.00
50 Safety Glasses	\$260.00
TOTAL	

626 Gasoline & Diesel

Gasoline and Diesel	\$20,000.00
Total	

743 Machinery Equipment - OSHA

Annual Preventative Boat Mainteni	\$1,000.00
Apparatus DOT Inspections	\$2,500.00
Preventative Maintenance - diesel	\$8,500.00
Preventative Maintenance - gasolin	\$5,000.00
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Fire Pump Testing	\$2,500.00
Fire Pump Maintenance	\$3,200.00
Hose Testing	\$9,800.00
Hydraulic Rescue Tool Preventative	\$6,000.00
Ladder Testing - Ground Ladders	\$2,800.00
Meter Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Battery Replacement, SCBA,	\$2,000.00
Breathing Air Testing	\$4,200.00
Annual SCBA Flow Testing	\$3,400.00
SCBA Compressor Maintenance	\$1,600.00
Truck 14 Ladder Testing	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	

745 Machinery & Equipment Non-Capital

2 Battery Powered Chainsaws	\$5,500.00
1 Battery K12 roof saw	\$3,500.00
2 MDT for Chief Cars	\$5,000.00
Juniors Equipment	\$5,000.00
2 Thermal Imaging camras	\$8,000.00
SCBA Mask Replacement	\$3,000.00
Hose Replacement	\$10,000.00
Total	

2026-2027 Capital

\$100,000.00

Second set of structure gear for all Interior Firefighters

\$80,000

Replacement of SCBA refill Station

Total \$180,000

DISCUSSION:

- Quinn Levey asked what the game plan is for additional apparatus coming into the Town. Chief Edwards said yes. We had a 5-year Capital Plan – made it a 10-year Capital Plan. This is because it takes 3 years from ordering the truck until it comes in. This is not just us – it is everywhere. We need to figure out what we are going to do 3 years from now. Since they have us sign contracts, the problem is that the financing & bonding companies are going to want to look for money even though we don't yet have a truck.
- Quinn asked about compliance for the equipment we have in Town. Chief Edwards said we are ok. Stuff is definitely aging. We do need to try and work at this.
- Andy North asked if \$85,000 will be enough for maintenance. Chief Edwards said that he would make this work; ideally, we would like it to be \$100,000, but we can make the \$85,000 work. As we get newer equipment, the maintenance costs will drop. We are still trying to recover from when several years ago we purchased four trucks at once. When we do that, they all come due for replacement at the same time. Costs have gone up – 15-20 years ago a truck was \$500,000 but now the cost is \$1.2 million.

Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Communications Department

- Fire Chief Chris Edwards presented the 2026/2027 Communications Department Budget.

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<i>Communication Commission</i>	<i>840</i>								
Purchased services Northwest	420-2153-540-312	122,405	117,408	118,087	118,057	120,027	120,027	122,027	1.67%
Repairs and maintenance	420-2151-540-430	3,471	3,248	3,500	3,421	3,500	390	3,500	0.00%
Communications/telephones	420-2151-540-530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Machinery & equipment	420-2151-540-740	18,997	11,514	18,613	10,108	21,800	5,050	21,800	0.00%
Tower Rental	420-2151-540-745	37,332	38,727	39,192	40,662	41,500	21,788	48,000	15.66%
<i>Sub Total</i>		<i>183,205</i>	<i>170,897</i>	<i>177,392</i>	<i>172,278</i>	<i>186,827</i>	<i>147,255</i>	<i>195,327</i>	<i>4.55%</i>

- *Purchased Services* – increase in Northwest Public Safety (for EMS & Fire Dispatch) – contractual – 1.67% increase.
- *Tower Rental* – increase contractual to \$48,000 this year – 15.66%.
- Other items are no increase.
- Total increase is 4.55%.

DISCUSSION:

- Beverly Kennedy asked why only \$5,000 has been spent. Chief Edwards said that nothing has broken yet. Every year we usually hold off on spending as long as we can – then towards the end of the budget cycle. Then we get together and figure out what needs to be replaced. In May, we will make a decision as to what to replace. When things break they are not cheap to repair/replace.
- Andy North asked how long these contracts are for. Chief Edwards said that they are in negotiations now. When he first started here he looked for contract but couldn't find anything in writing so they are negotiating now. Northwest Communications revisit every few years. Reviewed the Fire/EMS in 2023. Tower Rental is in negotiation. We have 5 sites across Town. All report back to the one on Progress Drive.
- Quinn Levey asked if you have been involved in the Northwest Contract negotiations for the PD Dispatch Contract and what impact will that contract have if approved to this budget. Chief Edwards said that he was involved at the beginning and is co-chair with Police Chief Bucherati on the committee. If they do approve the contract, the impact will be in April of 2027. The cost will be about an extra \$100,000 to that line item.
- Jason Vieira said that there are a few more meetings with the Board of Selectpersons and if we need to update any of these budgets, we can do that before Final Budget.

Presentation/Discussion of 2026/2027 Budget – Emergency Management Department

- Fire Chief Chris Edwards presented the 2026/2027 Emergency Management Department Budget. He took over the Emergency Management Department two years ago. We have cut this budget dramatically. We took out the Gasoline and Car.

Department and account descriptions	Acct. No.	Budget FY 2025 - 2026	Actual as of 11/30/2025	Department Requests FY 2026-2027	% Change of Budget
Emergency Management	542				
Salary Emergency Management Director	420-2153-542-105	10,000	3,654	20,000	100.00%
Repairs and maintenance	420-2153-542-430	-	-	-	0.00%
Communications & Telephone	420-2153-542-530	-	-	-	0.00%
General Supplies	420-2153-542-610	1,000	926	1,000	0.00%
POD Rental - SMS	420-2153-542-612	-	-	-	0.00%
Clothing	420-2153-542-615	650	197	1,000	53.85%
Gasoline	420-2153-542-626	-	-	-	0.00%
Purchased professional services	420-2153-542-350	2,500	2,434	2,500	0.00%
Home Land Security - code red	420-2153-542-700	13,095	13,095	14,000	6.91%
Sub Total		27,245	20,306	38,500	41.31%

- Salary – stipend is a \$10,000 increase.
- Clothing – contractual increase.
- Code Red – increase by vendor. They had a data breach and so upgraded our plan for no more money. We are still vetting other vendors.
- Total \$38,00500 is a 41.31% increase.

DISCUSSION:

- Mary Kruger asked about the stipend increase. Chief Edwards said that he had asked for this last year, but was denied. He is asking again this year.
- Robin Andrews asked what the Cert Clothing is. Chief Edwards said T-shirts, patches, etc. The backpacks are purchased through the State.

Item #5 – Public Comment

None Non-

Item #6 – Correspondence

None

Item #7 – New Business

Richard Demko said that the next workshop is on Monday, 02/23/26 and we will have presentations from : Town Buildings, Public Works, Parks, and Seymour Events.

Jason Vieira said that there is a Capital ask from the Fire Department. We are asking for \$180,000 total. The \$80,000 is for the SCBA refill station up at Great Hill Hose. Current one is about 30 years old and beyond repair. Also, with the State Cancer Bill – it is HIGHLY recommended that every firefighter should have a SECOND structural gear set. Last year there was an issue where we needed a second set. We have 57 Certified Firefighters and 43 Non-Certified Firefighters. This would start with the Certified Firefighters. This is for Safety. Washing of gear needs to be done twice a year or after every fire. In the last 3 weeks we have had 6 structure fires. We pay into the Cancer Fund for each firefighter on our Roster.

Robin asked how many sets of gear can we buy for \$100,000. About 20 sets.

We have enough hoods, etc. throughout the year. We just need the jacket/pants. Robin asked when we would ask for another 20 sets. We will try and ask for 15 sets in regular budget next year.

Item #8 – Adjournment

Richard Demko adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary