

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
December 4, 2012

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Jim Morris, Mike Pilkovsky, Tim Eldridge, Maureen Spencer, and Mike Cauble.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	The minutes of November 13, 2012 were reviewed.	The minutes were approved.
1. Library minutes	Maureen distributed a revised library budget with the addition of a line for contracted services. The total remained the same.	No action was needed, as the total remained the same.
2. Conservation Committee	Emelyn Albert and Jack Williams were present to answer questions. There was no money requested for postage but it was explained that that had not used any this year and had no plans for next year. The multi-town educational fair is a proposal for several towns to sponsor a joint educational fair. The request for 2 picnic tables will replace one at the top of Green Mountain and add one at the Larry Leavitt Preserve. After discussion, it was suggested that land improvements be reduced to \$950 and water testing be increased to \$550. The bottom line remained at \$2550.	The Conservation Committee for \$2550 was accepted.
3. Dog Officer	The Dog Officer's request was unchanged from last year for a total of \$500. The salary expense has been moved to the Police Department request.	The Dog Officer budget was accepted at \$500.
4. Treasurer	This request was unchanged from last year.	The Treasurer request was accepted at \$3742.
5. Emergency Management	Randy Burbank was present to request an additional \$300 to the Equipment line to be used to match a State grant to purchase a lap top computer to be used to access the State EOC.	The Emergency Management budget was increased to \$2160 and accepted.
6. Fire Department	Randy Burbank discussed changes to his original request. These were an addition of \$500 for mileage, \$500 for fuel and	The Fire Department budget was tabled and Randy will return at the

	the deletion of \$2800 from Equipment for the Jaws of Life. This reduced the total to \$66050. There was further discussion with suggestions to reduce several other lines. There was a motion to table the budget to allow Randy to revise it.	December 18 th meeting with a revised budget.
7. Zoning Enforcement	The Zoning Enforcement budget was discussed.	The Zoning Enforcement Budget was accepted at \$9489.
8. School Budget	Tim Eldridge presented information about the School Budget. He explained how State funds were allocated. Criteria for allocating funds include academic performance, participation in free or reduced meals and special needs. Effingham rates well and receives less funds. Effingham's tax rate for schools for next year will be \$11.87.	No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The next meeting will be December 18th at 5:45 pm