Town of Effingham Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: January 22nd, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Pilkovsky, Paul Bartoswicz, Maureen Spencer, Jim Morris

Members Absent: Mike Cauble, Tim Eldridge

The meeting began @ 7:00 PM

We received a revised Police department budget from the Selectmen for review. Discussed the differences in fuel expenses (\$1,000.00) and software expenses (\$70.00) both increases in the prior budged presented. The committee approved the changes in the budget.

The Committee reviewed the Selectmen's budget and discussed various items in the budget including having warrant articles Road Reconstruction and Road Paving and Sealing being listed as Special Warrant Articles. Also the separate article shown as Road sealing to be a Special Warrant Article as well. Also Meals on Wheels is to be revised up \$2,000.00 reflecting the increase in the cost of meals to a total of \$7,500.00. The Committee approved the budget as revised with notations on the warrant articles.

The Committee met with the Selectman to discuss two increases in their budget. The landfill monitoring contract fee increased by \$1,700.00 to a total of \$5,700.00 and the Library Trust Fund increased by \$500.00 to a total of \$3,000.00. We did discussed the Committees request to have the road warrant articles be Special Warrant Articles. The Selectman agreed to have the Road Sealing article be a Non Lapsing Special Warrant Article but were reluctant to label the other two road articles as Special saying that it "ties their hands" if monies had to be used for other purposes in an emergency situation.

The public hearing will be held the 6th of February @ 7:00 PM @ the Municipal building

The next meeting will be the 1/29/2013 @ 7:00 PM Meeting adjourned @ 8:43 PM