

Town of Effingham  
Budget Committee  
February 03, 2015

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Mike Pilkovsky, Jim Morris and Dave Strauss.

Excused: Leo Racine and Mike Cauble

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:48 p.m.
2. Draft Warrant Article	The Committee reviewed the budget related Articles of the draft Town Warrant	Committee noted bottom line change to Article 15 due to error on Health agencies and Hospitals. This was corrected.
3. Minutes	The minutes of January 13, 2015 were reviewed.	The minutes were accepted.
4. Public Meeting	<p><b>It should be noted below warrant article numbers maybe be changed from finalized Town Warrant.</b></p> <p>Article 15 Ensuing year general operations</p> <p>Public comment</p> <p>Articles 5(Avitar), 8(Capital reserve acct.), 10(Fire truck/equip. capital reserve), 11(Fire mini-pumper), 13(Ambulance contract), 14(Fire airbags)</p> <p>Public comment</p> <p>Article 6 Road reconstruction</p> <p>Public discussion</p>	<p>Called to order 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.</p> <p>There was a discussion of possible additional funds that the board was not aware of. Committee noted comment.</p> <p>Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.</p> <p>No discussion, fire chief gave a review on Art. 11 and Selectman gave a review on Art. 13.</p> <p>Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.</p> <p>Questions were asked for clarification on road work, time line and Hutchins road bridge usage, Selectman answered this.</p>

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4 cont. Public Meeting	Article 7 Road resurface/repair	Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.
	Public discussion	Question asked to define what roads were involved. Selectman answered this.
	Article 9 Library/town hall restoration/Municipal auditing/bld trust fund	Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.
	Public discussion	Question was asked about old town hall renovations. Selectman answered this.
	Article 12 Stevens road bridge replacement	Committee reviewed with selectman providing an overview. Presented to the public for discussion.
	Public discussion	Question was asked about engineering cost estimates. Additionally funding was debated. Selectman answered this.
	Article 17 Freedom food pantry	Committee reviewed and Pantry rep. gave an overview. Presented to the public for discussion.
	Public discussion	Questions about usage for our town which was addressed by the Pantry rep.
	Article 18 Cemetery trust fund	Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.
	Public discussion	Questions asked about the advantages and disadvantages. Selectman addressed this.
	Article 19 Health insurance 25%	Committee reviewed and presented to the public for discussion.
	Public discussion	Questions were asked about “elected” or “hired” employees. A debate ensued with no changes.
	Open discussion	Fire Chief brought up concern about a reserve fund for equipment, Committee noted concern.
Adjournment Public meeting	The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.	

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5. Article acceptance	<p>Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13,14, 15, 17 and 18.</p> <p>Article 11 Fire mini-pumper</p> <p>Article 12 Stevens road bridge replacement</p> <p>Article 19 Health insurance 25%</p>	<p>Committee reviewed and majority voted to recommend these articles for appropriation.</p> <p>Committee held a discussion if new truck was replacing an existing truck or was an addition. Majority voted to recommend this article for appropriation.</p> <p>Committee held a discussion if state does not provide funding as expected what the outcome would be. It was determined funds were not guaranteed but funding was very likely. Sufficient funds existed if the outcome was not in the towns favor. Majority voted to recommend this article for appropriation.</p> <p>Discussion was held on “elected or “hired” employee wording. Majority voted to NOT recommend this article for appropriation.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on February 10, 2015 6:45 p.m.	