

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
December 01, 2015

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Mike Pilkovsky, Jim Morris, Leo Racine, Dave Strauss & Bill Piekut.
Excused:

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:46 p.m.
2. Historic Comm. Budget.	Review	Question concerning the budgeted to actual expenditures which showed over budget. Mr. Jones addressed the budget line item by line item. Question on travel expenses. It was explained two new members are possible next year and this would cover travel for conferences. Board suggested a reduction in travel expense to reflect one driver being reimbursed. This is consistent with other budgets that have been reviewed.
	Motion	To amend travel expense from \$110 to \$78 Majority approved.
	Review	Reviewed the line item budget for items that were not used in previous years. No changes were made. Mr. Jones was asked to detail balance and usage of savings account. Account has 787.41 of which \$100 was used for signs and 302.57 were being reimbursed back to the town for supplied poles, leaving a balance of 384.84. It was noted the Comm. is trying to deplete the legacy savings account to provide an accurate budget. Question of why the Comm. did not buy its own material was explained due to the town rate was more favorable for materials.
	Motion	To accept modified budget. Majority approved
3. Fire Department Budget.	Review	Mr. Piekut recused himself due to conflict. Question on hose usage and replacement. Chief detailed the procedures and schedule replacements. Question on mutual aid dues and the Chief detailed the association functions. Question on member status. Currently 18 fire members, 7 new since last town meeting. Chief provided ranking of his members.

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<p>3. Fire Department Budget Continued.</p>	<p>Review</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>Question about firefighter compensation increase by \$3000. Pay is based on a point system and members who complete more training and qualifications receive more points.</p> <p>Chief detailed the trucks maintenance schedule.</p> <p>Question on fuel usage and it was noted the fire department was different then the police department.</p> <p>Question on schedule maint. of old truck#1. Plan is to keep usage as long as it passes inspection and repairs are cost effective. Maintenance will continue as long as truck meets above criteria or sold.</p> <p>Noted secretary costs were down and Chief explained training line item is absorbing some costs due to changes in scheduling.</p> <p>It was suggested fuel costs could be reduced due to current prices. Chief noted new truck will increase training and usage for familiarity with equipment. Left line item as is.</p> <p>Chief detailed in 2015 they have had 252 calls of which 90/93 a truck was rolled.</p> <p>To accept budget. Majority approved</p>
<p>4. Emergency MGMT Budget.</p>	<p>Review</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>Chief discussed trailer movement and required hitch.</p> <p>Committee noted expenditures for actual in 2014 and 2015 is approximately the same for 2016.</p> <p>To accept presented budget. Majority approved.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>December 08, 2015 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Supervisor of the check list and Library budgets will be discussed.</p>