

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
January 12, 2016

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

Excused:

Select Board Present: T. Eldridge, L. Edwards, H Spencer

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:52 p.m.
2. Budget Committee.	Discussion	Decided on 02/02/16 for public hearing.
3. Freedom food pantry budget	Review	<p>Rep. covered the area they support and what surrounding towns provide for support. Details were provided on food services.</p> <p>Rep. covered how Lakeview closing has caused an increase of about 10% in requested services. In addition due to the price increases of food and no social security increase it is expected this will cause the need for additional assistance.</p> <p>Question on provided hours. Rep, answered they are open Saturdays but if a need arises the individuals can contact the pantry and after hour support would be provided.</p> <p>Question on members. Rep. answered that they currently have about 45 and all are volunteers.</p> <p>Question on seniors served. Rep stated that about half are senior citizens and they consider above 60 as this category.</p> <p>Rep. detailed how the church provides the building, heat, electricity and the appliances.</p>
	Motion	<p>To approve 5K requested. Majority approved.</p>
4. Library budget	Review	<p>Question on removal of other wages line item. Library Representative (LR) noted that the board had decided the two employees going to 30 hours was sufficient.</p> <p>Question on if grants were applied for. LR replied that they apply each year and last year they received grants for arts/books and humanity.</p> <p>Question on if a volunteer list existed. LR responded that it is a small group mostly just a couple of volunteers. Previous years the list had multiple names.</p>

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4. Library budget continued	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>Question on how hours of employees that do not work a day are credited. LR informed that they provide the employee sick and vacation time so if an employee is out the hours are not banked but they are used.</p> <p>Question on Budgeted to actual showing it had 3K left over from last year's budget and what happen to the surplus. LR informed they had spent the surplus on additional supplies.</p> <p>Why the 3k was not used to reduce this year's budget request. It was understood the money was approved for the library usage and they filled a need vice using the amount to offset this year's budget.</p> <p>Relating to a bottom line budget submittal vice a detailed budget.</p> <p>To accept submitted budget Majority approved.</p>
5. Treasurer budget	<p>Review</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>Submitted budget was reviewed compared to last year budget.</p> <p>To accept submitted budget Majority approved.</p>
6. Budget Committee.	Discussion	<p>Select board provided proposed budget for next week's review. Broad aspects of the submitted budget were covered but it was noted that the submitted budget was for our review and questions should be addressed at next weeks scheduled meeting.</p>
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Next Meeting	January 19, 2016 6:45 p.m.	Select Board budget will be discussed.