

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
October 25, 2016

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Mike Pilkovsky, Jim Morris, Dave Strauss & Mellisa Seamans.
Excused: Leo Racine
Select Board Present:
Other(s) Present:

1. Meeting.		Called to order 6:58 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approved minutes of 10/11/16. Majority approved
3. Budget Committee	Discussion	Developed a budget review schedule. Chair handed out 2016 Employee/Volunteer/Elected Official of the Year ballots to all members. Discussed the town Administrator response to the questions from the previous meeting minutes. A question arose concerning the high volume for the town lawyer and if some contacts might not be approved by the Select Board. A discussion was held if a policy existed that contacts to the town lawyer needed to be approved by the Select Board. Discussed future town projects and the impact on the budget. Chair provided the new town tax rate provided by the DRA as \$22.80 an increase of \$2.33 (School portion \$1.30 and Town/County \$1.03). Discussed road work schedule and budget. Questioned if a contract with an Engineering firm would be beneficial. There was concern about the lack of a defined road/bridge project schedule. A question arose on the duties on the Historic District Commission and if it was required. A public attendee added that if the town did not have one the duties would fall to the planning board.
4. Budget Committee Budget	Review Motion	Discussed increase in advertising fees. Increased advertising line item to \$110. Total budget is now \$320. To accept modified budget. Majority approved

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5. Budget Committee	Other business Motion	Chair notified the board due to work schedule he was no longer able to continue as Chair but could still continue as a Budget Committee member. He suggested that Chair and Vice Chair swap duties. Vice Chair agreed. Chair and Vice Chair swap duties Majority approved
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Next Meeting	November 1, 2016 6:45 p.m.	Town Clerk, Tax Collector budgets will be discussed. Any other business which may arise.