Town of Effingham Budget Committee November 15, 2016

Present: Jim Morris, Paul Bartoswicz, Mike Pilkovsky, Leo Racine, Dave Strauss & Mellisa Seamans.

Excused:

Select Board Present: Henry Spenser, Lenny Espie, Lawrence Edwards

Other(s) Present: Randy Burbank

1. Meeting.		Called to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approved minutes of 11/01/16.
		Majority approved
3. Emergency	Discussion	Question on amount of generators maintained. Chief
Mgmt Budget		responded three (school/town office/fire house).
		Question on location for Forrest fire on 3/19/2016. Chief
		responded Town house road.
	Motion	Approved budget as submitted.
		Majority approved
4. Fire Dept.	Discussion	Chief was asked to explain increase in training expenses. Chief
Budget		responded some individuals in the past had paid for their own
		training and now it is being submitted to the town causing an
		increase. Additionally the department has private companies providing training.
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		Question regarding the EMT training cost and town
		commitment for receiving this training. Chief responded
		individuals have to provide a set number of years of service or
		they will have to reimburse the town part of the training.
		Chief was asked to explain increase in protective gear
		expenses. Chief responded part of the increase is for new
		members. He also added that the equipment has a 10 year shelf
		life.
		Question on approximate amount of calls to date. Chief
		responded about 195 calls of which approximately 80 are for
		fire calls.
		Overtion if firefighter companyation was not call and also
		Question if firefighter compensation was per call and also training. Chief explained they use a point system where
		higher trained/seniority members get more points. Points are
		assigned a dollar amount and that is how compensation is
		calculated. This applies to members for training attendance
		also.

4. Fire Dept. Budget (Continued)	Discussion	Question what the telephone line item entails. Chief explained this covers not only the phone but TV and internet access for the fire house. Fair Point and Time Warner are the providers.
		Question on what the secretary line item provides. Chief explained every Saturday 9am to 1pm a member is assigned to handle the department's paperwork.
		Select Board member asked about truck maintenance reduction as two trucks are still under warrantee. Chief explained this line item covers inspection on four trucks and all equipment certification on those trucks and line item was reduced at the Select Board fire budget meeting.
		It was noted submitted budget for truck maintenance was reduced by the Select Board budget meeting from \$20,000 to \$18,000 making the overall request \$76,800.
	Motion	To approve Select Board adjusted budget.
		Majority approved
5. Fire Warden Budget	Discussion	Due to Fire Wardens absence it was suggested to delay budget review. Questions were asked about the budget increase and usage of a possible surplus truck. When Warden is available a new date would be scheduled and posted.
	Motion	To postpone till further notice.
		Majority approved
6. Budget Committee	Roads/Culverts Study	The letter to request the Select Board to enter into the Lakes Region Planning Commission/UNHNHDOT assessment was not sent to the board as approved at last meeting.
		Additional information was provided detailing the Lakes Region Planning Commission/UNHNHDOT assessment done in 2013 for Effingham. It was also found that a previous Select Board had extrapolated that information into a spreadsheet for project scheduling. The 2016 assessment software corrects problems noted in older assessment software and would give a more accurate assessment.
		It was noted by Chair that the committee does not appropriate funds. It was also noted that the information does improve the committee's ability to budget/plan.

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6. Budget Committee (Continued)	Roads/Culverts Study	Public input provided information concerning the old/new assessment and the discussion with Lakes Region Planning Commission. Public input provided information that this maybe a planning board issue and might fall under the capital improvement trust fund to fund the assessment. Additionally the importance of following a plan was stressed.
Adjournment		Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
Next Meeting	November 22,	Planning Board, ZBA, Conservation commission and Historic
	2016 6:45 p.m.	District budgets will be discussed.
		Any other business which may arise.