

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 Mgmt Budget	Discussion	Question on amount of generators maintained. Chief 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. Budget	Discussion	Chief was asked to explain increase in training expenses. Chief 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.  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.  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.



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6. Budget Committee (Continued)	Roads/Culverts Study	<p>Public input provided information concerning the old/new assessment and the discussion with Lakes Region Planning Commission.</p> <p>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.</p>
Adjournment		Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
Next Meeting	November 22, 2016 6:45 p.m.	<p>Planning Board, ZBA, Conservation commission and Historic District budgets will be discussed.</p> <p>Any other business which may arise.</p>