

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
November 29, 2016

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

Excused: Mellisa Seamans

Select Board Present Lawrence Edwards, Henry Spencer.

Other(s) Present: (Supr chk list) Sheryl Feirrick, (Police) Tim Butts, (Trust funds) Karen Payne, Carol Pfister.

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:45 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approved minutes of 11/22/16. Majority approved
3. Budget Committee	Discussion	Select Board Representative on Committee. It was determined the RSA required a representative. Select Board member Lawrence Edwards was asked to be seated with the Budget committee as a voting member.
4. Trustee of Trust funds Budget	Discussion	It was noted that this was added to the budget review in error as the Trustee's budget is covered in the Select Board's budget.
5. Supervisor of the check list Budget	Motion	To accept budget for discussion
		Seconded
	Discussion	Noted budget increase of \$35. Question concerning request for a laptop. Supervisor of the check list representative (SCL) responded that the current laptop is a second hand laptop and it had been used the last two years. Performance was the issue with the old unit. Question on amount of usage. SCL stated that it is used every election and they are currently using it now for data entry from the last election. She also noted the laptop is stored in the town office.
	Motion	Accept budget as submitted. Majority approved
6. Dog officers Budget	Motion	To accept budget for discussion
		Seconded
	Discussion	Noted no increase required. Representative noted dogs are housed at Lakes Region humane society but to date none have been.

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
November 29, 2016

<p>6. Dog officers Budget (continued)</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>Question if any fine income is derived from housed dogs. Representative stated no income is derived.</p> <p>Accept budget as submitted.</p> <p>Majority approved</p>
<p>7. Police Budget</p>	<p>Motion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>To accept budget for discussion</p> <p>Seconded</p> <p>It was noted that an error on line item for equipment was totaled twice causing a \$1250 error. Additionally the total listed (\$173,209.00) for “2016 requested” was not what the budget committee had requested (\$170,720.00). Select Boards cost of living increase and noted error caused this difference.</p> <p>Police Representative (PR) covered the software increase and the benefits of the new software.</p> <p>Question concerning uniform increase of \$1000. PR detailed the costs for uniforms and vest insert costs.</p> <p>Question concerning General Expenses and supplies increase of \$250. PR explained increase in right to know and report copy requests by insurance companies and the public.</p> <p>PR detailed where Effingham stands in relation to crime statistics and recent news reports. Additionally he noted no significant calls to the Green Mountain Rehab center.</p> <p>Question concerning current status of Cruisers. PR had bids for replacement of older cruiser of \$38,000 plus. It is expected to be replaced early next year and has in excess of 100K miles. Trade in was discussed.</p> <p>Current Cruiser trust fund has \$45,000 plus balance.</p> <p>To accept amended budget to \$174,239</p> <p>Majority approved</p> <p>To accept budget as amended</p> <p>Majority approved</p>

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
November 29, 2016

8. Budget Committee	Discussion	<p>Covered Budget to Actual line items that were over budget.</p> <p>4312-Highways and Streets was within budget.</p> <p>Select Board Representative (SBR) covered the expected usages for the \$21,000 left in the materials line item.</p> <p>Culvert replacement and cost for usage of Engineering services were discussed.</p> <p>4153-Legal services were 300% plus over budget. SBR covered reasons for overages. It was noted that calls to town attorney were expected to be requested thru the Select Board before contacting.</p> <p>RSA 32.8 thru 32.11 concerning appropriations was discussed. It was noted that appropriations that were moved to cover overages could be requested by the Budget committee for review per RSA 32.10 (b).</p>
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Next Meeting	December 06, 2016 6:45 p.m.	<p>Library and Zone Enforcement officer budgets will be discussed.</p> <p>Any other business which may arise.</p>