

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
January 10, 2017

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

Excused:

Absent:

Select Board Present: Lawrence Edwards, Lenny Espie, Henry Spencer.

Other(s) Present: (Admin Asst.) Sheryl Feirrick.

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:45 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approved minutes of 1/3/17. Majority approved
3. Budget Committee	Discussion	Concerning public input the board weighed in on how the Budget Committee (BC) Chair could attempt to maintain input and keep it on point. Noted that Non-profits request sheets from White Mountain/VNA and American Red Cross had been located. Discussed spread sheet provided by Mellisa. Concerns about errors from transposing numbers arose. She pointed out the spreadsheet she obtained had only been modified to add an additional column. Most of the committee felt it was a useful tool. Requested the balance sheet for the unreserved fund balance for future meetings. The exact balance was in question as the 2015 audit showed \$524K and last year it was suggested we had \$840K. Currently the figure stands at \$353K.
4. Non-profits	Discussion Motion White Mountain Motion VNA Motion	Limiting Non-Profits to 1% or .08% of town budget. To limit Non-profits to 1%. No second Requests \$1623. BC approved last year was \$500. To fund at \$500 Second Majority approved Requests \$4000. BC. approved last year \$4000. Covered the value they provided to our town. To fund at \$4000 Second Majority approved

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<p>4. Non-profits Continued</p>	<p>American Red Cross</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p>Requests \$500. BC approved last year \$250.</p> <p>To fund at \$500</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Noted services were not listed for Effingham in their handout. Value of their services and the point that their services had not been used were a good thing. The seven figure CEO salary and the fact that this was the only national charity asking the town for assistance was debated.</p> <p>To modify the previous motion to \$250.</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Majority approved</p> <p>Noted that including the 1/3/17 meeting totals, the overall total for Non-profits is \$15,358. Approximately 1% of last year's town appropriation.</p>
<p>5. Treasurer Budget</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Noted Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer was not in attendance. Budget request totaled \$4700.00</p> <p>To Accept budget as submitted</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Question concerning supplies cost as it relates to the Tax collector. The Budget to Actual spreadsheet does not detail out this item like each individual department budget does. Discussed Salary increase request.</p> <p>Majority approved</p>
<p>6. Select Board Road budget</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Noted that no budget sheet was presented to the BC. BC Chair requested Select Board (SB) Chair if he had submitted a budget for funding. SB Chair responded that he had submitted a budget. BC Chair noted per state RSA a budget for appropriations must be submitted to the BC.</p>

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6. Select Board Road budget Continued	Discussion	<p>SB Chair started to cover details from a Budget to Actual (B to A) spreadsheet for which the BC did not have a copy, less BC member Edwards (SB representative). Copies were made of the SB Chairs spreadsheet and provided to BC members.</p> <p>BC Chair requested SB to explain why the requested 48 hour notice prior to meeting for the committee to review the Budget was not met.</p> <p>SB detailed that the office Admin. whom is key in preparing the budget was out the last 2 weeks due to an illness and this caused the delay.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the board had been requested months ago for a budget and the delay was caused due to poor planning not office staff. The SB waited too long to assemble a budget.</p> <p>BC Chair also noted that the schedule was set last year for a separate Road/Bridge budget due to its importance on the overall budget and the SB's late excuse was petty.</p> <p>SB Chair started to discuss his figures for individual line items. It was noted that SB spreadsheet was incomplete and had hand written in figures. BC Chair stopped SB presentation and STRONGLY expressed his dissatisfaction with what was presented to the committee.</p>
	Motion	<p>By BC Chair to fund line item 4312 Highway and Streets at \$400,000</p> <p>Second</p> <p>SB pointed out that winter road contract is up coming and the bid price was unknown and amount would not be sufficient.</p> <p>Asked if this was in the best interest of the town and the BC Chair noted the inefficiency and overspending by the SB was out of control and needed to be controlled.</p> <p>It was suggested to SB Chair if an additional week was provided (1/17/17 is the overall Select Board budget meeting) would they be able to provide the BC with a proper budget. SB Chair responded in the affirmative.</p>

