

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
June 6, 2017

Present: Jim Morris, , Leo Racine, Dave Strauss, Mellisa Seamans & Jory Augenti

Excused: Paul Bartoswicz

Absent:

Select Board Present: John Meisner (Budget Rep.)

Other(s) Present:

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:38 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion/2nd	Approved minutes of 4/18/17. Majority approved
3. Budget Committee	Discussion	Debated revenues and how received data is used in the budget process. Noted that the Select Boards (SB) revenue was not presented to the committee. Chair will request this from the Town Administrator (TA). Town owned land and the lost revenue were a concern for the committee. It was noted that the 2016 town report had town owned land assessed at 2.3 million dollars. This included occupied town properties such as the town office/fire buildings and library. It was decided to request information for town property that is tax dedeed. Chair will request this from the Town Administrator (TA). Committee Letter dated April 18 which was sent to the SB on that date had not received a response. SB representative noted that the SB had agreed upon a raise process and had not addressed the remaining issues. He will attempt to formalize a response to the remaining questions at a future SB meeting. Chair will submit a formal request for a response. Committee realized the zoning enforcement budget increase last year and debated if the fee for permits could be increased to offset some of that increase.
	Motion	Budget committee encourages the Select Board to study changing the permit fee structure. Second Majority approved
	Budget schedule	Reviewed last year's schedule and decided to add Forrester, Transfer station and Trustee of the trust funds. Agreed upon a schedule that will complete on 11/28/2017 excluding overall review/public meeting.

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3. Budget Committee (Continued)	Discussion	<p>It was noted by Ms. Seamans that the SB had decided to perform culvert work as opposed to paving projects. As no formal study was present to give the SB guidance on this work she suggested that a study be done on the town's road culverts similar to 2013 road study. She had contacted Lakes regional planning and was told this was available.</p> <p>It was suggested she present this to the planning board CIP committee and then to the Select Board.</p>
	Budget to Actual review	<p>4930-Payments to Other Gov'ts Question on 4939 line item and what is included in "Other Governments". Chair will request info from the Town Administrator (TA).</p> <p>4611.2-Conservation Commission Question on the work on the Bonneyman road. It was noted that materials were being provided by a grant but the town was paying for the labor. It was asked if the labor could be taken from the Conservation funds. Previous SB meetings had detailed the work that needed to be done and the town had work on the culvert that also needed to be done. It was felt that this was a good compromise.</p>
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.
Next Meeting	August 08, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Budget to Actual and any other business which may arise.