

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
November 21, 2017

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

Excused: Paul Bartoswicz

Absent:

Select Board (SB) Present: John Meisner (Budget Rep.), Lenny Espie

Other(s) Present: Office Asst. (OA) Cheryle Feirick.

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approve minutes of 11/14/17. Second Discussed the early Monday update of the minutes that had corrected the Police Sargent salary and corresponding percentages on page 5.
	Motion Vote:	Motion passes 6-0
3 Police Salaries budget	Motion	To accept the submitted budget of \$161,255 for discussion. Second
	Discussion	Question to SB rep. why the salary increase was greater than the stated unwritten SB policy for raises (2% but not greater than 1\$)? SB rep. thought the raises were held within the policy. Chief increase request was \$2417, SGT increase request was \$2264. It was noted a 1\$ increase was \$2080. Part-time officer request was \$1475, it was noted a 1\$ increase was \$832. It was noted Secretary requested no increase.
	Motion	Amend requested budget to 1\$/hr increase for Chief, 2% for all others. Seconded. SB member added that it was possible the salaries were above the policy due to retirement factored in. It was noted that retirement is funded in a separate line item. Question on why 2% for Secretary as request was no increase? Debated the position and if an increase was warranted. It was noted the Secretary position has not been fully spent for the last two years. OA provided info on reasons for under spending.
	Motion	Amend motion amendment to remove Secretary Second
	Motion Vote:	Motion passes 6-0

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3. Police Salaries budget continued	Motion	To accept budget as amended providing a 1\$/hr increase for Chief, 2% increase for SGT and Part-time officers. Second
	Discussion	It was noted that the salary budget total with the changes would be \$158,761 a \$2494 reduction.
	Motion Vote:	Jim M-yes/Leo R-yes/Mellisa S-yes/John M-no Dave S-yes/ Jory A-yes Motion passes 5-1.
	Discussion	It was pointed out that no salary comparisons were provided and this would have been helpful in the budget deliberations.
4. Budget Committee	Discussion	Chair noted White Horse non-profit was in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Chair covered RSA 32:15 noting that the budget presented to the state is the budget agreed to by the budget committee.
5. Non Profits	White Horse	Mitch Yeaton and Susan Thistle gave a presentation on their organization. It was noted to date four town residents are in their program at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Question on sources of funding? They stated it is from the state, county grants, towns, insurances, churches, fund raisers and private donations. Question on their yearly budget and if we could receive a copy? To date it has a \$660,000 yearly budget and they would provide a copy to the town for review.
	Discussion	It was noted that the requests for Non-profits this year including funding meals on wheels the same as last year would total \$30,383. Previous years the BC has held to no more than 1% of the budget for Non-profits (\$20,000). BC debated various positions on this subject.
	Motion	To hold Non-profit total to 1% of the town budget. Second
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 3-3
	Discussion	Noted the Budget to Actual (BtoA) lists one total budget figure for Non-profits and concern on presentation at the town meeting might be confusing. Chair will attempt to have this detailed out or have additional documentation available.

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5. Non Profits continued	Discussion	<p>It was noted White Horse being a new request would have to have a warrant article submitted. It was debated if this should be included in the Non-profit budget total. The BC decided it would be included in the Non-profit budget total and would have to be addressed at the town meeting if a different figure then requested was agreed upon.</p> <p>Question on employees receiving 2% raises and why did this logic did not apply to no-profits? It was noted they are employees and that was their only income as a Non-profit has many sources.</p> <p>Debate on finding an agreeable non-profit maximum budget covered various areas and subjects.</p>
	Motion	To hold Non-profit total to \$22,000. Second
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 4-2
	Freedom Food Pantry	Requested \$5,000.
	Motion	To fund at \$2,500 Second
	Discussion	Debated the reasons for the reduction. Covered submitted letter and the value this Non-profit provides to the town.
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 3-3
	Motion	To fund at \$4,000 Second
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 5-1
	Red Cross	Request \$250
	Motion	To fund at \$0 Second
	Discussion	On local help provided. It was noted this is not a local non-profit. Letter submitted did not detail any town support.
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 5-1

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5. Non Profits continued	Ossipee Children's fund	Requested \$2,500
	Motion	To fund at \$1,500 Second
	Discussion	Covered submitted letter and the value this Non-profit provides to the town.
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 5-1
	VNA & Hospice	Requested \$4,000
	Motion	To fund at \$4,000 Second
	Discussion	Covered submitted letter and the value this Non-profit provides to the town.
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 3-3
	Motion	To fund at \$3,000 Second
	Discussion	On keeping to the agreed upon budget. Motion passes 4-2
	Meals on Wheels (4445.2)	Previous year funding of \$4,500
	Motion	To fund at \$4,500 Second
	Discussion	Noted that 2016 it spent \$3,600 and at the end of October this year it has spent \$3,900.
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 4-2
	White Mountain	Requested (via warrant) \$1,865
	Motion	To fund at \$1,000 Second

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5. Non Profits Continued	Discussion	Covered submitted letter and no breakdown for services provided to our town.
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 5-1
	Northern Human Services	Previous year funding of \$716
	Motion	To fund at \$1,000 Second
	Discussion	On services to the local community. It was debated about proving more than requested and staying in agreed upon budget.
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 5-1
	Motion	To fund at \$500 Second
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 4-2
	Motion	To fund at \$716 Second
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 4-2
	Starting Point	Requested \$1,552
	Motion	To fund at \$1,200 Second
	Discussion	Covered submitted letter and noted 10 people in our town use the service.
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 4-2
	Motion	To fund at \$1,000 Second
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 5-1

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5. Non Profits continued	TRI County CAP	Requested \$5,000
	Motion	To fund at \$1,200 Second
	Discussion	Covered submitted letter and the value this Non-profit provides to the town. Noted total of agreed budget at this point.
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 4-2
	Motion	To fund at \$3,284 Second
	Motion Vote	Motion fails 3-3
	Motion	To fund at \$3,000 Second
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 5-1
	White Horse	Requested \$5,000 (via town warrant)
	Motion	To fund at \$3,000
	Discussion	Noted total of agreed budget at this point. Chair noted that this amount is what will be recommended at the town meeting with the reasons we arrived at that total.
	Motion Vote	Motion passes 6-0
	Discussion	Final total amount to Non-profits is \$21,716 about a 1.06% of expected town's budget.
6. Budget Committee	Discussion	Draft SB ADMIN budget presented. SB rep. noted changes are expected. Agree to add 12/12/17 meeting. Revenues of clerk were available. The SB revenues will be in the next few weeks.
Adjournment	Motion	To Adjourn. Second Majority approved Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
Next Meeting	November 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Select Board ADMIN budget will be discussed. Any other business which may arise.