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**Effingham Budget Committee Minutes**

**68 School St, Effingham**

**December 06, 2022**

**Members present:** Dave Strauss (chair), Leo Racine (Vice Chair) Rosemarie Wissenbach, Steve Regal, David Garceau, Vicki Kirkwood (Selectman’s Representative).

**Members Absent:** Jim Giguere

**Others present:** Chuck Fuller Selectmen, Lenny Espie Selectmen, Erik Jones, Victoria Guthrie Garceau

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

A roll call confirmed those present.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Dave Strauss made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written for November 22, 2022 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

Vicki Kirkwood made note that on page 6 under 4130 Steve Regal’s vote was missing.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-nay, Chair Strauss-nay, Rosemarie Wissenbach-nay, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 6-0-0).**

Dave Strauss made a seconded motion to approve corrected meeting minutes as updated with adding “aye” for Steve Regal on page 6. for November 22, 2022. The motion was seconded by Leo Racine.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye, Steve Regal-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

**Board Business:**

The Chair Strauss gave an update on the unreserved fund balance which has increased by \$1000.00, bringing the total to \$836,000.00. This is based on the budgets currently before the board and previously approved; the town would see an increase of \$0.49 per thousand.

**Health Agencies**

**4415 - Granite VNA** represented by Brian Winslow gave his presentation per packet requesting \$2,000.00.

**4415 - Freedom Food Pantry** represented by Doris Soris gave her presentation per packet requesting \$5,000.00.

**4415 - Ossipee Children’s fund** represented by Eve Klotz gave her presentation per packet requesting \$3,500.00.

**4415 - TCCAP** represented by Amy Goyette gave her presentation (call in) per packet requesting \$3,805.00.

**4415 - Starting Point** represented by Raetha Stoddard gave her presentation per packet requesting \$5,301.00.

Chair informed each non-profit they would hear the decision via email and the final vote is based on town vote.

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### **4445.2 Meals on Wheels:**

Dave S made a motion to approve the BOS approved amount of \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Leo R.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal -aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### **4312 Highway & Streets:**

Dave S made a motion to approve the budget for \$548,750.00. The motion was seconded by Leo R.

The Chair Strauss went over the budget line items.

Rosemarie had a question on how the road contract pricing was determined. It was clarified that it is based on an hourly rate per specific equipment.

Erik Jones questioned if it is being taken into account the additional maintenance of new roads in future budgeting.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### **4155 Payroll Expenses:**

Dave S made a motion to approve the budget for \$106,550.00. The motion was seconded by Leo R.

Dave explained the salaries would increase based on the new rate.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### **4196 Insurance:**

Dave S made a motion to approve the budget for \$89,392.00. The motion was seconded by Leo R.

Dave S explained the Insurance budget worksheet.

Vicki Kirkwood questioned if the town had looked into Long term insurance and it was clarified that it was covered as well as short term and life insurance.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

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### **4415 Health Agencies voting:**

Dave S explained how he uses the worksheets for the data analysis and how the motioning will be completed. First Selectboard and then the budget committee will vote.

### **4415 Freedom Food Pantry:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

The board had a discussion on the amount to give to the Freedom Food Pantry. It was agreed the Freedom Food Pantry is very beneficial to the town.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-nay, Lenny Espie-nay and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-nay, Chair Strauss-nay, Steve Regal-nay, Rosemarie Wissenbach-nay, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 6-0-0).**

Dave S made a seconded motion to approve \$6,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### **4415 TCCAP:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$3,805.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

The board discussed TCCAP figures.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

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**4415 Ossipee Children's Fund:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

**4415 Starting Point:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$5,301.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

The board had discussion on the amount to fund.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-nay and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 2-1-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-nay, Chair Strauss-nay, Steve Regal-nay, Rosemarie Wissenbach-nay, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 6-0-0).**

Dave S made a seconded motion to approve \$4,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

**4415 Childrens Unlimited:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-nay, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 5-1-0).**

**4415 VNA-Hospice:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

The board had discussion on the amount to fund.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-nay, Lenny Espie-nay and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 3-0-0).**

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**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-nay, Chair Strauss-nay, Steve Regal-nay, Rosemarie Wissenbach-nay, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 6-0-0).**

Dave S made a seconded motion to approve \$2,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 5-1-0).**

### **4415 Northern Human Services:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$716.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

The board discussed funding the non-profit.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### **4415 Red Cross:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$250.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

Dave S explained that the Red Cross had contacted the town to send the packet but it has not been received. The board discussed the funding amount.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### **4415 White Mountain Community Health:**

Dave S made a motion to approve \$2,182.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

The board had a discussion on the amount to fund.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-nay, Lenny Espie-nay and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-nay, Chair Strauss-nay, Steve Regal-nay, Rosemarie Wissenbach-nay, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-nay (failed 6-0-0).**

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Dave S made a second motion to approve \$1,000.00 and the motion was seconded by Leo R.

**BoS Motion Vote: Chuck Fuller-aye, Lenny Espie-aye and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 3-0-0).**

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-aye, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**

### 4415 Health Agencies Comments:

The amount passed for the non-profit's totaled \$23,271.00. The board felt these are good amounts for the non-profits.

Lenny Espie wanted to let it be known that the White Horse is starting a scholarship program and looking for private donations.

Erik Jones had a question on non-profit salaries.

### Budget to Actual Review:

Dave S directed the board to the sheet and that 4155 payroll has been corrected and 7000 Grants has been added. Dave S explains concern of the questions not being resolved and to have Vicki look into having them getting resolved. Chuck Fuller instructs him to see Lisa for assistance in having them resolved.

### Next Meeting:

The Next Budget Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 3, 2022. Snow Date January 4th, 2022.

Dave S mentions this may change depending on the draft warrants being complete by January 3rd, if not the meeting will be scheduled for January 17, 2022.

### Committee vote to adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Dave at 7:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Leo R.

**Motion Vote: Leo Racine-aye, Chair Strauss-aye, Steve Regal-aye, Rosemarie Wissenbach-aye, David Garceau-nay, and Vicki Kirkwood-aye (passed 6-0-0).**