

**Town of Effingham  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

November 21, 2017

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Leonard Espie  
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook  
The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm  
The Mail, Manifest, Signature and Action Folder were reviewed  
Pledge of Allegiance

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES AND WEEKLY MANIFEST:**

**Correction to 11/14/17 minutes under public comment section should read 5.20 not 520.00.**

The board approved the minutes of November 14, 2017. Manifest was approved in the amount of \$26,095.16

From the action folder: Beaver problem on Wilkenson Swamp Rd will be taken care of by large company that owns the area.

**PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS :**

**Fire Department: Chief Randy Burbank reporting.**

Henry Spencer thanked Chief Burbank and the Fire Department for a job well done after storm.

Mr. Burbank reported the ISO rating for Effingham has been lowered from 9 to 8B, meaning any residence within 5 miles from a fire station can benefit from lower insurance rates. Homeowners should contact their insurance companies for more information.

He also added FEMA should be giving the state a declaration soon and compensating for storm damages.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eight residents from the Town House area attended meeting with more concerns of water in road and ongoing complaints of 670 Town House.

Selectman Spencer noted their concerns and added some roadwork had been done to divert water. The Town Attorney had been contacted and answers are being pursued. So far the taxpayers have been paying for additional sanding and repairs to road. Selectman Meisner stated the main concern right now was for safety and will continue to monitor the situation, we must follow the process. More discussion followed and due diligence from Town. Mr. Davis reminded them of the roosters roosting in neighbor's trees, the inability to walk down the street because of dog and a new goat that was tangled in rope. All residents agreed there appears to be sounds of animals in distress coming from yard.

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**Roads and Bridges:**

No contract received yet for Eckman for Elm Street Bridge as of Nov. 21. Communication issues need to be addressed with engineer about expectations. Weekly updates from Eckman not being received, as agreed from previous discussions. Selectman Espie will contact them Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Snow Road Bridge permit in mail folder.

Selectman Espie stated a skim coat on roads that need to be graded to fill pot holes, because of the frost recently grading has been delayed. A budget check for materials was suggested before moving forward.

Selectman Spencer reported he had spoken to other drug take back programs and noted the main concern for the program is security. More discussion will be needed with the Chief of Police.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PROPOSED WORK SESSIONS:**

**\*Monday, Nov. 27, 4:30 to discuss budget.**

**Next monthly work session to be 5 PM November 28.**

**Five minute recess and entered non-public at 6:07**

**NON-PUBLIC IF NEEDED PER (RSA 91-A:3,II) (a-e)**

**RSA 91-A:3,II(e)** Selectman Spencer made a motion to enter into non-public, Selectman Espie seconded. Roll-call: Henry Spencer-I John Meisner -I and Leonard Espie-I. Selectman Spencer called non-public @ 6:07. Selectman Spencer made a motion to leave nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Espie at 6:15. Public session reconvened at 6:17 pm.

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:19.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Espie, seconded by Selectman Meisner, all in favor.

Adjourned at 6:19

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**Henry Spencer**

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**Date**

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**Leonard Espie**

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**John Meisner**