

## **EASTPORT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**7 March 2016**

**The meeting was called to order by Alex Smeaton at 5 PM**

**PRESENT: Alex Smeaton, Jack Reece, Kendall Zeigler, John Venskus, Mary Repole & Jan Finley.**

**MINUTES: Minutes of 8 February 2016 Meeting were read and approved.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Superintendent K. Johnson provided the background and impact of State changes that increase the required FY 2017 Local tax funding for schools (\$187,944) and reduction of State Education Subsidy (\$43,890). He gave an overview of the state formulation methods which used local statistics generated the past year to arrive at most of the increase.**

**The High School Viability was discussed**

**Superintendent Johnson advised that unveiling of a Preliminary School FY 2017 Budget would take place at the open School Board Meeting 16 March 2016, to which the public is invited.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Committee discussed meetings to be held before the critical budget recommendations are made to Council the first part of May. Final follow up with the City Manager and School Superintendent was tentatively scheduled on dates in April.**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:55PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jack Reece, Secretary.**