

Town of Montville
Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall

All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if not fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.

Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of Procedure, decorum, timeliness and suitability shall be followed and enforced.

1. Call to Order
Chairman Mandler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Mandler, and McNally)
Present were Councilors Caron (5:14 p.m.), Mandler, and McNally.
4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the February 8, 2022 Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee Special Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor.
5. Remarks from the Public relating to matters on the agenda (3-minute limit)
Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale, spoke with respect to the Board of Education's (BOE) request for ARPA Funding for select Capital items. One item of note is the tennis courts, which are not usable at this time. They would like to request that either the Camp Oakdale or School tennis courts be repaired for public use.
6. Old Business – *none*
7. New Business
 - A. Reallocation of mobile charging station money \$ 123,000.00
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Councilor McNally reported that the motion to waive the bid process for the mobile charging station failed at the February Town Council meeting. As such, they are recommending that the funds be returned to the ARPA Fund for reallocation. Chairman Mandler added that he contacted eight towns, none of which felt the need for the item, given the other available resources in their towns during power outages. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

B. Request of Senior Center/Social Services for:

Covid reimbursements	\$ 6,000.00
Future reimbursement till end of Fiscal 2021/2022	\$ 12,000.00
Direct insert to <i>Montville Times</i> Covid information	\$ 5,000.00

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Chairman Mandler stated that he spoke with both Senior & Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck and Finance Director Terry Hart regarding the request and confirmed that the items were COVID-related and their associated costs. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor.

C. Fire Marshal request for turnout gear \$ 34,486.80

Fire Marshal Paul Barnes stated that the request for the turnout gear replacement is for seven (7) full-time career firefighters. Per NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) requirements, turnout gear must be replaced every ten years, regardless of use.

Currently, the budget allocates \$10,000.00 for gear, each of which costs approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Per their contract with the Town, each firefighter is to be supplied with two complete sets of turnout gear. Itemized documentation of all of the fire departments' turnout gear (pants, coat, helmet, etc.), including their purchase date, wash date, replacement date, was requested.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to approve the allocation of \$22,000.00 for turnout gear. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Caron joined the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

D. Fire Marshal request for two vehicles \$ 106,106.22

Motion made Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to table the item.

Discussion: The item is being proposed for the second allotment of ARPA Funds.

Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

F. Request from Park & Rec for touchless water fountain \$ 1,500.00

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion:

Chairman Mandler reported that the necessary supporting documentation was submitted for the item. The amount includes the purchase and installation of the water fountain.

Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

G. Fire Department request for SCBA Bottles \$ 47,400.00

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: The original appropriation of \$30,000.00 was for the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company for SCBA Bottles that were due to expire. This request is for the Mohegan and Montville Volunteer Fire Companies whose SCBA Bottles have either expired or are

due to expire. Supporting documentation has been submitted. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- H. Montville PD Fingerprint, machine, surveillance equipment, upgrade rules and regulations \$ 95,500.00

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Chairman Mandler stated that supporting documentation was received by the Police Department. Per the purchasing policy, three bids will be obtained before the final purchase is made. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Remarks from the Public (3-minute limit)

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale, expressed his appreciation to Committee for their consideration of the BOE's requests. He added that care was taken to ensure that the items are not recurring expenses.

10. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilors Mandler and McNally stated that the approval of this evening's funds concludes the distribution of the first allotment of ARPA Funds. They will begin discussing the allocation of the second allotment of ARPA Funds during their April meeting.

Chairman Mandler felt that they have progressed well.

Councilor Caron, who apologized for his tardiness, thanked Chairman Mandler for his efforts in confirming and obtaining the necessary documentation and for his guidance.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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