

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

April 13, 2022

4:30 PM

Room 203

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Councilors McNally and Mandler. Finance Director Terry Hart and Fire Marshal Paul Barnes were also present.

Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor McNally, to approve the minutes of the 4/8/22 meeting. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the Fire Marshal's budgets with Barnes. The committee asked if Everbridge was up and running. Barnes explained that it should be built within the next two months. There was a discussion regarding part time dispatchers Barnes explained there is one who is being trained and he is waiting to hear back from another. He also stated he will need more if the Police Department goes independent. The committee agrees with the Mayor's proposal of \$140,000 for Dispatch overtime. The committee will also recommend reducing Training and Conferences and the Uniform budgets.

There was a discussion regarding the overtime for firefighters. Barnes explained that he called in the career firefighters during heavy storms because he was not sure if he would have enough coverage from the volunteers. He will work with the Fire Chiefs to get a firm commitment from the volunteers regarding this type of coverage. The Fire Marshal has not been using weekend firefighters, so the committee felt this line could be eliminated. The committee recommends increasing the Mayor's proposal for the physicals and reducing the equipment line. Barnes will be tracking the turn-out gear. There were recently six sets purchased with ARPA funds.

The committee discussed the Radio Tower Replacement on Cook Drive. A new tower is estimated to cost \$500,000. The current tower should not need replacing for another five years.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance