

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 19, 2022

4:30 PM

Room 203

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Councilors McNally, Mandler, May (4:33 PM) and Finance Director Terry Hart. Laurie Pallin, Kathy Lamoureux and Wills Pike from the Board of Education were also present.

Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor McNally, to approve the minutes of the 4/26/22 meeting. Motion carried.

Remarks from the Public: Pallin thanked the committee and stated that she appreciates the time spent on the budget. She encouraged them to ask questions regarding the BOE budget.

The committee reviewed and finalized the 2022-23 budget. Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor McNally, to increase Adult Education (10100-45020) by \$1,878 and to increase Special Education (10100-45015) by \$150,000. Motion carried. Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor McNally, to increase the Board of Education (10950-53051) by \$150,000. Motion carried.

Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor May, to fund Workers' Compensation (10420-52021) in the amount of \$600,000 and Tipping Fees SCRRA (10940-52124) in the amount of \$400,000 utilizing ARPA funds in 2022-23 Budget. Motion carried. The budget meeting will be held on May 31, 2022.

The committee reviewed the list of capital items the BOE would like bond. The priority is the Tyl roof replacement and Rooftop Air Handlers. The legislature is considering providing reimbursement for school ventilation systems. This would decrease the cost by 68%. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Mandler, to authorize up to \$8 mil in bonds for the school capital projects. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the request from the Conservation Commission for two picnic tables and a bench. Councilor May moved, second by Mandler, to recommend the Town Council transfer \$5,000 to Misc Supplies (10630-53019) in the Conservation budget. Motion carried.

Update from Finance Director: Hart explained that there are several line items for capital projects that can be closed out. This will return about \$290,000 back to the General Fund.

Remarks from the Public: Pallin asked the committee if they would consider adding funding for security at Murphy, Palmer and the High School. The State share is \$183,659 and the Town share would be \$82,321. Councilor McNally moved, second by Mandler, to recommend the Town Council allocate \$83,000 for school security from Fund Balance in the 2021-22 Budget. Motion carried.

Wills Pike, BOE Chairman, thanked the committee and stated there may be other items in the capital plan that may come up in the future.

Remarks from Councilors: Councilor Mandler stated that the committee funded many things that have not been funded in the past. Councilor May stated the committee did the best they could with the funds that are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance