

Town of Montville
Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall

1. Call to Order
Chairman Mandler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, McNally, and Mandler)
Present were Councilors Caron, McNally, and Mandler.
4. Approval of minutes of November 14, 2022
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda. (3-minute limit) – *none*
6. Old Business — Avalonia \$560,000.00
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to maintain the item on the Agenda for future discussion. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. New Business
 - a. Consider and possible action on request for \$85K for PD Upgrades
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the allocation of \$85,000.00 for the Police Department Upgrades. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Consider and possible action to reinstate \$60K for Boat Launch Engineering
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the allocation of \$60,000.00 for the Boat Launch Engineering costs. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Consider and possible action on request for \$65K Loan Rehab Program
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the allocation of \$65,000.00 for the Loan Rehabilitation Program. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Consider and possible action on request for \$32K PD Radios and Tasers
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the allocation of \$32,000.00 for the Police Department Radios and Tasers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- e. Consider and possible action on request for \$15K American Legion Summer Concerts
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the allocation of \$10,000.00 for the American Legion Summer Concerts. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Consider and possible action on \$3K for P&R Sound System
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor McNally, to approve the allocation of \$3,000.00 for the Parks & Recreation Sound System. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- g. Consider and possible action on \$40K for Polish Club needs
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to approve the allocation of \$27,000.00 to the Polish Club for all of the upgrades, with the exception of the guardrails. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- h. Consider and possible action on request from Housing Authority for \$30K for Bathroom Renovations
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve the allocation of \$30,000.00 for Bathroom Renovations. Discussion: In response to Councilor Caron, Social Services Assistant DeeAnn Morton stated that the Authority maintains a revolving account through the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). She also stated the need for ADA-compliant bathrooms to reduce their liability and improve the safety of its residents, citing that three of their residents had fallen in the bathrooms within the last three months. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- i. Consider and possible action on request for \$15K for SS and Senior Citizens for Mental Health Counseling
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor McNally, to approve the allocation of \$15,000.00 for Social & Senior Services for Mental Health Counseling. Discussion: Chairman Mandler explained that \$30,000.00 was allocated to Youth Services and Social & Senior Services. Due to the pandemic, there is an increased need for mental health counseling. As such, the Social & Senior Services Department requested an additional allocation of \$15,000.00. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- j. Consider and possible action on \$500k to offset next year's budget
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to allocate \$500,000.00 to offset the FY2023/24 Budget. Discussion: To help offset the rising fuel, heating oil, and electricity costs the residents are experiencing, the funds would help the Town lessen the residents' burden by keeping its mil rate down. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- k. Consider and possible action on reallocation of \$5K from affordable housing to Plan of Conservation & Development

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to re-allocate \$5,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Plan to the Plan of Conservation and Development. Discussion: Land Use and Development Director Liz Burdick requested that the balance of \$5,000.00 from the previously allocated \$15,000.00 for the drafting of the Affordable Housing Plan be reallocated to draft a revised Plan of Conservation & Development with the latest census information. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- l. Consider and possible action on canceling meetings until June 2022 for reevaluation of projects and funds and possible action

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to cancel the Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee Meetings until June, 2023. Discussion: Finance Director Barbara Griffin reported that she has been working on a spreadsheet indicating the funds that were allocated and expended to date, to determine the actual status of the ARPA Funds. Councilor McNally added that some of the numbers do not coincide due to the rising cost of the items. A brief discussion ensued regarding the funds that were allocated to the Board of Education. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Remarks from the public (three-minute limit) – *none*

9. Remarks from Councilors

Councilor Caron wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He expressed his appreciation to the American Legion for their service and thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting.

Councilor McNally wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairman Mandler also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated that the Committee must, sometimes, make difficult decisions; their main goal is to make fiscally responsible decisions based on the provided data and their discussions.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor McNally, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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