

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes for

April 25, 2023

5:00 PM

Room 203

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Councilors McNally, Mandler and May. Finance Director Barbara Griffin was present. Also present, Superintendent Laurie Pallin, School Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux and Wills Pike

Councilor May moved, second by Councilor Mandler, to approve the minutes of the 4/4/23 special meeting. Motion carried.

Remarks from the Public: Library Director Kari spoke about the need for increased funding for the Library. She highlighted the increase in programs for children and the desire to increase programs for adults.

The Library Treasurer noted that, even with Town Appropriation, there is a budgeted need that continues to outpace annual availability from investments. It is hoped that the town could fund the shortfall.

Superintendent Pallin listed things that are driving increases to this year's budget and they include: special education teachers, Athletic Trainer, custodians (made cuts during Covid and used a Covid grant but funding now needs to be restored), health class staff at Tyl, and an Instructional coach.

After discussion, the Finance Committee agreed that an increase over last year's funding was needed. Councilor May moved, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to increase the budget by \$2,300,000 over previous FY appropriation for a total of \$43,261,544, and allow BOE to use up to \$200,000 of current and future Cannabis Revenue. Motion passed.

Councilor May moved, seconded by Mandler to fund the following in Public Works Capital: Tenco body replace - \$90,000; F550 mason dump - \$65,000; one police car - \$55,000; town hall paint and brick seal - \$180,000 for a total of \$390,000. Also, repave pavilion parking lot for \$70,000 with TAR; fund Camp Oakdale storage building for \$400,000 with LoCIP; use portion of this year's Mohegan donation of \$100,000 to supplement prior year donation of \$95,000 to fund Community Center bathroom. In IT, fund Exagrid System for \$56,000 and GIS Outsource for \$25,000 for a total of \$81,000. In Police Department, \$15,000 for firearms. Nothing in Recreation will be included. Motion passed.

Councilor May moved, Seconded by Mandler to fund the following in BOE: Trans. Dept one bus for \$57,000 as a lease/purchase; Trans Dept van replacement for \$60,500 with ARPA funds; MHS Boiler with total cost of \$227,000 will be funded at \$118,000 by Town with BOE agreeing to fund \$109,000 from the "2% fund"; replacement of smartboard and carts for \$200,000 for total BOE appropriation of \$318,000. Motion passed.

Committee recommended that the Montville Pumper M-12 for \$850,000 be approved as a lease/purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.  
Barbara Griffin, Director of Finance