

Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Montville High School – Auditorium

1. Call to Order
Chairman May called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, May, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk. Absent was Councilor Caron. Also present was Mayor Bunnell, Sr.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
5. New Business
 - a. **Resolution #2024-24. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to receive the Mayor’s proposed budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. (Chairman May).
Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell recited the summary of his proposed FY2024/25 Budget, which reflects a 2.24% increase, to accommodate the needs of the growing community and its residents. The increases include some of the expenses that were previously offset by the Town’s receipt of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds, including the Transfer Station Tipping Fees and Workers Compensation Insurance, and unfunded state mandates, including costs related to the Police Accountability Bill and Early Voting Requirements. Additions to address the Town’s growing needs include an additional Firefighter/EMT (rather than the requested three (3)), Police Officer, Public Works Road Foreman, part-time Senior Center Program Developer, and part-time Floater Clerk. Proposed Capital Funding includes the Montville High School Track Re-surfacing Project and School Bus replacement, a security camera system to monitor the Town’s Parks and Recreation locations, and Community Center Restroom Renovations. To help offset the increases, he is also proposing the use of \$500,000.00 in unallocated funds. He expressed his appreciation to the staff for their hard work and efforts and his willingness to work with the Town Council to move forward for the betterment of the Town. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuckniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
6. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit
Carol Burgess, 28 New Hampshire Lane, Oakdale, questioned whether any new programs are included in the budget that the public should be aware about.
7. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor
Mayor Bunnell stated that the proposed budget includes programs for the Police Department and noted that some of the Departments’ budgets were also decreased to help offset the proposed increases.
8. Adjournment
Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.