

MINUTES

The Finance Committee for the Town of Montville met at 5:00 p.m. in Room 203 at the Montville Town Hall on May 12, 2011.

Members present: Billy Caron, Gary Murphy and Russ Beetham.

Also present: Terry Hart, Finance Director and Joe Jaskiewicz, Mayor

Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Remarks from the Public:

Sandy Gregory of 59 Jerome Road expressed her concern regarding the reduction in hours for the Park and Recreation Department Secretary. She relies on the secretary to distribute the key to volunteers for the community tag sale at Fair Oaks. She feels that someone should be in this office during the entire workday.

WPCA:

The committee met with Brian Lynch, WPCA Administrator. Lynch explained that the WPCA had borrowed \$1.6 million from the town. They are making annual payments of \$80,000. The current balance is \$1,080,000. The committee asked if the WPCA could make a larger payment. Lynch does not feel this is possible. The WPCA has fallen behind on repairs and the purchase of equipment because of the issues with Rand Whitney. He explained that he has \$300,000 in repairs that needs to be addressed right away. He also has \$335,100 in short term rehabilitation costs. He needs to put \$572,000 in the Sinking Fund that is not to be used for operational expenses but for emergency repairs. Hart asked if the WPCA would consider bonding the cost of the repairs and equipment. Lynch will bring this to his board once he has figures.

Park and Recreation:

Stan Gwudz and Peter Bushway from Park and Recreation review their budget with the committee. Bushway explained that he does not feel the hours of the secretary should be cut. He has offered additional programs and he feels there is an increase in activity. He has also extended the hours of the summer camp. The fee has also been increased. Gwudz is not opposed to cuts to the budget but he would like to know what the plan is if the secretary's hours are reduced. What hours will the secretary work and what happens if no one is in the office? Beetham feels that Youth Services, Park and Rec and the Senior Center could be combined and therefore reducing staff.

Remarks:

Hart gave the committee a copy of a letter she received from the Planning and Zoning Commission the Capital Improvement Plan. The Commission felt that they could not approve it because there was missing information. Beetham stated that they were looking for more detail on the projects that are being proposed.

Councilor Hillman stated that the purchase of a jet/catch basin truck by the WPCA and Public Works has never been discussed with the WPCA Commission. She also has concerns regarding who will pay for repairs.

Sandy Gregory of 59 Jerome Road feels the full-time secretary for Park and Recreation should be restored.

Wils Pike of 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale questioned the possibility of the WPCA increasing the payments to the town. He asked if this would be revenue in the 2012 budget. Hart explained that this is not revenue and will not affect the 2012 budget. This is an item on the town's balance sheet and would increase the fund balance.

Motion to adjourn by Caron; seconded by Beetham at 6:30 pm. Passed unanimously.

Attest: Terry Hart, Finance Director