

Town of Montville Town Council
Public Hearing General Government Budget Minutes for April 25, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Montville High School – Auditorium

1. Call to Order
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Caron, Longton, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Absent was Councilor May due to a death in his family. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Public Hearing

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held at Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road Oakdale, CT on April 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the Board of Education Budget and on on April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the General Government Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Revenue Summary 2017-2018

Description	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ADOPTED	2017 ESTIMATE	2018 DEPT.REQ.	2018 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	38,000,773	39,686,515	39,329,336	40,482,282	40,482,282
LICENSES & PERMITS	763,871	660,500	715,322	774,185	774,185
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	70,711	66,000	61,380	72,000	72,000
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	216,634	191,253	191,253	202,999	202,999
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	13,415,625	13,020,556	13,020,556	13,675,147	13,675,147
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	4,185,970	3,930,904	3,930,904	3,126,756	3,126,756
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	601,542	530,500	510,341	530,500	530,500
MISC REVENUE	967,248	842,000	842,000	917,000	917,000
TOTAL REVENUES	58,222,374	58,928,228	58,601,092	59,780,869	59,780,869

Expenditure Summary 2017-2018

Description	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ADOPTED	2017 ESTIMATE	2018 DEPT.REQ.	2018 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,196,769	2,699,510	2,539,510	2,726,016	2,627,912
INTERGOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS	59,300	59,300	59,300	170,877	73,300
FRINGE BENEFITS/INSURANCE	3,333,695	3,614,075	3,614,075	3,925,575	3,765,575
DEBT SERVICE	4,247,604	4,312,432	4,312,429	4,422,022	4,422,022
LAND USE	254,290	257,608	257,608	267,668	282,200
HUMAN SERVICES	587,749	604,433	604,433	622,599	626,723
CULTURE AND RECREATION	346,523	351,624	334,543	386,256	392,474
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,360,344	4,313,150	4,253,150	4,566,125	4,451,362
PUBLIC WORKS	3,508,649	3,766,769	3,691,434	3,729,569	3,648,600
EDUCATION	37,598,667	37,698,668	37,698,668	38,390,619	38,390,619
CAPITAL	1,306,716	1,250,659	1,346,441	3,104,199	1,100,082
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	57,800,306	58,928,228	58,711,591	62,311,525	59,780,869

2017-18 Proposed Water Budget

Description	2016 Actual	2017 Adopted	2017 YTD	2018 Proposed
Water Revenue	1,471,900	1,509,725	1,051,531	1,406,975
Water Salaries & Wages		50,493	98,200	48,000
Water Maintenance		4,923	29,000	71,000
Water Energy & Transp		1,051,950	1,160,230	1,058,730
Water Ins & PR Taxes		24,619	30,145	9,830
Water Misc Expenses		21,972	36,550	34,415
Water Admin Exp		18,125	20,600	20,000
Water Reserve		80,600	135,000	165,000
Total Water Fund Expenditures		1,252,682	1,509,725	1,406,975

Detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk or online at www.montville-ct.org.
Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 10th day of April 2017.

Ronald K. McDaniel
Mayor

Joseph W. Jaskiewicz
Town Council Chairman

Theresa Hart
Finance Director

Chairman Jaskiewicz opened the public hearing and asked if there were anyone from the public who would like to speak regarding the General Government Budget.

Bob Manfredi, 9 Heather Brook Road, Uncasville, questioned the need for a \$1.57 million anaerobic digester, which is used to break down organic matter to produce biogas for electricity and bio-fertilizer for farmlands, by the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority). He also questions the High School's Water Plan, citing a recent article in *The Day* newspaper, which states that, if approved, a \$480,000.00 project to connect a new well to their current system would be instituted rather than a previously proposed \$50,000.00 project from the Southeast Connecticut Water Authority to route the water from some of their wells to the system. He also questioned the reasoning behind the approximately 20 (twenty) police sedans parked at the Public Safety Building and recommended selling the vehicles and purchasing police SUV's with those funds. He further questioned the need for a canine police dog, which are readily available through the State Police. Eliminating the dog would, he estimates, save the Town approximately \$150,000.00/year. He also noted the additional \$200,000.00 that is being proposed for Public Safety, which equates to two (2) officers and increases the number of total officers on the force to 28.

Howard R. Beetham, Jr., 60 Riverview Road, Uncasville, spoke in opposition of the estimated mil rate increase of 1.54, as proposed in the Mayor's budget, and requested a zero mil increase. Approximately 40% of the homeowners in the Town are senior citizens who have received less than 1/10th of 1% increase in their social security benefits over the last three years. He also noted the over \$2 million in back taxes that is owed by individuals who lack the funds. In addition, he agreed with Mr. Manfredi regarding the need to eliminate the old police cruisers, which have an average age nine years old, with newer vehicles for the safety of the officers and public. He questioned the Board of Education budget and the need for a teacher teaching classes with only 9 to 11 children/class.

Gary Murphy, Chief, Oakdale Fire Company, spoke with regards to the removal of the \$300,000.00 - \$325,000.00 Tanker Truck for the Fire Company on the Town's Capital Plan. The Tanker Truck would replace their current Pumper Truck, which was purchased in 1995, and, though it has served them very well, has reached the end of its life. Currently, the Fire Company houses the only Tanker Truck in the Town and the Company would like to have two such vehicles to help them ensure that sufficient water is provided during emergency situations and eliminate the need to rely on the resources of their neighboring towns. The purchasing of a new Truck has been delayed for three to four years and, due to the age and condition of the current Truck, it will need to be placed out of service should a new Truck not be approved. He urged the Town Council to reconsider the decision for the safety of the firefighters and public.

Chairman Jaskiewicz asked three times if there were any additional persons from the public who would like to speak regarding the General Government Budget. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville