

**Town of Montville**  
**Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall**

**All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if  
not fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by  
the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of  
Procedure, decorum, timeliness and suitability shall be followed and enforced.**

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, and Pollard)  
Present were Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, and Pollard.
4. Alterations to the Agenda – *none*
5. Approval of:
  - a. The Special Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None.  
Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda – *none*
7. Old Business
  - a. Discussion of receipt and allocation of COVID-related funding  
Chairman Jaskiewicz reported that the Committee has been working together with the Mayor and Town Hall staff regarding the allocation of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds, including a recent meeting between the Committee Members, Mayor, and Congressman Joe Courtney. Congressman Courtney has agreed to assign a dedicated individual from his office to help guide the Committee and ensure that the proposed appropriations are acceptable. Each of the Committee Members has begun meeting with the various town departments regarding any requests they might have.  
  
Councilor Caron concurred, adding that a very enlightening discussion was held with Congressman Courtney and the Mayor. The goal of the ARPA Funds is to provide

funds for, primarily, expenses related to the health and safety of the public. Other acceptable expenditures include those related to social services, public works, parks & recreation, and the arts.

Chesterfield Fire Company Chief Keith Truex requested the following items for which he plans to provide a formal request and additional information:

- Fire Department Radio System – a new/updated radio system that would provide coverage in various dead zones throughout the town, including Route 85, near the Waterford Town Line, and parts of Chesterfield Road.
- Reporting System – A new, unified system linking the fire departments, fire marshal’s office, and dispatching together and streamline the reporting process has been in discussion for a number of years, but has never been purchased due to cost.
- Above door Infrared Germ Killer

Councilor Pollard reported that she has contacted and is waiting to hear back from the Homeless Hospitality Center regarding any requests they might have.

The Committee will discuss the following requested items at their next meeting:

- Air purifiers (Senior Center)
- Social Services building renovations
- Zoom Program Instructor (Senior Center)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to send the appropriation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the following items to the Town Council:

- Digital Sign – to be located in front of Town Hall; Information Systems Director Bill O’Neill is in the process of investigating the details and cost
- Tennis Courts & Pickleball Courts (Parks & Recreation)
- Walk-in Freezer & Walk-in Refrigerator (Social Services)
- Conservation Center keep, repair, and improvements (Conservation Commission)
- To Go food containers (Social Services)

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

8. New Business – *none*

9. Remarks from the Public

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, commented on the old Town Hall building and suggested that that the building be remediated and utilized for Social Services and, possibly, the Historical

Society. He also advocated for generators for the schools, adding that the 2% non-lapsing fund has been expended and the ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Funds are not eligible for such purchases. He also felt that the old Church on Meetinghouse Lane should be remediated and utilized.

Councilor Caron will contact Congressman Courtney's office regarding the possible purchase of generators. With respect to the Social Services building, he stated that there is currently a bid out for mold remediation, exterior painting, and interior repairs. The old Meetinghouse Lane Church has been remediated, a sump pump and large industrial dehumidifiers have been installed. Councilor Rogulski has spoken with the Library regarding their interest in utilizing the building.

10. Remarks from the Councilors – *none*

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 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