#### Town of Montville Finance Committee

# Special Meeting Minutes for

December 6, 2011

5:30 p.m. –Town Hall Room 203

#### Call to Order

Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Present were Gary Murphy, Candy Buebendorf and Rosetta Jones. Also present were Terry Hart, Finance Director and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance

### Remarks from the Public

None

#### Minutes

There was discussion regarding the meeting minutes of September 27, 2011. Buebendorf and Jones did not feel comfortable approving minutes of a meeting that they did not attend. No action was taken on these minutes.

#### 2012 Finance Committee Meeting Schedule

Buebendorf moved, second by Jones, to appoint Murphy as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Buebendorf moved, second by Jones, to schedule the 2012 Finance Committee meetings on the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall Room 203. Motion passed (schedule attached).

#### Benefits of the Mayor

The committee discussed paying the previous Mayor for sick and vacation time that he had remaining on the books when he left office. The three previous Mayors' did receive a payout. There currently is no policy regarding this. Buebendorf suggest that a policy be established that would take place after the next election because the current Mayor is already in office. After further discussion, Buebendorf, seconded by Jones, moved to send a recommendation to Town Administration to develop a policy regarding the Benefits for the Mayor. Motioned passed.

## **Budget Update**

Hart updated the committee on two line items that are running short this year. The first one is unemployment. It is difficult to predict the shortage because it depends on whether there is an extension of benefits to people currently receiving unemployment. The other line is overtime for Public Works. The town will receive FEMA funds that will be transferred into this line.

Buebendorf suggested looking into combining the financial functions of the Town and Board of Education. This will be addressed at the January 2012 meeting.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. by Murphy, second by Buebendorf. Motion passed.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance