

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 3, 2011.

Members present: Gary Murphy, Billy Caron 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.

The Mayor and Finance Director went over highlights of the 2011-12 budget with the Finance Committee.

The committee discussed which departments they would like to interview. They are as follows:

Information Technology-including a breakdown of user fees and equipment costs

Planning and Zoning

Youth Services

Police

Public Safety-would like more information on the Public Safety Study

Board of Education

Public Works-including a list of street lights in town.

Remarks from the public

Wils Pike of 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale discussed that the mill impact on a \$200,000 assessment was \$150 per year. He felt that was a reasonable increase. He also suggested when reviewing making cuts to staff, that the town use an earned value management system. This would tell you how many man hours are being used in a position. He asked if the town leased or owned copiers and whether offices shared them. Hart explained that leasing was more economical and offices do share copiers.

Ellen Hillman, Town Councilor, questioned the amount of revenue in the budget for Financial Services from WPCA. Hart explained that even though the WPCA is taking back their financing, the Finance Dept will still be involved in some of the process. Hillman also asked why the \$80,000 that is repayment from WPCA was not in the budget. Hart explained that this is not revenue but a liability on the balance sheet. Hillman informed the committee that the WPCA plans on contributing to the Public Safety Study.

Kevin Fritch of 12 Morgan Street, Uncasville commented on the budget process. He feels the budget should include an estimate of what the town expects to receive and what it expects to spend for the year. He felt this would be helpful to give a true picture of what is needed for the upcoming year.

Murphy explained that he would abstain from voting on the Education Budget because he has a relative slated for layoff.

Motion to adjourn by Murphy; seconded by Beetham at 6:45 pm. Passed unanimously.

Attest: Terry Hart, Finance Director