

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 24, 2016

5:00 p.m. Room 203

Councilor Longton called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilor Tanner, Councilor Pollard, and Finance Director Hart. Also present was Councilor Caron, Rogulski and May.

Remarks from the Public:

Wills Pike of Pheasant Run would like to know who is responsible for the buildings; the Town or the BOE.

Councilor Longton explained that during meetings the Town Council Chairman or his representative can speak at any time as a member of the committee. All others can speak only during remarks from the public.

The committee reviewed the request from the Registrar of Voters regarding paying their deputies and for the ROV to receive a \$350 stipend on Election Day. Councilor Longton moved, second by Tanner, to recommend the Town Council approve this request.

Councilor Longton asked the committee what actions they wanted to take on the 2016-17 Budget. Councilor Tanner stated she was in favor of purchasing two new police vehicles. She was not in favor of increasing the part-time IT Tech to full-time and she does not support hiring another dispatcher. She would like to have an RFP issued to outsource for these services. Councilor Pollard does not agree with dispatchers having guaranteed overtime. She commented on overtime within all departments. Councilor Caron does not want a tax increase but he feels the Council must be realistic. Councilor May supports two new police cars and echoed Councilor Tanner's comments regarding dispatch.

Councilor Longton made the following proposal:

Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to move \$68,300 for the All Purpose Field at Camp Oakdale in the Capital Improvement Plan to the 2018 Fiscal year. Motion carried.

Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to purchase the 3-Cubic Yard Loader for \$175,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan out of General Fund balance. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to move the \$50,000 for the Turnout Gear/SCBA Cylinders in the Capital Improvement Plan to the 2020 Fiscal year. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to move reverse the resolution regarding MTV 1 and allow the police to use that as a detective car. Longton and Pollard in favor; Tanner opposed. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to utilize the current ACO vehicle as a police vehicle. Tanner stated she feels two new police cars should be purchased. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to allocate \$25,000 to purchase a vehicle for the ACO. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the Advertising line in the Mayor's budget to \$500. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to increase the amount in Town Council Misc. Supplies to \$2,500. Councilor Longton and Councilor Pollard approved. Councilor Tanner opposed. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the Town Hall/Central Services electricity line to \$70,000. Motion carried.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to keep the funding for the Part-Time IT Tech at \$18,000 and to add a line for overtime for this position and fund it at \$10,000. Councilor Longton rescinded his motion and Councilor Tanner rescinded her second. Motion carried. Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Internet/Cable Services line to \$14,000. Motion passed. Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to keep the funding for the Part-Time IT Tech at \$18,000. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Town Clerk Consulting Services line to \$100. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Town Clerk Training and Conferences line to \$750. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Town Clerk Printing line to \$300. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Town Clerk Misc. Supplies line to \$200. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Town Clerk Equipment Maintenance and Repairs line to \$100. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Land Use Consulting Services line to \$2,000. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Inland Wetlands Training and Conferences line to \$250. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Economic Development Secretary line to \$500. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Social Services Electricity line to \$750. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Social Services Fuel Oil line to \$1,500. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Social Services Training and Conferences line to \$100. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the amount in the Sr. Center Building Maintenance line to \$750 Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to keep funding in the Dispatcher Salaries line at \$148,625, PT Dispatcher's Salaries at \$64,050 and Dispatcher Overtime at \$87,125. Motion passed.

Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to reduce the amount in the Board of Education budget to \$37,598,668. Motion passed.

Remarks from the Public:

Michael Hillsberg of Lisa Lane asked how the BOE budgets for the loss from the Mohegan Tribe Students.

Superintendent Brian Levesque stated that it is against the law to charge the Mohegan Tribe for educating their students. He also stated that there have already been seven positions eliminated and he feels there would have to be more. He stated that the Town Council endorsed the union contracts two years ago. By reducing the budget, he feels it goes against this endorsement.

Robert Manfredi of Heather Brook Road feels with the decrease in enrollment, an elementary school should be closed.

Russ Beetham of Riverview Road stated that he feels there should be no increase in the budget. He stated that if there is, a petition for referendum will be circulated.

Lt. Bunnell supports the full-time IT Tech. He also stated his need for police cars.

Don Bourdeau, Public Works Director, supports the full-time IT Tech. He also stated that a system needs to be in place to purchase all Town vehicles.

Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini supports the full-time IT Tech. He stated that he reviewed Councilor Longton's proposed dispatch schedule and there were some flaws in it. He also stated that it can be difficult to get part timers to fill in.

Wills Pike of Pheasant Run feels the BOE should not be making purchases for Capital items with their operating budget. He feels that the Public Works Director should control the motor vehicle fleet. He also feels that funding for special education should be handled by the Town.

Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn at 6:51 pm.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance