

MINUTES

The Finance Committee for the Town of Montville met at 6:00 p.m. in Room 204 at the Montville Town Hall on March 5, 2009.

Members present: Billy Caron and John Geary.

Also present: Theresa Fafard, Finance Director and Joe Jaskiewicz, Mayor.

Billy Caron called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Business

Approval of the 2/5/09 minutes was tabled until the April meeting.

The committee met with Vern Vesey, Building Inspector, to discuss building permit fees. Montville has one of the lowest fee schedules in the surrounding area. Vern submitted three proposals. The committee will meet with him again in April and make a recommendation to the council.

Terry Fafard, Finance Director, discussed her concerns about the banking fees charged by Peoples Bank. She would like to have the Town Council authorize a list of banks that the town can do business with. Geary moved to have the Finance Director provide a list of banks to the Town Council. Caron seconded; passed unanimously.

Geary moved to recommend the Town Council authorize the following additions/transfers:

- a. Additions totaling \$46,089.43 to salary lines from Contingency (10480-52164)
- b. Addition of \$11,841 to Charter Revision Advertising (#10320-53008) from Contingency (10480-52164)
- c. Addition of \$16,200 to General Legal (line #10340-52041) to cover cost of Charter Revision legal matters from Contingency (10480-52164)
- d. Addition of \$10,000 to Other Insurance (#10425-52024) and \$20,000 to Insurance Reimbursement (#10425-52143) from Fund Balance. Funds have been deposited into the General Fund.
- e. Addition of \$30,000 to PW Engineering (#10620-52184) from Contingency (10480-52164) to cover the cost of engineering services for Old Colchester Rd/Oxoboxo Lake Culvert and the Montville Road Bridge.

- f. Addition of \$1,775 to Replacement Gear/Equipment (#10880-53086) and \$3,370 to Millstone Drill (#10810-52120) for Fund Balance. This money has been reimbursed by the State.

Caron seconded; passed unanimously.

The Finance Director asked what the procedure is for salary increases and benefit changes for elected officials. Many of the unions have new contracts with salary increases and changes to medical plans and life insurance policies. Currently there isn't a policy for implementing these changes for the Mayor. The committee would like more information provided for their April meeting.

The Mayor discussed the possibility of regionalizing some of the services that are duplicated by the Town and School. One example would be landscaping services.

Public Comment

Kevin Fritch had a question on the 2/5/09 minutes regarding what the amount of the Rand Whitney tax appeal was. The committee explained that it was listed in the next paragraph. He also asked if the fee increase for the building permits was to earn additional revenue for the town or to support the costs of that department. It was explained that if the fees are not increased periodically that there will not be enough revenue to cover the costs of running the Building Department.

Motion to adjourn by John Geary; seconded by Caron; motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Attest: _____
Theresa Fafard, Finance Director