

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 7, 2018

4:00 P.M.

Room 203

Councilor Pike called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilor McNally, Councilor Jaskiewicz, Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart.

Remarks from the Public: none

Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to approve the minutes of the 5/3/18 meeting. Motion passed.

The committee discussed the Board of Education budget. Superintendent Pallin stated that the budget for 2018-19 is a .85% increase over the budget that was originally approved for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The committee reviewed the BOE capital request. Councilor Pike moved, second by Councilor McNally, to fund the drainage for the parking lot at \$40,000. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding school buses. There are currently 25 large buses with five of them out of service. There are also six vans with one being obsolete and there are 12 mini buses. The BOE requested \$170,980 for the purchase of two school buses and \$45,320 for two vans in the 2018-19 CIP. Kathy Lamoureux explained that they have looked into lease purchasing eight school buses at a cost of about \$153,000 for five years. This would allow the buses to be on a rotation schedule each year. The BOE went out for RFP to privatize transportation but the price was much higher than the last RFP due to the union contract for bus drivers. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Pike, to allocate \$153,000 for the lease purchase of school buses for a five year term in the 2018-19 budget. Motion carried.

The BOE explained that some of the transportation is being outsourced with a monthly cost of \$35,000. They are hoping to alleviate this issue by getting more drivers and new vans. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Pike, to allocate \$24,000 for the purchase of one van in the 2018-19 fiscal year. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the MHS Courtyard and upgrades to the MHS Tech Ed room. The committee agreed not to fund these two items in the 2018-19 fiscal year. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to allocate \$57,400 for new carpeting at Tyl Middle School. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the BOE operating budget including salaries, enrollment and the \$1 mil that was cut from the budget in November of 2017. Kathy Lamoureux will provide a list to the committee with the cuts associated with the \$1 mil reduction. The Finance Committee will meet on May 15 at 4pm at the High School to discuss the BOE budget further.

Tina Meng was present to discuss the budget for the Memorial Day parade. She explained that the costs for the parade for the current year are \$3,425. These funds are used for food, flags, flowers, high pipes, Nutmegs and other items associated with running the parade. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Pike, to allocate \$4,000 for the Memorial Day Parade for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Remarks from the public: Councilor Caron stated that it was a good meeting. He is glad the committee reconsidered the funding for the Memorial Day Parade. He feels when the BOE disposes of the old buses that the Town should receive these funds. He also will speak to the Senators regarding the funding for the nurse at St. Bernard High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance