

MINUTES

The Finance Committee for the Town of Montville met at 3:00 p.m. in Room 204 at the Montville Town Hall on April 21, 2009.

Members present: Billy Caron, Gary Murphy and John Geary.

Also present: Joseph Jaskiewicz, Mayor, Theresa Fafard, Finance Director, Kathy Lamoureux, Board of Education Business Manager and Rosetta Jones, Town Councilor (3:10 p.m.)

Billy Caron called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Marcia Vlaun, Town Planner, made some suggestions regarding the 2009-10 budget. She informed the committee that Engineering Fees have increased and, therefore, the town can expect an increase of \$8,000 to \$10,000 in revenue. She pointed out that there could be a savings of \$25,000 to \$30,000 in the Land Use Matter legal line if P&Z used Attorney Oshner. She stated that CT State Statute 8-22 allows P&Z to hire their own legal counsel. She told the committee that she would be willing to not hire summer help this year in an effort to save money. She also explained that the line for Eastern CT Conservation District does not need to be funded. Vlaun also explained that she felt the town could save \$23,000 if some of the Non-Profit Organizations were not funded. She feels that they do not provide fundamental services to the town, and these funds could be used to save a position. She also questioned whether there was a need to keep the Fair Oaks School opened because it was not used on a regular basis.

Committee Business

The Mayor and Finance Director reviewed the budget with the committee. They provided a list of items in the budget that had increased \$5,000 or more over last year. It was also explained that many of the salary line items were funded through contingency last year and, therefore, those lines have two year's worth of increases in them. This does not mean that the salary for one year has increased by that amount. The Mayor received permission from the Tribe to waive the provision that the town use the \$500,000 payment for capital expenses. This waiver is for only one year.

The committee discussed the .81% increase for the Board of Education. Kathy Lamoureux stated that this could have an effect on programs and class size. The committee will be looking for feedback from residents at the Public Hearings scheduled for next week. There is the possibility that they will turn to the unions to make concessions.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Attest:


Theresa Fafard, Finance Director