

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes for

April 30, 2019

5:00 P.M.

Town Hall Room 203

Councilor Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor McNally, Councilor Jaskiewicz and Finance Director Hart were present.

Councilor Jaskiewicz moved, second by Councilor McNally, to approve the minutes of the 4/29/19 meeting. Motion passed.

The Committee met with Superintendent Laurie Pallin and Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux to discuss the Education Budget. The Superintendent stated that there were no personnel cuts this year to offset increases in other areas of the budget. The budget includes funding for a Maintenance position and a Custodian. Currently the Facilities Director is on-call in the evening and on weekends. These positions will help with this. Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the Town Council only has the authority to cut the bottom line of the Education budget and the BOE makes the cuts to specific line items in the budget. He also asked if pay to play was being considered. Currently the board is not considering this.

Councilor Pike inquired about the hiring of an Assistant Superintendent and the position that is on administrative leave. He suggested that some of the duties could be divided amongst other administrators. There was discussion regarding increases to MERF, Special Education and Transportation. It was explained that the BOE is having difficulties getting bus drivers.

The Committee reviewed the Capital Plan. The BOE feels the replacement of vans is a priority. The quote for the Fire Pump for Tyl includes additional replacement parts. The funding for the Wireless Infrastructure at Tyl needs to be funding in 2019-20 because it is part of a grant. The BOE applied for a grant for a District Security Upgrade. They did not receive funding for the high school or middle school but did receive funding for the other four schools. The Town portion is \$55,374, which can be budgeted over two years. The Murphy School roof was evaluated and it was determined that only a section of it needs to be replaced. There was discussion regarding replacing the stairs at Murphy and the gym floor at Mohegan due to safety concerns. There is a request for a Baseball Field Sand Pro and a lawnmower with bagger. Councilor Pike suggest selling spare buses and use the funds to purchase these two items. The Superintendent stated that the buses do not have that much value.

Jim Wood, Board of Education, stated that he was not happy about paying someone who is not working. He said the Superintendent has been working very hard and needs an Assistant Superintendent. Sandra Berardy stated that there is a high level of poverty in Town and not all families can afford to pay for sports but she feels they should have an opportunity to participate.

The Finance Director reviewed the Dispatchers' Salaries and explained that the Mayor's recommendation is an accurate figure. She also reviewed the revenue estimates for the Faria project.

Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz to recommend the Town Council transfer \$1,500 to Montville Farmers Market line (22999-52194) from Contingency (10480-52164). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance