

Town of Montville Town Council  
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Buebendorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Caron, Jones, Longton, McFee, Murphy, Tanner and Buebendorf. Also present was Mayor Ron McDaniel and Finance Director, Terry Hart.

4. Public Hearing

Chairperson Buebendorf called the public hearing to order, gave a brief summary of the attached General budget and asked if there was anyone who would like to come forward to speak regarding the proposed budget.

Mr. Manfredi spoke regarding a discrepancy he found in the proposed budget and submitted his numbers to the Finance Director to review. He reviewed the proposed tax increases he will be required to pay if this budget is passes and compared the numbers he was given to the numbers he came up with and discussed the differences and the discrepancies he found.

Finance Director Hart discussed the assessed values with Mr. Manfredi in regards to how it will impact his taxes and explained how the numbers came to be.

Mr. Manfredi inquired if the Town has placed a tax lien on AES Thames and Mayor McDaniel stated a lien has been placed and the Town is in line with a various other creditors awaiting payment. He discussed closing out old projects and adding the money that is left over from the projects to the General Fund. He discussed the Montville Dispatch Center and stated if the Regional Dispatch does not work out he suggests going back to a less costly alternative. He discussed the proposed lock up facility for the Police Department, stating it may not be required and it requires excess manpower for daily operations.

Mr. Russ Beetham, 60 Riverview Road stated he looked at the budget and the income for the upcoming year and asked which of the line items are estimated to be in the red by the end of the year. Finance Director Hart discussed the figure owed by AES Thames and stated it is on

the list but the Town hopes to offset the money with expenses. Mr. Beetham inquired why an emergency Finance meeting has not been called to discuss the Town's finances, debt and income and how the town will make up for the lost revenue from AES Thames. Ms. Hart stated the mill rate is being impacted most in revenue and due diligence was done on the revenue side and AES Thames debt has been taken out of the equation. Mayor McDaniel clarified statements and answered questions from Mr. Beetham. Mr. Beetham discussed the School budget and stated the town needs to start cutting, and understands this means impacting the taxpayer or the Town but it must be done. He discussed the General Fund Surplus, stating there is not enough money in the account to carry the Town for another year.

Mr. Bill Dwyer, 4 Connecticut Blvd, stated he has lived in town for eight years and stated his home has reduced in value and he hopes the town makes cuts keeping in mind the town as well as the taxpayers.

Mr. Kevin French, Morgan Street discussed his concerns regarding the budget as presented, stating it does not comply with the Charter, Section #7 and Section #704, stating the items omitted are total expenditures estimated for the upcoming year and as a result the same drama plays out each year. The Mayor's request for a zero increase is causing an increase in the mill rate and they are guessing at expenditures. He urged the Council to review the Charter before making any decisions this year.

Town of Montville  
 Budget Hearings.

Notice is hereby given that a Public hearing will be held at Town Hall Council Chambers, 310 Norwich-New London Tpke. Uncasville, CT on April 16, 2012 at 7:00p.m. on the Board of Education Budget and on April 17, 2012 at 7:00p.m. on the General Government Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Description	Revenue				
	2011	Summa	2012-2013		2013
		2012	2012	2013	2013
	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	YTD	DEPT.REQ.	
			MAYOR	PROP	
PROPERTY TAXES	33,967,890	35,522,564	33,403,779	36,870,299	36,870,299
LICENSES & PERMITS	549,731	572,500	428,615	505,500	505,500
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	462,259	222,750	184,129	196,400	196,400
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	168,502	130,576	95,196	142,866	142,866
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	13,910,910	13,264,007	6,634,727	13,277,556	13,277,556
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	3,903,912	3,527,829	2,672,896	3,251,072	3,251,072
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	690,899	1,488,935	398,522	681,000	681,000
MISC REVENUE	944,615	873,194	826,530	793,747	793,747



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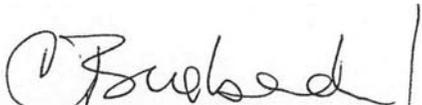
Revenues	Adopted 2010	Adopted 2011	Proposed 2012	
User Fees		1,067,857	1,031,000	1,058,300
Liens and Interest		500		
Investment Interest		2,000	500	500
Miscellaneous		1,000	5,000	8,000
Hydrants		30,000	31,500	31,200
Connection Fees				5,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>1,101,357</b>	<b>1,068,000</b>	<b>1,103,000</b>

Expenses	Adopted 2010	Adopted 2011	Proposed 2012	
Water Oper Subcontractor		47,219	49,500	23,000
OverTime			1,500	500
Maintenance Agreement			8,500	9,000
Pump Station Maintenance			8,000	10,000
Electricity		34,000	54,000	50,000
Medical Insurance		16,200	22,000	
Social Security Taxes		5,000	3,800	2,000
Pension		4,700	4,800	
Work's Compensation		120	700	
Life & L.T.D. Insurance		400	400	
Mise Supplies		20,418	9,100	10,000
Phone			600	600
Postage/Billing		3,500	1,500	1,500
Office Supplies		500	500	500
Legal Services		25,000	15,000	5,000
Auditor & Accounting		7,500	7,500	7,500
Testing		5,500	3,500	3,800
Water		850,000	820,000	900,000
Consulting Services		10,000	3,500	3,500
Engineering Services		5,000	5,000	5,000
Meter/Line Replacement		20,000	15,000	10,000
Training & Membership		2,700	1,000	2,000
Rent		3,600	3,600	3,600
Hydrant Repairs		6,000	5,000	6,000
Vehicle Expenses/ Other		4,000	4,000	4,500
Capital/Reserve		30,000	20,000	45,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,101,357</b>	<b>1,068,000</b>	<b>1,103,000</b>

**WPCA Proposed  
 2012-13 Budget**

Revenue		Expense	
Misc. Permits	1,000	Administrative Cost	247,000
Investment Income	5,139	Chemical Supplies	302,000
Use & Metered Fees	2,146,174	Maintenance and Supplies	829,500
Rand Whitney Sewer Use	1,724,780	Energy Transportation	930,000
Mohegan Sun Use	1,430,567	Other	1,133,004
Septage	45,000	Debt Services	261,032
Connections Fees	30,000	Insurance/Fringe Benefits	468,303
Rand Whitney - Debt	57,479	Personnel Expenses	926,300
Rand Whitney Water	225,000	Capital Expenditures	623,000
Electrical Supply Contract	5,000		
Misc	50,000		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,720,139</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,720,139</b>

detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk. Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 9th day of April 2012.

  
 Candy Buebendorf, Chairperson, Town Council

  
 Ronald McDaniel, Mayor

*Theresa Hart*  
 Theresa Hart, Finance Director

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville.