

Town of Montville
Ad-Hoc COVID 19 Impact Study Committee
Special meeting minutes

December 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 5 pm by councilor Mandler with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with councilor Mandler, McNally and Caron present. Motion was made by councilor McNally seconded by councilor Caron to elect councilor Mandler as Chairperson. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion by councilor Caron and seconded by councilor McNally to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 motion passed 3-0.

Motion by councilor Caron seconded by councilor McNally to approve the special meeting minutes of October 5, 2021. Motion passed 3-0.

There were several remarks from the public concerning matters on the agenda. John Chase remarked on the possible need for a community pool, tennis court reconstruction and other projects. Councilor Bunnell remarked that the already allotted ARA funds were already properly vetted by the previous committee and sees no reason to delete or change any items previously approved. Councilor May reiterated that the previous committee and council approved items for ARA per guidelines. Mayor McDaniel remarked that there is no written guide for approval on how the money is to be spent and that the rules are ever changing. Lt. Bradford spoke on the need for the CAD next Gen system to remain on the list and that the State Police are presently using the system. Chief Messier commented that the fire departments were not given a chance to properly have input to the Next Gen system and was a concern. He also commented that the PD and FD needs should both be addressed by the Next Gen CAD and the FD are not opposed to the system by want to assure everyone's needs and concerns are met. Mr. Pike and councilor May and Mr. Gary Murphy expressed concerns in the need, use and size of generators for use in the town for shelters and schools as well as portable generators. Kate Southard expressed concerns in maintaining present projects and additional projects for use of town residents. Recreational, Farmers Market, tennis courts and other items were also touched upon.

Old Business - None

New Business - Motion by councilor McNally seconded by Caron to approve the meeting dates of January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 12, November 8, and December 13, for 2022 all at 5 pm. Motion passed 3-0

Review of previously approved projects was mutually agreed was covered in remarks from the public.

Remarks from the public was addressed. Mr. Gary Murphy addresses the need for first responder concerns and future item for ADA funds and changes in equipment and needs.

Remarks from councilors were discussed. Councilor Caron expressed the new Committee members were concerned for the previous funds spent and ensuring they met the guidelines that are ever changing which is being more and more complicated.

Councilor McNally addressed that some of the approved items appeared not to conform to the guidelines and wanted to ensure if the town spent the money and it did not conform to the

guidelines, the town would not have to repay the money and burden the tax payers with a 5 million dollar bill.

Chairperson Mandler explained that at no time was it discussed, suggested or even a thought that any items were going to be cut from the already allotted expenditures. The only thing was to ensure the money already spent conformed to the guidelines. He himself has ideas for future expenditures, but wanted to make sure they fit to the present guidelines. It would be fiscally irresponsible to not do everything possible to protect the taxpayers from future monetary burdens.

Motion to adjourn at 604 pm passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted

Alfred J. Mandler