

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

April 8, 2022

4:00 PM

Room 203

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Present were Councilors McNally, Mandler and May. Finance Director Terry Hart. Laurie Pallin, Kathy Lamoureux and Wills Pike from the Board of Education were also present.

Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor May, to approve the minutes of the 4/6/22 meeting. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the 2022-23 Board of Education Budget. Superintendent Pallin explained that the proposed budget did not include any new programs or initiatives. The biggest factor impacting the budget is Special Education, which has increased 41.36%. Each student that is outplaced costs \$100,000. The BOE anticipates having to transfer funds from the 2% Non-lapsing fund to cover special costs for the 2022 fiscal year. Other increases include wages at 28.5%, benefits at 10% and others caused by inflation. There is one retirement that will not be replaced. Chairman McNally explained that the committee would be reviewing the Capital Plan later this month. He stated the Covid-19 Committee would be meeting to discuss the second phase of ARPA funds, if the BOE has any requests they would like to submit.

Hart told the committee that, based on expenditures for Park & Rec Programs and Summer Camp for Fiscal Year 2019, she feels the 2022-23 Department request is accurate. She also explained that she is working with the Tax Collector to determine the amount to use for waiving taxes and how many accounts will be affected. She is also working on the Police Private Duty policy. Both these items will be forwarded to TARP.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance