

**Town of Montville  
Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.  
Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall**

**Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.**

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Mandler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Mandler, and McNally)  
Present were Councilors Caron (5:02 p.m.), Mandler, and McNally.
4. Alterations to the Agenda  
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to:  
    Remove: Item 4(c) Request from Recreation Department for Water Fountain for Town Hall Gym  
    Add: Item 4(e) Phase II Requests for Additional Funding  
Discussion: The project has been completed. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2022  
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.  
Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a 3-minute time limit – *none*
7. Old Business – *none*

*Councilor Caron entered the meeting at 5:02 p.m.*

8. New Business
  - a. Discussion on Phase II Requirements on Back-up Materials  
Departments heads were requested to submit supporting documents, including estimates and backup information, in a timely manner to allow the Committee to have sufficient time to review their requests. Chairman Mandler stated that he received nine (9) requests today.

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## b. Board of Education (BOE) Request

Councilor McNally stated that numerous requests for both the Town budget and ARPA Funding were received by the BOE. The BOE has not proposed any items for Capital funding. The school upgrades, totaling approximately \$8 to \$10 million, might be considered for bonding while other items could be considered for Capital funding.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to recommend the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Town Council for the following items:

Tyl PA System	\$ 20,475.00
District A/C Study	\$ 48,600.00
Bus Garage Generator	\$ 45,000.00
Palmer Skylights	\$ 65,000.00
Tyl Sidewalks	\$ 33,225.00
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 212,300.00

Discussion: Councilor Caron agreed that the school upgrades should go out to bond. Councilor Mandler stated that, since being elected to the Town Council, he has begun to better familiarize himself with the town, and its facilities, and ask questions. He confirmed that documentation was provided and the bid process was used. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

## c. Request from Recreation Department for Water Fountain for Town Hall Gym

*Removed from the Agenda.*

## d. Request from Social Services (Senior Bus Trips, I Pads, Program funds, Virtual Real-time Tours)

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to recommend the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Town Council for the following items:

Senior Services Virtual Classes	\$ 14,000.00
Senior Services Bus Trips	\$ 20,000.00
Senior Services I-Pads	\$ 10,000.00
Senior Services Programs	\$ 10,000.00
Senior Services <i>Montville Times</i>	\$ 5,000.00
Senior Services Virtual Tour	\$ 760.00
Senior Center Generator	\$ 100,000.00
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 159,760.00

Discussion: Councilor Caron thanked the Councilors for meeting with Senior and Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck to discuss the requests. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

e. Phase II Requests for Additional Funding

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to remove the allocation of ARPA Funding for the Camp Oakdale Operating Budget and Parks & Recreation Summer Programs. Discussion: The items will be funded by the General Government Budget. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to recommend the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Town Council for the following items:

School Security Devices	\$ 2,100.00
Fire Department NextGen Completion	\$ 45,000.00
(3) Police Vehicles	\$ 187,500.00
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 234,600.00

Discussion: The request for the School Security Devices, which were originally part of the Phase I Funding, was amended to include magnetic strips and hammers. It was explained that they are currently using wedges to keep the classroom doors open and would like to request additional funding for the purchase of magnetic strips that can be placed over the locking mechanism. The strips would be used at all of the schools, with the exception of Tyl Middle School. The magnetic strips have been approved by the Fire Marshal. The police vehicles will be removed from the town's Capital Plan. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Caron wished to include the funding of Life Scout Tyler Lawton's Eagle Scout Project (Horton Cove Trail) for discussion during their next meeting. The rules regarding the funding for Eagle Scout Projects will be investigated.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron, to recommend the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Town Council in the amount of \$25,000.00 to upgrade the Transfer Station's Free Section. Discussion: The funds would be utilized to purchase new Connex Boxes, Fencing, and Cement Padding. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Caron also wished to discuss the funding of the Old Town Hall/Social Services building and Pavilion renovations and the possibility of waiving the bid for the Social Services refrigerator and freezer.

9. Remarks from the Public with a 3-minute time limit

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale, spoke on behalf of the BOE, Superintendent, and the staff and expressed his appreciation to the Councilors for considering the Board of Educations' requests.

10. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Caron thanked everyone and stated the importance of utilizing the funds in a timely manner.

Councilor McNally reiterated their request to the Department Heads to send their requests for funding with the necessary documentation. He also requested they send them the status of the projects that have been funded to date.

Chairman Mandler concurred with Councilors Caron and McNally. He also requested that any requests be sent to them in a timely manner.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor McNally, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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