

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

April 4, 2023

4:30 PM

Room 203

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Councilors McNally and Mandler. Finance Director Barbara Griffin was present. Also present, Recreation Director Peter Bushway, Chief of Police Wilfered Blanchette, LT David Radford, Public Works Director John Carlson, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Kate Southard arrived at 7:15 PM

Councilor Mandler moved, second by Councilor McNally, to approve the minutes of the 3/21/23 meeting. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the Rec Department budget with Director Bushway and P & R Chairman Southard who both spoke about the need for Summer Programs and the need to help some families with the expense. They request that a new line item, Hardship funding, be added to the budget to help address this need. The Committee recommended leaving this in the budget. The Committee also recommended reducing PT Rec Programs to \$7,500; reducing PT Camp Oakdale to \$110,000; and reducing Basketball referees to \$4,000.

The Committee reviewed the P & R capital request for Lights for Tennis/Pickleball Courts and recommended funding half or \$50,000 in FY 2024 and the balance of \$50,000 in following year budget. The Committee made the same recommendation for a 50/50 split for Basketball Court reconstruction, with \$150,000 to come from FY 2024 budget and \$150,000 from FY 2025 budget.

Radford and Blanchette discussed Police Protection budget. It was verified that Police Chief Salary and new Admin position were included in this budget. A recommendation was made to include salaries for two new officers however these have already been accounted for in Police Salaries. The Committee recommended reducing Overtime to \$350,000; reducing reference materials to \$3,000; reducing Safety Equipment to \$500; and increasing Physicals to \$7,000.

In the Private Duty budget, the Committee recommended increasing Police Private Duty to \$350,000.

In a discussion of Dispatch Budget, it was noted that a decision has not been made as to whether PT Dispatchers should remain in the budget. The committee made a recommendation to decrease this line item to \$20,000 and to increase uniforms to \$1,500.

Public Works Director John Carlson discussed the Public Works budget, Camp Oakdale budget and Solid Waste budget. The Committee made the following recommendations:

		2024 Dept Request	Fnce Comm Recommendation 4/4/2023
10910	Public Works		
10910	51100 Overtime	40,000	35,000
10910	52000 Electricity	19,000	20,000
10910	52008 Streetlight Repairs	20,000	18,000
10910	52156 Boat Launch	2,000	500
10910	52173 Evictions	600	0
10910	52186 MS4 Storm Water Monitoring	35,000	25,000
10910	53004 Training & Conferences	3,000	2,000
10910	53008 Advertising	500	0
10910	53012 Vehicle Expenses-Public Safety	50,000	40,000
10910	53013 Vehicle Expenses-Other	40,000	35,000
10910	53015 Uniforms	13,500	12,500
10910	53018 Sand & Salt price inc \$77 to \$107	200,000	200,000
10910	53019 Misc Supplies	4,000	3,500
10910	53024 Reference Materials	500	250
10910	53033 Decorations	2,000	3,500
10910	53041 Safety Equipment	8,000	6,000
10910	53044 Guardrails	12,000	10,000
10910	53045 Road Striping	50,000	45,000
10910	53055 Cold Patch	5,000	4,000
10910	53100 Maintenance-Community Center	35,000	30,000
10910	53108 Equipment Rental	15,000	10,000
10910	54000 Equipment	94,000	50,000
10910	54029 Mechanics Equipment	6,000	5,000
10920	Camp Oakdale		
10920	52013 Propane	2,500	2,000
10920	52104 Dog Park	800	200
10920	53004 Training & Conferences	1,200	600
10940	Solid Waste		
10940	51100 Overtime	5,000	3,500
10940	51131 PT Landfill Operator	44,000	40,000
10940	52013 Propane/heat	2,000	1,500
10940	52124 Tipping Fees SCRRRA	490,000	460,000
10940	53014 Printing	2,000	1,000
10940	53019 Misc Supplies	2,000	1,000
10940	53068 Testing	20,000	15,000
10940	54000 Equipment	3,000	1,500
10940	54143 Recycling Containers	3,000	1,500

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Barbara Griffin, Director of Finance