

Town of Montville Town Council
Public Hearing General Government Budget Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
6:00 p.m. – Montville High School – Auditorium

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 McNally called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Leonard Bunnell, Sr., Billy Caron, Alfred Mandler, Tim May, Thomas McNally, and Robert Yuchniuk. Absent was Councilor Colleen Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Public Hearing

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held at Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road Oakdale, CT on April 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the General Government Budget and on April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the Board of Education Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Revenue Summary 2023-2024					
Description	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ADOPTED	2023 ESTIMATE	2024 DEPT REQ.	2024 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	43,992,801	43,980,549	43,811,611	54,921,162	51,109,212
LICENSES & PERMITS	1,223,999	961,500	1,060,440		1,069,000
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	68,305	35,000	428,119	110,000	110,000
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	216,482	225,350	233,450	221,750	221,750
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	13,318,113	13,392,474	13,228,673	13,200,229	13,200,229
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	4,700,760	4,618,001	4,723,968	4,075,569	4,075,569
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	513,267	395,500	429,722	406,500	406,500
MISC REVENUE	1,738,742	1,055,600	1,704,374	1,375,600	1,378,600
TOTAL REVENUES	65,772,469	64,663,974	65,620,357	74,310,810	71,570,860
Expenditure Summary 2023-2024					
Description	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ADOPTED	2023 ESTIMATE	2024 DEPT REQ.	2024 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,334,772	2,671,856	2,575,000	2,942,267	2,868,167
INTERGOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS	74,300	84,300	84,300	121,140	95,300
FRINGE BENEFITS/INSURANCE	5,386,612	5,026,650	4,956,700	6,062,000	6,062,000
DEBT SERVICE	5,039,512	4,994,173	4,994,173	5,258,749	5,258,749
LAND USE	264,342	292,000	212,500	298,000	295,500
HUMAN SERVICES	671,996	731,663	700,400	762,030	756,930
CULTURE AND RECREATION	384,799	408,595	400,000	467,930	465,430
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,330,065	5,472,888	5,132,667	6,243,454	6,595,454
PUBLIC WORKS	3,827,568	3,520,305	3,010,352	4,220,230	4,190,730
EDUCATION	39,784,972	40,961,544	40,961,544	43,799,600	43,799,600
CAPITAL	1,463,994	500,000	500,000	5,204,410	1,183,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	64,562,932	64,663,974	63,527,636	75,379,810	71,570,860

Detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk or online at www.montville-ct.org.
Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 12th day of April 2023.

Ronald K. McDaniel
Mayor

Thomas McNally
Town Council Chairman

Barbara Griffin
Finance Director

Chairman McNally asked three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak regarding the proposed General Government Budget for FY2023/24.

Raymond Library Board Treasurer Paul McGlinchey, 37 Forsyth Road, spoke in support of the Library's budget request. The Library's current annual operating budget is approximately \$165,000.00/year, \$65,000.00 of which is provided by the town. The remaining funds derive from their endowment which has steadily decreased by 25% over the last 12 years.

Eventually, no funds will remain to support the Library and will have to cease its existence without any additional funding.

Ellen Abutin, 19 Hickory Drive, spoke in support of the Raymond Hill Library Budget. She concurred with Mr. McGlinchey and invited everyone to visit the Library and witness their unbelievable events and activities. As one of the best things the town offers, it would be a significant loss should the Library be forced to close due to lack of funds. The community, special guest speakers, event hosts, and staff could attest to its importance. She also suggested the possibility of housing the town's Historical Society in the building and combining their efforts and urged them to begin thinking more creatively.

Raymond Library Director Kari Wall stated that the staff has been working very hard to meet the needs of the community. Since March, they have held 59 programs serving 1,051 attendees, including their Weekly Storytime, which was recently expanded. They recently partnered with the Tantaquidgeon Museum and Mohegan Tribe, Montville Youth Service Bureau, Montville Police Department, 2-1-1 United Way, Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC), and local Girl Scout Troop to hold various programs. Through these partnerships, they are hosting local history, foraging, and mental health programs. In addition, their Summer Reading Program continues to grow. They are continuing to explore their partnerships as they seek to meet the needs of the community. They will be hosting their 2nd Annual Pirate FundFest at the Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion this year. She recited the Library's Mission Statement, stating that their goal is to not only provide materials, but also valuable programming – both of which are becoming increasingly difficult due to their funding issues. Increased funding would allow them to increase their programming and hours of operation to better serve and meet and grow with the community and its needs.

Ray Coggeshall, a longtime Library Board of Directors member, also spoke in support of The Raymond Library, an important institution in the Town of Montville. The Library has been running at a deficit for over ten (10) years and is in dire need of balancing its budget and it is hoping to do so with incremental annual increases from the town.

Chairman McNally asked three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak regarding the General Government Budget for FY2023/24. There being no additional comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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