

Town of Montville Finance Committee - Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 27, 2024 - 5:00 PM - Town Hall Room 203

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman May with the pledge of allegiance.
Present Tim May, and Kevin Lathrop. Absent Joe Jaskiewicz
2. Remarks from the Public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – none
3. Motion by Kevin Lathrop, seconded by Tim May, to approve the minutes of the 1/25/2024 special meeting. No discussion. Voice vote all in favor.
4. Agenda Items as follows:
 - A. Councilors were provided with a report showing budget to actual for all State revenue and Town revenue for FY 2023 and FY 2024. This is a continuation of information provided at last meeting and will continue to be updated and presented at meetings going forward.
 - B. Chief Blanchette elaborated on email correspondence sent to Mayor Bunnell describing factors contributing to Police overtime. MOUs to the existing Police contract contributed. These were negotiated as a result of staffing changes that resulted from the conversion from RST to Chief of police. There will continue to be a need for overtime but no action is being taken at this time. There may be other line items in the police budget that could be used to offset OT. At end of year there may be a need to transfer from contingency or even fund balance to cover this expense.
 - C. Griffin provided copies of pages from the financial statements that showed the special revenue funds and discussed specifically those corresponding to Sr./Social Service, Youth Service and Rec Commission. These will be updated with FY 2023 numbers at subsequent meetings.
 - D. Councilors discussed the Town Council budget. This will be voted on as part of budget deliberation process. A question was raised as to why Community Booklet is in this budget and concluded that it is because it involves input from three departments – Sr./Social Service, Youth Service and Rec Commission. Also discussed was whether this book could be in digital form at some time in the future.
5. Finance Director reported that a Treasurer has been hired. Also discussed the budget and certain unknowns that need to be decided, including number of new firefighters to hire, in order to provide a comprehensive budget package.
6. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit – Gary Murphy discussed the Fire Protection budget and the confusion surrounding the salary cost to hire three new firefighters. Steve Stewart stated that the PSC did not receive the Building Department budget for discussion at the Public Safety Commission meeting. Bruce D? said he came to this meeting to educate himself. Spoke in favor of supporting the needs of the Police Department. Also spoke about need to support senior, youth and rec commission activities.
7. Remarks from Councilors - none
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M

Barbara Griffin, Director of Finance