

## MINUTES

The Finance Committee for the Town of Montville met at 6:00 p.m. in Room 203 at the Montville Town Hall on April 27, 2010.

Members present: Gary Murphy, Russ Beetham and Billy Caron

Also present: Theresa Fafard, Finance Director and Ellen Hillman, Candy Buebendorf and Dana McFee, Town Councilors.

Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Caron moved to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting. Beetham seconded; passed unanimously.

The committee discussed hiring an auditor for the 2011 fiscal year. Fafard will find out what other towns are using McGladrey and Pullen and what they are being charged. Caron moved to accept McGladrey and Pullen as the town auditor for the next two years pending the results of the information requested. Beetham seconded; passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding tax abatement programs for Senior Citizens. There was an ordinance brought to the Town Council around 2004 regarding this issue, but the ordinance did not pass. The committee will look into this further.

The committee discussed personal property audits. Fafard passed out a handout addressing questions that arise when considering a personal property audit. The Town Council would set the True Cost Value limit.

There was discussion regarding additional dispatch coverage for 911 calls. Ray Occhialini would like to utilize part-time dispatchers for this. Coverage is needed Monday-Friday from 5pm-10pm. He asked that the committee recommend an increase of \$26,000 in the proposed 2010-2011 budget. Beetham moved to support the request for an additional \$26,000 to the part-time dispatcher line in the 2010-2011 proposed budget. Caron seconded; passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the agenda for the next meeting. It was decided to review the revenue and expenditures in the 2009-10 budget before departments are interviewed. The committee would also like to go over the project revenue for 2010-11. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

### Remarks from the public

Councilor Jacobson would like to have the narratives included in the Mayor's proposed budget. Steven Loiler supported the committee's approval for additional part-time dispatchers.

Robin Salvatore also expressed her thanks for the support of the part-time dispatchers.

Councilor Hillman stated that she hoped that the Assessor could be trained to perform personal property audits as it is her responsibility.

Councilor McFee opposes the timing of the personal property audits. He is concerned that during revaluation the values will go down and the mill rate will go up. This will cause more of a burden on the businesses in town.

Councilor Hillman would like to information regarding the copiers in Town Hall such as whether they are owned or leased and where they are located.

Chuck Longton stated that the Town Planner reviewed personal property audits with EDC. If the Council selects to audit business with a True Cost Value of \$50,000 or more, 80% of the business will not be affected.

Caron moved to adjourn the meeting 7:08 pm. Beetham seconded; passed unanimously.

Attest: Theresa Fafard, Finance Director