

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 15, 2024

Room 102 6:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Councilors Jaskiewicz May and Lathrop. Finance Director Barbara Griffin was present. Also present, Mayor Bunnell, Councilor Caron, Superintendent Laurie Pallin, School Business Manager Kathy Lamouroux, BOE Chair Wills Pike
2. Remarks from the Public: none
3. Minutes:
  - a. Approval of the 3-25-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approval of the 3-26-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
  - c. Approval of the 4-1-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
  - d. Approval of the 4-4-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
  - e. Approval of the 4-5-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
  - f. Approval of the 4-8-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
  - g. Approval of the 4-9-2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jaskiewicz, seconded by Lathrop, to approve the minutes as presented. No discussion, all in favor.

4. Agenda items as follows:

Discussion and possible action on FY 2024-25 town budget to include the following:

Increase 10360-52084 UCFS by \$2,000

Add non-profit Thames River Community Service for \$2,000

Councilor Caron, as Liaison to non-profits, spoke in support of these items. He noted that since TVCCA would no longer be requesting \$4,000, the funding could be allocated as proposed. There was consensus to add to budget.

Move \$130,000 for Community Center bathroom in Capital to FY 2025-2026. It was decided to move this capital item to the LoCIP column in the event that the Town Council chooses to add this as a LoCIP project in FY 2025.

Add \$75,000 for Turn Out Gear to Fire Dept Capital

Add \$180,000 for Air Pack/Bottles to Fire Dept Capital

Due to lateness of receiving Capital requests from Public Safety Committee, these items were not included in the Mayor's proposed budget. Of note, both items are listed in FY 2026-27 column and will be funded again when that Capital budget is discussed.

Move \$77,500 for Cameras in Public Works Capital to FY 2025-26

Increase 10100-49005 Police Private Duty by \$405,000. This was due to a typo in the line item in the Revenue budget.

Increase 10450-53208 Series A & B bonds in Debt Principal by \$550,000. This was inadvertently left out of the Debt Principal budget.

Decrease 10460 2023 GO Bonds in Debt Interest by \$126,750. The proceeds that funded 2023 bonds had bond premium that is available to pay the interest due in FY 2025.

Update from Finance Director: Griffin asked about additional adjustment to Use of Surplus. Per Tim May, if an amendment is to be made, it will occur at the Town Council meeting that adopts the budget.

Remarks from the public: Wills Pike wanted to know if there were more Finance Committee meetings scheduled before adoption of final budget.

Members of the Public Safety Committee and Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Department requested that consideration be given to the purchase of Chesterfield M-37 Rescue vehicle be included in this budget. Information about lease purchase options was distributed and discussed. This late request is due to the fact that a Capital request had not been submitted for inclusion in the budget. This can be added to lease purchase column in the capital budget at the Town Council budget meeting.

Update from Councilors: Tim May stated that a Town Council meeting to adopt the budget will be scheduled for the last week of May.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM