

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes for

July 30, 2024

Room 203 5:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman May with the pledge of allegiance. Present were Councilors Tim May and Joe Jaskiewicz. Absent Kevin Lathrop. Also present Councilor Billy Caron; School Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux

2. Remarks from the Public relating to matters on the agenda with a three minute limit: none

3. Minutes:

- a. Approval of the 4-23-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the 4-30-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of the 5-15-2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jaskiewicz seconded by May to approve the minutes. No discussion. All in favor.

4. Alterations to the agenda

Motion by May seconded by Jaskiewicz to add the following items to the agenda under Item 5 Agenda Items

5(b) Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Council to fund upgrades to current public safety radio infrastructure to accommodate town wide public safety services as recommended by Police Chief Blanchette.

5(c) Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Council to enter into a five year \$1,044,407 lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of an M-12 Pumper Truck

Discussion: none. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Agenda items as follows

- a. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Council to authorize the issuance of bonds for the following:

Road Paving	\$7,000,000
Town Road Storm water	\$1,500,000
Town Hall Roof	\$1,000,000
Town Hall Boiler/A/C	\$500,000
Senior Center Boiler	\$50,000
Public Works Office Upgrades	\$100,000
Town Hall- Trim painting & brick work	\$300,000
Town Hall Oil Tank	\$80,000
Palmer Roof Replacement	\$316,000
Bus Garage Tank Replacement	\$363,200
Turf and Track Replacement	\$1,500,000

Total: \$12,709,200

Discussion: Councilor Billy Caron discussed the Public Works projects. He noted that old bonding is still being used to finish some road projects. For the new proposed bonding, Public Works Director John Carlson has been asked to come up with a prioritized list. Storm water refers to the drainage that will need to be completed as part of the paving project.

The Boiler is on this list because of the difficulty in obtaining replacement parts for the existing boiler.

The Town Hall roof and facade work have been inspected by Public Works in an effort to provide a reasonable estimate for this work.

K. Lanoureaux addressed the three BOE projects. For the Palmer Roof Replacement, she said there will be State money as well. The Bus Garage Tank Replacement is a compliance issue. This estimate includes the removal of an underground tank and replacing with an above ground tank. The High School track is over 15 years old. This is being recommended as a combined Turf and Track because it is considered best to do both at the same time.

Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Council to approve funding for upgrades to current public safety radio infrastructure to accommodate town wide public safety services as recommended by Police Chief Blanchette.

Motion made by Jaskiewicz seconded by May

Discussion: Chief Blanchette emphasized that he is working with Oakdale Fire Chief Messer to coordinate compatibility of systems with Fire Departments. Going forward there will be Town-wide compatibility of systems except buses as they have their own system. The cost to the Town is \$86,267. Tim May moved, seconded by Jaskiewicz, that this be forwarded to the Town Council with a recommendation that General Fund Balance be used.

Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- c. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Council to enter into a five year \$1,044,407 lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of an M-12 Pumper Truck

Motion made by Jaskiewicz seconded by May

Discussion: Chief Turner noted that the amount requested exceeds the appropriated amount of \$850,000. This price increase is due to use of a new EPA motor making it 2027 Diesel compliant. Brian Baker provided detail of financing options to council members.

Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Update from Finance Director: no further comments

Remarks from the public with a three minute limit: Linda Tomasak stated that she watched the State Bond proceedings and thought that Montville was awarded more bond funding than just for the Animal Control Facility.

Update from Councilors: Councilor May noted that there would be a determination of number of referendum questions for bonded projects based on how they are grouped. Perhaps as Board of Education, Public Works, and Town Hall. Also expressed his appreciation for persons attending the meeting to be available to answer questions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

Barbara Griffin, Director of Finance