

**Town of Montville  
Town Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.  
Montville Town Hall, Room 203**

1. Call to Order  
Chairperson May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call  
Present were Councilors Caron, Sabilia, Yuchniuk, and May. Absent were Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, and Southard. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
5. New Business
  - a. **Resolution #2025-40. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to receive the Mayor’s proposed budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. (Councilor May)  
Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell thanked the Finance Department, his Executive Assistant, and the Board of Education for their hard work on the budget. Given the fiscal challenges, he was pleased with the proposed budget, which includes a 1.72 mil rate increase. Montville is not the only community facing difficult times. Roll Call vote, 4-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Sabilia, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
  - b. **Resolution #2025-41. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the Board of Education proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 at the Tyl Middle School Auditorium and to set the date of Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the General Government proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 at the Tyl Middle School Auditorium. (Councilor May)  
Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 4-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Sabilia, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
6. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit  
BOE Chairperson Wills Pike thanked the Mayor for his summary and informed the Councilors that the BOE would be scheduling a Special Meeting to discuss their cuts to accommodate the proposed budget, noting that there are time-sensitive items, including a state requirement to notify staff members who will not be returning to their positions the next calendar year, i.e., pink slips, before May 1. The Mayor’s Proposed Budget includes a 30% or \$675,000.00 cut from the BOE’s proposed increase.
7. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor  
Chairperson May reported that he met with and discussed a 3% increase for the BOE. The Finance Committee plans to begin meeting next week and will be open to speaking with the BOE regarding the budget.  
  
Councilor Caron commented on the challenges of this year’s budget cycle and suspects the following year(s) will be even more challenging. He looks forward to meeting with and receiving the public’s input.

Councilor Yuchniuk expressed his disappointment with the reduction to the proposed BOE Budget which will negatively affect the children's education while unnecessarily purchasing fire trucks and considering the partial funding of the purchase of a property for another organization.

Councilor Sabilia concurred with Councilor Caron, adding that the Union Contract Negotiations for both the Town and the BOE, are also adding to their fiscal challenges.

Mayor Bunnell concurred that the contracts and salary increases present fiscal challenges. The Town Departments, BOE, and Capital Budgets were significantly reduced. He also corrected Councilor Yuchniuk's comment regarding the land purchase, stating that the proposal to help fund the purchasing of the Bond Property failed and, therefore, is not included as part of the proposed budget.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

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