

Town of Montville
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 29, 2025
ROOM 203 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Chairperson Tim May, Councilor Kate Southard (filling in for Councilor Joe Jaskiewicz), Councilor Kevin Lathrop. Also, in attendance Finance Director Julie Chapman, Lt. Radford, Public Works Director John Carlson, Councilor Bill Caron

4. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:

- a. The Regular Finance Committee Minutes of March 25, 2025

Motion made by Chairman May, seconded by Councilor Southard and Councilor Lathrop.
Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor

- 5. Opening Budget Discussion–** Chairman May led off discussion on how this is a tough budget year and how he is focusing on how much was spent this current year-what is left, what costs are definite and which ones can be adjusted. He went on to say State has undercut us with substantial tax cuts, increased salaries due to negotiations for both the town and the schools so he asked everyone to please keep these things in mind when going over their budgets. Chairman May said if you more money is needed for something and it's critical then we can do it but if can afford to be lowered than we need to work together on it. He indicated that he is not going to levy taxes on money that might be left over.

- 6. Mayor's Proposed Budget for Police Protection –** Discussion on Overtime and what causes it; sicknesses, vacations, call-ins for fatalities, fires. Lt. Radford discussed Special Events and what they are; Christmas Parade, Memorial Day Parade and the Carnival, which the latter two are upcoming. Adjustments were made to accounts: 10820-53015 (\$4,000 less with a new proposal of \$18,000) for uniforms, 10820-53028 (\$5,000 increase with a new proposal of \$25,000 for Law Enforcement Programs), 10820-53030 (\$300 less with a new proposal of \$1,700 for Radio Repairs), 10820-53038 (\$18,000 moved from Community Programs to Miscellaneous Grants due to possibly being funded with Opioid money.

- 7. Mayor's Proposed Budget for Animal Control -** Adjustments were made to accounts 10850 – 51012 where \$35,000 was added for a couple of new part time positions that will be needed for the new Animal Control Facility.

- 8. Mayor's Proposed Budget for Dispatch -** Adjustments were made to accounts: where \$5000 was moved from 10870 – 51070 PT Dispatcher's Salary to 10870 – 51100 Overtime line item with a new proposal of \$180,000

- 9. Mayor's Proposed Budget for Public Works -** Adjustments were made to accounts: 10910 – 51100 where \$3,000 was added back into the Overtime budget line item; 10910 – 53012 (increase of \$10,000 for Public Safety Vehicle Expenses), 10910 – 53013 (increase of \$5000 for Other Vehicle Expenses, 10910 – 53036 (increase of \$5000 for Public Safety Vehicle Tires, and 10910 – 53068 (\$2,600 removed from Budget; may be sold soon).

10. Mayor's Proposed Budget for Capital Improvement – Agreements were made to fund the following: POLICE: Taser 10 - \$28,211, Ballistic Vests \$20,000; PUBLIC WORKS: One police car and the IT for it totaling \$81,334.; Road Paving lowered to \$130,000 from \$150,000.

Adjustments made to move Community Center bathrooms in the amount \$130,000 to Fiscal Year 2026-2027; Field Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$250,000 to Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

11. Adjournment 8:50 pm.

Cindy J. Breton, Executive Assistant to Mayor Leonard G. Bunnell, Sr.