

**Town of Montville
Town Council
Public Hearing Agenda
General Government Budget
Thursday, April 30, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Montville High School Auditorium**

1. Call to Order
Deputy Chairperson Caron called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Brian Baker, Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Rachael Novak, and Kate Southard. Absent were Councilors Tim May and Nicholas Sabilia. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.
4. Public Hearing

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held at Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road Oakdale, CT on April 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. on the Board of Education Budget and on April 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. on the General Government Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Revenue Summary 2026-2027

Description	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	46,659,739	49,358,442	55,602,727
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	18,283,099	17,510,202	18,888,375
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,363,200	1,403,000	1,408,401
INVESTMENT INCOME	977,081	950,000	350,000
RESERVES	2,800,000	2,800,000	-
OTHER LOCAL	1,298,354	1,162,800	1,126,100
TOTAL REVENUES	71,381,473	73,184,444	77,375,603

Expenditure Summary 2026-2027

Description	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ADOPTED	2027 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	10,100,066	10,329,709	11,215,014
PUBLIC SAFETY	6,714,358	6,251,657	7,069,925
PUBLIC WORKS	4,332,552	4,269,138	4,458,820
HEALTH AND WELFARE	849,088	855,409	877,718
PARKS AND RECREATION	334,658	363,041	352,770
NON-PROFIT	94,800	100,300	95,800
CAPITAL	1,819,101	745,635	873,316
DEBT SERVICE	3,131,240	3,389,935	4,077,624
EDUCATION	45,435,974	46,879,620	48,354,616
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	72,811,837	73,184,444	77,375,603

Detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk or online at www.montville-ct.org.
Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 22nd day of April 2026.

Leonard Bunnell Sr.
Mayor

Tim May
Town Council Chairman

Deputy Chairperson Caron invited the members of the public to speak on the Mayor's FY2026/27 Proposed Budget.

Vincent Attwater-Young, 375 Chapel Hill Road, questioned the status of the Governor's proposed appropriation of additional funds to municipalities and whether it would result in a decrease in the mil rate.

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Deputy Chairperson Caron stated that any additional appropriation of funds from the state will be taken into consideration during the final budget process.

Carol Burgess, 28 New Hampshire Lane, expressed her concerns with the Mayor's proposed budget, which includes a 3-mil increase. While recognizing the current difficult fiscal environment, she stated her support to increase taxes, placing the Town on a more level footing, adding that the Town has either maintained or minimally increased the mil rate over the past four (4) years. All the Town's programs and services, provided by the various town departments, come at a price. She also proposed and strongly supported hiring additional employees to decrease routine overtime costs and not to wear out the employees.

Raymond Daniels, 87 Turner Road, stated his disappointment with the condition of the Town's roads and questioned how the Town's funds have been expended over the past ten (10) years. He plans to attend more meetings and invite others to join him.

Nancy Boothe, 185 Fitch Hill Road, realizing the need to increase the mil rate, questioned when it was last raised by 3.5%, which is a difficult increase for taxpayers.

Deputy Chairperson Caron asked three times if any additional members of the public would like to speak. Hearing none, he stated that the Town Councilors, Finance Committee, Mayor, and departments are regularly meeting to carefully review the budget. He invited Mr. Daniels to contact him for a list of past, current, and future roads that are slated for improvements. The public is invited to attend the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee meetings and/or propose additional roads in need of improvement. He expressed his dismay at the lack of public involvement, adding that very few residents attended last evening's Public Hearing regarding the proposed BOE budget, which constitutes the largest part of the Town's budget.

Mayor Bunnell stated that he, too, was in favor of his proposed budget, which includes no new programs or staffing. Nearly \$1 million was cut from various departments' proposed budgets; the only remaining item to cut is services. In response to the public comments, he encouraged the residents to contact their state legislators, who consistently cut the towns' funding. He assured the public that the budget would be adjusted accordingly should they receive additional state funding. His budget, he emphasized, is a *proposal*, and the Town Council will make the final decision. He also encouraged the public to access the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee's meeting minutes online to view their progress on the roads. While they have completed many of their road improvement projects, he agreed that there continue to be roads in need of improvement. Going forward, he encouraged them to support development to avoid such issues in the future.

Deputy Chairperson Caron stated his disappointment and lack of confidence with the prospect of receiving additional state funding.

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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