

MINUTES

The Finance Committee for the Town of Montville met at 5:00 p.m. in Room 203 at the Montville Town Hall on May 10, 2011.

Members present: Billy Caron, Gary Murphy and Russ Beetham.

Also present: Terry Hart, Finance Director and Joe Jaskiewicz, Mayor

Caron called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The committee reviewed the Board of Education budget with Pam Aubin, Superintendent. The Board originally requested an increase of 1.43%. The Mayor was considering a 0% increase. Aubin requested that the funding for items in the capital plan be used for the operating budget. The Mayor agreed and gave a 1% increase over last year. Aubin explained that there will be some reductions in insurance costs for next year and with a 1% increase there will be no reduction in staff.

The committee discussed the Youth Services Budget. Barbara Lockhart, Coordinator, explained that her operating budget has had a 0% increase over the past 5 years. She has three people in her department and she feels if the hours of the secretary are cut to 20 hours there would be a negative impact. Years before she did reduce this position from 40 hours to 25 hours in an effort to be fiscally responsible. Youth Services receives a \$6,000 enhancement grant to offset salaries. Beetham felt the cut in the secretary's hours was reasonable and also thought that savings could be realized by combining Youth, Senior and Social Services along with Park and Recreation. There was also discussion about charging a registration fee for the After-School Program.

The committee reviewed the Public Works Budget. They discussed the street lights that are owned by the town and the cost of repairs associated with them. There was discussion about the amount budgeted for Salt and Sand. Hart explained that this was the result of a five year average. Don Bourdeau, PW Director, explained that he has three people missing from his department who have not been replaced. He also explained that there have been new developments in town and therefore more roads to maintain.

Motion to adjourn by Caron; seconded by Beetham at 6:45 pm. Passed unanimously.

Attest: Terry Hart, Finance Director