

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 17, 2011.

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

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

Police:

Beetham asked Lt. Bunnell why the police officers are still leaving their cars running. Bunnell stated that he has issued a directive telling them to shut the cars off. He will re-issue that directive. Caron questioned the part time clerical position. Bunnell said this position was eliminated in 2009 and he would like it restored. There are many administrative demands. They receive a great deal of phone calls and walk-ins at the station. This person would work about four hours a day and do filing and data entry. Hart asked if Bunnell felt that the overtime line was funded adequately. He feels that it is.

Public Safety Commission:

Gary Allyn from the Public Safety Commission was present to review the proposed Public Safety Study. He explained that the study would provide information such as whether or not there is enough and the right equipment. Also, it would ensure that the town is OSHA and NFPA compliant. The main focus would be on Police and Fire but would include all public safety departments and also the role of the Mohegan Sun. He feels that \$50,000 should be adequate funding. It will take about six months. Murphy stated that he wants to make sure it is done fairly. Allyn stated that there would be a subcommittee and all objectives would be discussed.

Budget Recommendations:

Murphy moved; Caron second to reduce the Raymond Library (10360-52072) to \$30,000. Murphy Caron in favor, Beetham opposed.

Caron moved; Beetham second to cut the funding for the Eastern CT Conservation district (10360-52077) by \$1,500. Motion passed 3-0.

Murphy moved; Beetham second to add \$400 to Big Brothers Big Sisters (10360-52082). Motion passed 3-0.

Murphy moved; Caron second to reduce Montville Babe Ruth (10360-52092) to \$1,400. Motion passed 3-0.

Murphy moved; Caron second to increase the Sexual Assault Crisis Center (10360-51000) to \$350. Motion passed 3-0.

Murphy moved; Beetham second to reduce Literacy Volunteers (10360-52175) to \$400. Motion passed 3-0.

Murphy moved; Beetham second to add a line in Town Hall/Central Service for office supplies (10370-53000). Motion passed 3-0.

Murphy moved; Beetham second to add \$20,000 to Town Hall/Central Service for office supplies (10370-53000). This is to consolidate office supplies for all departments. Motion passed 3-0.

Caron moved; Beetham second to cut funding for the IT Consultant (10440-53004) by \$20,000. Motion passed 3-0.

Caron moved; Beetham second to cut funding for Capital Non-Recurring (10480-52043) by \$30,000. Motion passed 3-0.

Beetham moved to reduce Contingency (10480-52176) by \$100,000. No second. Motion failed.

Murphy moved; Caron second to increase the Assistant Town Planner (10610-51017) to \$59,079. Motion passed 3-0.

Beetham moved; Caron second to decrease Land Use Engineering (10620-52123) to \$40,000. Motion passed 3-0.

Beetham moved; Murphy second to decrease Public Works Engineering (10620-52184) to \$65,000. Motion passed 3-0.

Caron moved; Murphy second to increase the Youth Service Secretary (10750-51016) to \$24,973. Motion passed 3-0.

Beetham moved; Murphy second to decrease the Police Part-Time Clerical (10820-51075) to \$10,000. Motion passed 3-0.

Beetham moved to not fund Public Safety Consulting (10860-53002) for \$50,000. No second. Motion failed.

Remarks:

Councilor Hillman stated that this was not the time to fund the part time clerical position. She stated that the WPCA is willing to contribute to the cost of the Public Safety Study above the \$50,000. She feels that the four fire departments should not receive an increase. She feels that the salt and sand average is too high. She explained that the WPCA has no need for the jet/catch basin truck. They hire a contractor for this.

Beetham stated that he feels the town should wait to vote on the budget until the State budget is in place. He will petition if necessary.

Motion to adjourn by Caron; seconded by Beetham at 7:45 pm. Passed unanimously.

Attest: Terry Hart, Finance Director