

Town of Montville Town Council
Public Hearing General Government Budget Minutes for Tuesday, April 22, 2015
6:00 p.m. – Montville High School – Auditorium

1. Call to Order
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. after establishing a quorum.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
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 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. on the General Government Budget and on April 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. on the Board of Education Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Revenue Summary 2015-2016

Description	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ADOPTED	2015 YTD	2016 DEPT.REQ.	2016 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	35,947,236	37,072,712	35,645,605	39,855,405	38,323,208
LICENSES & PERMITS	771,132	640,500	605,867	705,500	705,500
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	82,220	51,000	35,290	76,000	76,000
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	171,173	163,290	94,700	172,920	172,920
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	13,248,105	13,343,010	6,521,306	13,401,028	13,401,028
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	4,082,214	4,391,109	3,075,621	4,179,424	4,179,424
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	837,033	698,500	650,279	625,500	625,500
MISC REVENUE	1,595,997	996,000	1,199,249	791,000	791,000
TOTAL REVENUES	56,735,110	57,356,121	47,827,917	59,806,777	58,274,580

Expenditure Summary 2015-2016

Description	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ADOPTED	2015 YTD	2016 DEPT.REQ.	2016 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,178,537	2,398,940	1,630,355	2,578,266	2,457,893
INTERGOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS	60,045	65,300	57,984	63,400	61,800
FRINGE BENEFITS/INSURANCE	3,329,092	3,513,985	2,648,203	3,453,475	3,458,475
DEBT SERVICE	4,298,209	4,415,487	4,257,738	4,311,291	4,311,291
LAND USE	228,926	256,979	166,754	268,961	268,961
HUMAN SERVICES	588,868	610,949	432,778	641,000	632,397
CULTURE AND RECREATION	304,501	338,465	230,661	351,541	351,341
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,939,946	3,956,607	2,927,576	4,304,079	4,226,549
PUBLIC WORKS	3,411,170	3,416,326	2,500,126	3,621,086	3,632,086
EDUCATION	36,585,360	37,200,441	23,810,900	37,626,668	37,626,668
CAPITAL	1,066,385	1,182,642	490,954	2,587,010	1,247,119
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	55,991,039	57,356,121	39,154,029	59,806,777	58,274,580

Capital Improvement Plan 2014-15

Description	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ADOPTED	2015 YTD	2016 DEPT.REQ.	2016 MAYOR PROP
Paving	500,000	273,367	155,045	700,000	172,524
Snow Blower	8,946				
Mason Dump			-	38,000	38,000
Building Inspector Vehicle	49,706				
Roof Repair-PW Office	40,000			40,000	
Seal Coat Camp Oakdale Lot				40,500	40,500
Contribution to Capital	200,000	60,000		300,000	
Field Improvement-Palmer	20,000				
New Town Hall Roof		35,000			
Raymond Hill Church Repair	24,500	27,900		54,000	
Communication Improvement	40,000				
Police Boat	25,000	25,000		30,000	30,000
Drainage Raymond/Lynch			94,448		
Camp Oakdale Restroom	44,000	115,000	101,261		
Basketball Courts				12,000	12,000
Dispatch Equipment		250,000			
Replace Roll-off Trsf Station				9,500	
Driveway Transfer Station		25,000			
Maynard Road Improvements				76,000	76,000
New Town Hall Roof Repair	35,000				
replace plow truck		90,000			
Pick up Camp Oakdale	17,972				

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Utility Vehicle Camp Oakdale				6,500	6,500
Vehicle (SUV) ACO		28,000	27,987		
Heating units for vaults		28,000	7,347		
Demo Old Social Service Bldg		34,000			
Sealcoating/Line Striping TH/Sr		14,000			
Undercarriage Wash Equipment		16,000			
Dump Body Replacement		26,000	26,000	43,000	43,000
Stainless Steel Slide rear Sander		14,000			
All purpose Field at Camp Oak	12,000			70,000	70,000
Safety upgrades to DeJardins Pk		13,500			
Truck Body Replacement		15,000	11,342	30,000	30,000
Fire Inspector Vehicle				40,000	40,000
Radio Receiver Benjamin Court		15,000			
Radio Receiver Project TH		15,000	15,000		
Fair Oakd Rekey				6,000	6,000
Silver Falls Bridge				50,000	
Fair Oaks Community Center				492,000	
Tire Charger				7,200	
Mechanic Truck				32,000	32,000
Multi Use Trail Phase 1				136,400	
Multi Use Trail Phase 2				137,000	
Fair Oaks Field Improvements				50,000	50,000
Replace Town Hall Phones		10,000		40,000	40,000
Cruisers (3 including equipment)	49,262			194,173	104,285
Fitch Hill Rd Drainage				260,000	
Construction Trailer				6,500	6,500
Mobile Shelving for Lower Vault		22,875	22,525		
Gazebo Camp Oakdale				7,500	7,500
Bus replacement				88,000	
Wheelchair bus				90,000	90,000
Van replacement				44,000	
Replace medium plow truck				120,000	120,000
Black Ash Realignment				110,000	
Fire Optic Network				26,100	26,100
Oakdale, Fire Pump Replace		30,000	30,000		
Police vehicle surveillance systems				55,210	55,210
CSP Portable and Mobile Radios				85,000	85,000
Sound Dampening				20,000	
Maintenance Vehicle				66,000	66,000
Transportation, Pump Station				39,500	
Transportation, Upgrade Electrical				23,000	
Mohegan, Sidewalk				20,000	
Courtyard, MHS				25,000	
Maintenance. Tractor & Loader				27,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1,066,386	1,182,642	490,955	3,747,083	1,247,119

2016 Proposed Water Budget					
Description	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2015 YTD	2016 Proposed	
Water Revenue	1,292,166	1,346,660	704,054		1,396,345
Water Salaries & Wages	21,599	94,668	25,431		98,100
Water Maintenance	12,236	34,000	83,945		32,000
Water Energy & Transp	1,049,548	1,013,000	392,217		1,059,230
Water Ins & PR Taxes	28,595	29,592	14,768		29,865
Water Misc Expenses	39,923	18,100	19,530		20,600
Water Admin Exp	17,082	22,300	7,007		21,550
Water Reserve	-	135,000	0		135,000
Total Water Fund Expenditures	1,168,983	1,346,660	542,898		1,396,345

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 15th day of April 2014.

Ronald K. McDaniel
 Mayor

Joseph W. Jaskiewicz
 Town Council Chairman

Theresa Hart
 Finance Director

Chairman Jaskiewicz opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the General Government Budget.

Candy Buebendorf, Former Town Council Chairperson, thanked the Mayor, Finance Director, and Finance Committee for their hard work and encouraged them not to cut very much, if anything, from the budget especially in light of the proposed cuts in the State budget, which will directly affect municipalities. Having reviewed the budget, she felt that the increases appeared reasonable, being centered primarily on increases in salaries and electricity. She requested funding Safe Futures, an organization supporting victims of domestic violence, at the same level as the Homeless Hospitality Center, both of which are regional organizations serving the community. She also noted that the funding for the Raymond Hill Church, which was accepted as Town property, was zeroed out,

stating that it would be unconscionable and irresponsible for the Town to not fund the building for its much needed repairs.

Howard R. Beetham, Jr., 60 Riverview Road, commended the Mayor on a good job on the budget, but felt it required a little tweaking, including a salary increase for the members of the Town Council, who have not received an increase in 25-30 years, the reduction of expenses for the Police Department, and increasing the Capital Improvement budget, which appears to have remained the same for the last ten years. He added that he was unable to locate the Police Department in the Budget Summary and commended the Fire Marshal for his budget, which remains flat.

Lt. Leonard Bunnell, 5 Little John Drive, spoke with regards to the Police Department's request for three additional Officers. Every year, for the past 15 years, he has been requesting additional officers and, every year, his request has been denied. While he understands taxes and the denial of his request, he felt that the time to honor his request is now. In addition, should the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee opt to recommend the establishment of an independent Police Department, which appears possible in light of the \$170,000.00 investment the Town will be required to make for the purchase of State Police radios, the lack of the use of a portion of their recently built \$6.5 million Public Safety Building, and the increasing costs of the Resident State Trooper Program, the additional Officers will help ease this transition.

Jim Moran, Chesterfield Road, spoke in support of the additional Officers to the Police Department. As a Police Officer, himself, and a member of the Public Safety Commission, he stated that the Police Department is grossly understaffed and that it is only a matter of time before a problem occurs due to the lack of Officers. He felt that the Town is too focused on their tax dollars rather than public safety and stated the need for the Town to prioritize.

Lynda Jean, 1583 Route 163, Lot Number 8, spoke in support of additional Police Officers and Public Works employees. She suggested that some of the funds allocated to the school budget be transferred to support these Departments. She also supports the current upgrading efforts of Maynard Road. She also questioned whether other towns, e.g., Bozrah, Salem, are involved in any conversations regarding the Police.

Chairman Jaskiewicz asked four times if there were any additional persons from the public who would like to speak regarding the General Government Budget.

Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked everyone for coming and speaking, ensured the public that they will work to do what they feel is right for the Town, and reminded everyone to attend the Board of Education Budget Public Hearing tomorrow evening.

5. Adjournment

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville