

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

April 28, 2015

4:30 p.m. Room 203

Laura Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Joe Jaskiewicz, Tom McNally, Ron McDaniel, Mayor and Finance Director Terry Hart.

Jaskiewicz moved, second by McNally, to approve the minutes of the 3/31/15 meeting

Remarks from the public: Ellen Desjardins stated that she did not want an increase in the budget and in taxes.

The committee met with the IT Director. They explained that they could not support his request to increase his part-time employee to full-time.

The committee reviewed each department's budget. There was concern that the liability insurance line (10425-52024) may be underfunded. Jaskiewicz moved, second by McNally, to increase this line to \$215,000. Motion passed. There was discussion regarding the status of the Planning and Zoning Secretary. The Mayor explained that this was a union position and he is in the process of refilling the position. McNally moved, second by Jaskiewicz, to decrease the consulting services line (10610-53002) in the Planning budget to \$4,000. Motion passed.

The committee discussed the need for police officers and increasing the new officers to three instead of one. McNally moved, second by Tanner, to increase the Police Salaries line (10820-51040) to \$1,700,000 which would include three new officers. Motion passed. The committee discussed staffing for the Public Works Department. The Mayor's proposal included an additional Maintainer position and an additional Custodial position. The Public Works Director requested two Maintainers and one Custodian. McNally stated that he feels the Public Safety Building should have a dedicated custodian. Jaskiewicz moved, second by Tanner, to increase the Public Works Salaries line (10910-51018) by \$37,500 to include two Maintainers. Jaskiewicz and Tanner in favor. McNally opposed. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the changes they made to the Mayor's proposed budget and determined there was an increase of \$118,100. Jaskiewicz moved, second by Tanner, to decrease the Board of Education budget by \$118,100. After a lengthy discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. The committee discussed the Capital Plan. Tanner moved, second by McNally, to move \$30,000 for the Police Boat (10960-54133) into next year's Capital Plan. Motion passed. McNally moved second by Tanner, to fund the Mechanic Truck (10960-54059) at \$16,000 in the 2015-16 Capital Plan and \$16,000 in the 2016-17 Capital Plan. Motion passed. McNally moved,

second by Tanner, to fund the Wheelchair bus (10960-54064) at \$50,000 in the 2015-16 Capital Plan and \$40,000 in the 2016-17 Capital Plan. Motion passed. McNally moved, second Tanner, to decrease the Board of Education (10950-53051) budget by \$28,000. Motion carried.

Remarks from the public: Lt. Bunnell thanked the committee for funding for additional police officers; Brian Levesque thanked the committee for their support; and Robin Salvatore informed the committee that this is the second time she tried to attend their meeting and the front door was locked. Tanner stated that she felt the departments did a good job with the budgets they submitted and McNally stated that he was pleased the committee funded for the additional police officers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance