

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 9, 2016

5:00 p.m. Room 102

Councilor Longton called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilor Tanner, Councilor Pollard, Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart. Also present were Councilors Jaskiewicz, Caron and May.

Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to accept the minutes of April 26, 2016 meeting; motion passed.

The committee reviewed the Police budget with Lt. Bunnell. He explained that he had requested two additional officers in his proposed budget to the Mayor. The Mayor did not add these officers. There are a total of 26 officers at this time. Lt. Bunnell requested that the committee restore the two additional officers. There was also a discussion regarding the Resident State Trooper overtime. Hart explained that the Mayor reduced this from \$20,000 to \$15,000 and that \$11,000 had been expended to date.

The committee reviewed the Public Safety Building budget. Hart explained that the increase in the building maintenance line was due to new service contracts. There was a discussion about the electricity line and the natural gas line. The natural gas bill is now included in the electric bill and both were being booked to the electric line. This has been corrected. Based on the usage to date the committee discussed reducing these lines. Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the electric line to \$60,000. Motion passed. Councilor Longton moved, second by Councilor Tanner, to reduce the natural gas line to \$10,000. Motion passed.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the request for police vehicles in the capital plan. The request is for two detective cars and one SUV for patrol. Lt. Bunnell explained that the detective cars are getting old, have high mileage and are in constant need of repair. The committee will review this during the upcoming meetings.

Ray Cogshell of the Library was running late. Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to move the discussion with the library to the end of the agenda. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed the 2016-17 proposed budget. Councilor Tanner asked about Consulting Services in the Town Council budget. Hart explained that this was for updating the code books. The telephone and lease of equipment in the Central Service line has been consolidated for all departments. Hart explained the Accountants line in the Finance budget is for the Account Payable clerk, Payroll clerk and Treasurer salaries. There was a brief discussion on Continued Education. Hart stated that this was being discussed in union negotiations. The committee may

need to meet with the Registrar of Voters to discuss their budget. The committee would like to meet with Youth Services and Land Use.

The committee reviewed the Library budget with Ray Cogshell. He explained the original request was for \$48,000 and the Mayor kept it at the current amount of \$45,000. He stated after reviewing their audit, the library would like to request \$110,000 for the 2016-17 fiscal year due to the need to complete capital projects. The committee asked about the grant the library had received. He explained the grant is for computers only.

Remarks from the Public: Wills Pike of Pheasant run stated that the library should verify their request for an increase by submitting a detailed list of their needs. Councilor Pollard will get a copy of their audit.

Lt. Bunnell stated that his request for three vehicles is based on need. He also would like the committee to recommend funding for at least one officer.

Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Longton, to adjourn at 6:41 pm.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance