

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 15, 2017

5:00 P.M.

Room 203

Councilor Longton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilors Tanner, Pollard, Rogulski and Jaskiewicz. Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart were also present.

Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to approve the minutes of the 4/25/17 meeting. Motion passed.

Remarks from the Public:

The Mayor stated that the flags were at half-mast because it was Police Officer's Day. Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that he had talked to the PW Director and feels the funding for the Boat Launch should not be moved to the Capital Plan. Wills Pike of Pheasant Run wanted some clarification in the reduction in the street light budget.

Discussion of the 2017-18 Budget:

Public Works: The Director, Don Bourdeau, reviewed his budget with the committee. He explained that the LED Street Lighting contract has been signed and this is why there is a decrease in Streetlights and Streetlight repairs. The committee also discussed the bi-weekly recycling. Bourdeau stated that the Transfer Station Improvement project will be going out to bid soon. There is an increase in the wages for Transfer Station personnel in anticipation of the construction. The committee discussed partially funding the Fitch Hill Drainage project. The committee asked Bourdeau what areas he could reduce his budget. He explained that these areas were in the Capital Plan and already moved out by the Mayor. They also asked what he needs that is not budgeted for. He stated that he would need \$2 million annually for road paving and drainage. The committee discussed the boat launch. Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to rescind the motion that allocated \$5,000 to the Capital Plan for the boat launch. The committee felt the \$4,800 currently allocated in the Public Works budget for repairs would be adequate. Motion carried.

Town Clerk: Lisa Terry, Town Clerk, was present to review her budget. She explained that she does not need the \$100 in her consultant line and this could be deleted. She also stated that she would like to move the funds in computer supplies to her overtime line. Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to recommend the Town Council move the \$500 from

Computer Supplies (10560-53001) to Overtime (10560-51100) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Motion carried. Councilor Tanner moved, second by Councilor Pollard, to recommend the Town Council move the \$100 from Consultant Services (10560-53002) to Overtime (10560-51100) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Motion carried

Police: Lt. Bunnell reviewed his budget with the committee. He explained that his budget request included two new officers (making a total of 28) which would be in line with the studies that recommend a total of 30 officers based on activity. He stated that, outside of salaries, his budget has remained flat over the past few years. He discussed the need for three new police vehicles in the 2017-18 fiscal year. He also explained the need for an impound lot. He proposed using the \$50,000 allocated for a police boat for this. Councilor Longton moved, second by Tanner, to recommend the Town Council, allocate the \$50,000 for the Police Boat (30999-54133) to be used for an Impound Lot. Motion carried. This item will be on the Regular June meeting agenda.

Remarks from the Public:

Wills Pike stated that he agreed with the Public Works Director in regard to the Town roads. He was pleased to see the committee following the Vehicle Policy and feels that lease purchasing vehicles is a good idea. He appreciated that the committee was being flexible in moving the \$600 for the Town Clerk as she had requested. He felt the meeting was very productive.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance