

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

April 16, 2018

5:00 P.M.

Room 203

Council Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilor McNally, Councilor Jaskiewicz, Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart.

Remarks from the Public: none

Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to approve the minutes of the 3/20/18 meeting. Motion passed.

Fire Chiefs Giangrasso, Messer, Truex and Clewell (assistant) were present to review the fire departments' expenses. There was discussion regarding equipment maintenance and repairs for Town owned vehicles. Per the firefighter's agreement, the Mayor moved approximately \$6,000 from each of the departments' budgets to this line. The Town will now be responsible for routine maintenance as well as repairs. Councilor Pike questioned why Oakdale's budget increased 11.5% and Chesterfield's budget was up 1.9% over the past four budgets but Mohegan and Montville had 0% increase. The chiefs explained that they spend more than the amount allocated by the Town, which they absorb through their own funds. The departments do use gas at Public Works with the exception of Chesterfield. They have their own tank and it would not be prudent to travel all the way to the Town Garage for gas. Oakdale uses gas from Public Works when they are near that location.

There was discussion regarding SCBA. All the departments use equipment from the same manufacturer except Oakdale. They received a grant and were able to purchase Next-Gen equipment. All the departments have the ability to refill tanks on-site. The CIP includes \$50,000 for the purchase of SCBA in the 2018-19 fiscal year. Chesterfield has requested funding for a new pumper. The committee also discussed standardizing the trucks that are purchased by the Town. This would allow departments to swap trucks if necessary. Chief Giangrasso stated that there is a great need for volunteers. He urged the Town to put up banners and help recruit volunteers.

The committee took a five minute recess at 6:00 PM.

The Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau, was present to discuss his budget. There was discussion regarding the new LED streetlights. This line has increased due to the maintenance contract and the repayment of the loan for the new lights. There is a new line item in the budget

for Storm Water in the amount of \$60,000. This is a State mandate. The quality of storm water will be tested annually. There was discussion regarding road paving. There is \$900,000 allocated each year in the 5 year plan. This is not enough to do all the repairs that are needed. There is \$190,000 allocated for the repair of the restrooms at the Community Center. Councilor Jaskiewicz asked if this could be spread over two years. Bourdeau felt it could be.

Bourdeau explained that police cars must be replaced. The vehicle policy provides for a system to be in place for this. There are three police cars that meet the criteria to no longer be used by the police. Eventually he would like to have Town Hall employees share cars instead of having a specific car dedicated to each department. Councilor McNally feels the police cars need to be replaced but he does not support financing the purchase. There is funding in the CIP for stainless steel bodies and masonry work at the Town Hall and Old Town Hall.

Remarks from the public: Jim Toner of 10 Indian Hill Road asked if it was possible to bond for the repair of the roads to ensure there is funding to do them properly.

The Mayor stated that the amendments for the grant for the Transfer Station Improvements have been sent to the State and the contract will be awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance