

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes for

July 31, 2018

5:00 P.M. Room 203

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

Remarks from the Public: Mike Butterworth of 120 Connecticut Blvd supported the additional funding for the impound lot and the body armor for the police officers. Vic Lenda of 128 Kitemaug Road is also in favor of purchasing body armor. He also supports the additional funding for the impound lot. He feels if the Town waits to do this project it will cost more in the future. Karen Perkins of Sachem Road agrees with Mr. Lenda and feels the Town should use the Lieutenant's expertise regarding the need for an impound lot.

Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to approve the minutes of the 6/26/18 meeting. Motion passed.

Councilor Jaskiewicz moved, second by Councilor McNally, to add item 6 c. discussion of body armor for police to the agenda. Motion passed.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the impound lot. There is currently \$50,000 budgeted for this and the low bid came in at \$64,211. Lt. Bunnell explained that the proposed lot would hold 15 cars. He also stated that the State Police could use this facility for overflow from theirs. Councilor Jaskiewicz moved, second by McNally, to increase the funding to \$64,300 for the impound lot. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the Community Booklet. Senior/Social Services Director Kathie Peck explained the cost of the booklet is \$13,000 and is offset by the money collected for advertisements in the amount of \$9,000. Currently, the money to pay for the booklet is taken out of special revenue budgets for Sr./Social Services, Youth Services and Park and Rec. She stated that the Fire Depts, Raymond Library and Public Works may also be interested in submitting information for the booklet. Kathie requested that the Town establish a line in the budget to pay for this instead of using the special revenue accounts. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Pike, to create a revenue line for the Community Booklet and fund it at \$9,000 and create an expense line and fund it at \$13,000. Motion passed.

The committee discussed the body armor for the police. The original quote Lt. Bunnell received was for \$6,500 which was only for the plates and did not include the bags and helmets for the 20 units. The total cost for is \$13,900. Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to approve the funding for the body armor including plates, helmets and bags. Motion carried.

The Finance Director gave an update on the 2017-18 fiscal year budget. She explained that due to retroactive pay and employees retiring, the line items for the pension, social security and some salary lines are in the red. Medical insurance is over budget by \$230,000 and Police Overtime is over by \$140,000. Any other lines needing funding can be done through budget transfers.

Remarks from the Public: Lt. Bunnell thanked the committee for their cooperation and support.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50. PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance