

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes for

April 28, 2020

4:30 PM

Town Council Chambers

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Councilor Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Councilors Rogulski and May. Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart were also present.

Councilor May moved, second by Councilor Rogulski, to approve the minutes of the 2/25/20 meeting. Motion passed.

Remarks from the public: Jon Leonard, Public Safety Commissioner, asked how many air packs were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan for Oakdale Fire Dept. and if they were interchangeable with the other fire departments. The Mayor stated that they are standardized for all departments. Leonard commented about purchasing a new pumper for Mohegan Fire. He has concern about having qualified drivers and a shortage of volunteers.

Keith Truex, Chesterfield Fire Chief, confirmed that the four fire chiefs are overseeing the purchase of SCBA and they are all compatible. He feels that Mohegan Fire has enough qualified drivers to drive the pumper if a new one is purchased.

Don Bourdeau discussed the 20-21 Public Works budget with the committee. He requested additional funding for seasonal help to do the work that the prison inmates have done in the past but the Mayor did not fund this. Bourdeau stated that he plans to use remaining funds in his current budget to complete some capital projects. He explained that the request for road paving in the CIP is to repair roads that are not included in the bond project. The request for bleachers is for Camp Oakdale. The existing bleachers are obsolete and a safety concern.

Mohegan Fire Chief Corey Gaetano and Public Safety Commissioner Karen Perkins discussed the request for a new pumper (M-21) in the CIP. Gaetano explained that the current pumper is 31 years old and is requiring a great deal of maintenance. The original request was for \$761,000. He received an updated quote and the cost is \$573,841. This is a basic pumper. Perkins asked if Mohegan Fire Department could use a truck from another company if funding for M-21 is not approved. The only department that has a similar pumper is Montville Fire, which is a very active department.

The committee reviewed the Fire Marshal's budget including Emergency Management and the Fire Department with Bill Bundy. The Mayor's proposed budget includes three additional firefighters. They also discussed the Police budget with Lt. Radford. He had requested funding for 27 officers but the Mayor's proposal has funding for 26 officers.

Remarks from the public: Keith Truex stated that he would like to have one of the three additional firefighters for coverage at the Chesterfield Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance