

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda for

October 27, 2020

5:00 PM

Room 203

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Councilor Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Councilor May, Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart.

Remarks from the public - None

Councilor May moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to approve the minutes of the 6/30/20 meeting. Motion passed.

Councilor Jaskiewicz moved, second by Councilor May, to add item D. Discussion of eligibility of volunteer firefighters into the Town's 457 Plan. Motion passed.

The committee discussed salaries for part-time employees. Hart explained that the CT minimum wage is increasing a \$1/hour (currently \$12.00/hour) each year for the next three years (\$15.00 in 2023). Mayor McDaniel stated that in the past existing employees received an additional increase each year they continued to work for the Town. Hart will develop a wage schedule to include existing employees and will present it to the committee during the budget season.

The committee discussed the part-time Blight Officer position. Jaskiewicz stated he received useful information from Vern Vesey, Building Official. May moved, second by Jaskiewicz, to forward the information regarding the Blight Officer position to the Town Administration/Rules and Procedures Committee for review. Motion passed.

Jaskiewicz moved, second by May, to approve the 2020-21 meeting schedule (Schedule A). Motion passed.

Mayor McDaniel informed the committee that the Volunteer Firefighter Relief committee had met and discussed the eligibility of volunteers into the Town's 457 Plan. According to the Town's Voya representative, the volunteer firefighters would be eligible if the Town amends the plan to include them. The Mayor would like approval to forward the plan document to the Town Attorney for review. Jaskiewicz moved, second by May, to recommend the Town Council have the Mayor forward the Town of Montville 457 Plan to the Town Attorney and have it amended to include the Volunteer Firefighters. Motion passed.

The Mayor recommended that the Town pay for testing for volunteer EMTs in the event of exposure or potential exposure. The Fire Chiefs will come up with a system so that Fire Marshal Bundy and the Mayor are notified in advance of any testing required. Depending on the number of tests, the Fire Department budget may require additional funds at year-end.

Remarks from the Public - none

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance