

**Town of Montville
Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall**

**All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if
not fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by
the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of
Procedure, decorum, timeliness and suitability shall be followed and enforced.**

1. Call to Order
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, and Pollard)
Present were Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, and Pollard. Also present were Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Finance Director Terry Hart.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda – *none*
7. New Business
 - a. To discuss and send the list of proposed expenditures related to the American Rescue Plan funds to the Town Council for review and approval.

New items on the list include:

Loss of Revenue \$ 1,200,000.00

Finance Director Hart reported that she is awaiting guidance regarding a spreadsheet in which their revenue may be inserted to gauge whether there has been any loss of growth in their revenue. Some confusion arose as the spreadsheet is based on a calendar, rather than a fiscal, year. The spreadsheet might potentially be used as an indicator of a loss of revenue growth.

Mobile Charging Station \$ 123,000.00

Based on the town's history of prolonged power outages, Mayor McDaniel is proposing the inclusion of a Mobile Charging Station. The Station would be solar powered with a battery backup and placed on a moveable, towable trailer. The Station will also be equipped with big-screen monitors for any pertinent announcements during emergencies and/or town events and in tandem with the town's existing emergency charging stations.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to include the Mobile Charging Station in the amount of \$123,000.00 in Phase I of the proposed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds expenditures. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

TVCCA \$ 20,000.00

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to remove TVCCA from Phase I of the proposed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds expenditures. Discussion: The item was removed pending the receipt of the number of town's residents who utilize the *Meals on Wheels* program. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Uncas Health District (1% of ARPA) \$ 54,775.00

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to remove the Uncas Health District from Phase I of the proposed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds expenditures. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the town funds the Uncas Health District for their services and the town recently provided them with an additional \$18,000.00. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Affordable Housing Development Plan \$ 15,000.00

Mayor McDaniel stated that every municipality is required to draft and submit an Affordable Housing Development Plan with the State by June 2022. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they were not able to submit a grant application to help fund the development of the Plan. The Plan would be developed by a consultant hired, most likely, through the SCCOG (Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments).

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to include the Affordable Housing Development Plan in the amount of \$15,000.00 in Phase I of the proposed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds expenditures. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the Affordable Housing Plan must be completed by June 2022. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Caron stated that the cost for the generator for the Social/Senior Services building is yet to be determined. The cost may be covered depending upon the wording of the request.

With respect to the Town Dock Engineering/Permitting/Design (\$60,000.00), Mayor McDaniel stated that there are no available grants to fund the engineering, permitting or design of projects. Normally, these items, along with a plan, must be completed and

included as part of the grant application. The Councilors agreed to maintain the item on the list of proposed expenditures.

Councilor Caron stated that, in speaking with the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments, the Palmer Field Improvements (\$20,000.00) may be moved to Phase II, pending additional information regarding the determination of the future use of the property. The Councilors agreed to move the item to Phase II.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to move the Palmer Field Improvements from Phase I to Phase II of the proposed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds expenditures. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

With respect to the pickleball Courts (\$8,000.00), Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chairman Rocky Stone stated that there are currently eight tennis courts, four of which have been in a state of disrepair. The Commission is proposing to refurbish all of the tennis courts and add pickleball lines to the back four courts.

In response to Councilor Caron, Finance Director Hart confirmed that the items that items on the list that are also included in the Capital Plan will remain as such.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to include the Workstations/Rolling Desks for the Youth Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 on Phase I of the proposed ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds expenditures. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Remarks from the Public – *none*

7. Remarks from the Councilors

Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked the Committee for all of their hard work and efforts with the town's departments and Congressman Courtney's office.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville