**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**

To: Christopher Schmidt, resident of the Town of Montville, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Montville, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Montville Town House, 418 Center Road, Montville, Maine, on Saturday, the **25th day of March, 2023**, at 10:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1 To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting. **Called for nominations, Glen Couturier nominated and seconded, Mike Thibodeau nominated and seconded. Glen Couturier asked to make a statement, granted. 1st Select Person Cathy Roberts also asked to say something in response to statement made. Nominations called again, Bob Price nominated, seconded, but declined. Called to vote, Glenn Couturier received 14 votes, Mike Thibodeau received 1. Glen Couturier was sworn in as Moderator.**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Article 2 To elect a Town Clerk and Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Article 21 Table B ~ Elected Officials. **Jodie Martin nominated and seconded. She received 17 votes. Sworn in as Town Clerk and Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent for year of 2023.**

Article 3 To elect a Town Treasurer/Tax Collector for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Article 21 Table B ~ Elected Officials.**Terry Fischer was nominated and seconded. She received 12 votes.**

Article 4 To elect a Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year. Compensation will be fixed in Article 21 Table B ~ Elected Officials.

 1st Selectperson – **Cathy Roberts was nominated and seconded. She received 13 votes.**

 2nd Selectperson – **Sharon Hibbard was nominated and seconded. She received 7 votes.**

 3rd Selectperson – **Doug Thomas was nominated and seconded. He received 10 votes.**

Article 5 To elect the following members to the Montville Planning Board:

 Two members for three-year terms – **John Twomey was nominated and seconded. Elected through hand count. Greg McDaniel nominated and seconded, elected by hand count.**

 One alternate for a three-year term – **Chris Schmidt nominated and seconded, elected by hand count.**

Article 6 To elect the following members to the Montville Budget Committee:

 One member for a three-year term – **Bonnie Hrichak nominated and seconded, elected by hand count.**

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not

to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024 to the 2024 annual Town Meeting. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take a loan in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to fix the dates when taxes shall be due and payable. First installment due date: 15 days after commitment. Second installment due date: November 1, 2023. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 11 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed for the years 2023 and 2024. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 12 To see what discount, if any, the Town will vote to allow on taxes paid in full (both installments up front) prior to commitment or within 15 days after commitment.

Recommended: 1% discount

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest on unpaid taxes beginning 60 days after each installment due date at a rate of 6.0% per annum. (In accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §505.4, the state treasurer established 8.0% as the maximum interest rate allowed in 2023.) **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 14 To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed may be repaid the amount of overpayment with no interest. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for the non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice sixty (60) days before the sale by posting in public places in said Town, on Montville’s website, and in the newspaper, except when the property is being redeemed by the owner or when required to use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property of residents 65 years of age or older. **Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a membership with Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) and to appropriate $1,386.25 from surplusfor membership dues in 2023.

Recommended: Pass

**Motion was made, and seconded, 1st Select Person explained what article was, what services they provided, including grant writing help, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 17 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay tax abatements, discounts, and applicable interest granted during this fiscal year.

 Recommended: $20,000 from Overlay

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

 Recommended: $2,500 from Taxation

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to accept and/or carry over any Emergency Protective Measure Grants, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds, FEMA, DEP Solid Waste Diversion Program Grants, and other funds as may be available to be used toward the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget appropriations. Funds to be expended only for the purposes for which they were intended and in accordance with any formalized guidance from the grantor, at the discretion of the Select Board.

Recommended: Pass

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 20 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general administrative operating costs and wages for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table A in **bold**.) \* Table on following page.

TABLE A

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Account | 2023 fromTaxation | Unassigned Surplus | **2023 Totals** | Budgeted 2022 | Expended2022 |
| 10 – **Administration** |  |  |  |   |   |
|  **10 – General Government** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  110 – Town Officers | 21,982.00 |  | **21,982.00** | 29243.00 | 27,743.00 |
|  145 – Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector | 500.00 |  | **500.00** | 1,500.00 | 483.75 |
|  155 – Deputy Town Clerk  | 3.200.00 |  | **3.200.00** |  4000.00 | 2,887.50 |
|  160 – Administrative Assistant | 15,833.00 |  | **15,833.00** | 15,000.00 | 14,715.00 |
|  180 – Registrar of voters | 1,500.00 |  | **1,500.00** | 500.00 | 500.00 |
|  185 – Elections | 3,000.00 |  | **3,000.00** | 2,500.00 | 2,643.78 |
|  210 – Town FICA/Soc Sec | 2,852.93 |  | **2,852.93** | 3286.00 | 4131.54 |
|  215 – Town Medicare | 667.22 |  | **667.22** | 788.00 | 966.45 |
|  240 - Workers Comp | 6,600.00 |  | **6,600.00** |  6,600.00 | 8,174.00 |
|  245 - Unemployment | 2,500.00 |  | **2,500.00** | 3,600.00 | 2,403.84 |
|  260 - Liability Insurance | 16,000.00 |  | **16,000.00** | 15,000.00 | 14,846.00 |
|  330 - Heating Fuel | 4,750.00 |  | **4,750.00** | 3,500.00 | 4,284.94 |
|  410 - Advertising | 550.00 |  | **550.00** | 550.00 | 196.00 |
|  420 - Audit Services | 7,600.00 |  | **7,600.00** | 7,600.00 | 7,493.50 |
|  425 - Bank Fees | 20.00 |  | **20.00** | 20.00 | 0.00 |
|  430 - Consulting Fees | 5,000.00 | 2,500.00 | **7,500.00** | 2,000.00 | 1,110.70 |
|  435 - Dues & Subscriptions | 2,500.00 |  | **2,500.00** | 1,900.00 | 2,496.32 |
|  440 – Software Maintenance  | 10,000.00 |  | **10,000.00** | 7,000.00 | 9,806.92 |
|  442 - Assessing Agent | 10,000.00 |  | **10,000.00** | 10,000.00 | 9,607.50 |
|  443 - Town Revaluation \*\* | 0.00 | 36,500.00 | **36,500.00** | 36,500.00 | 11,975.00 |
|  445 - Miscellaneous | 500.00 |  | **500.00** | 500.00 | 491.84 |
|  450 - Office Equipment  | 4,000.00 |  | **4,000.00** | 2,500.00 | 1,677.43 |
|  455 - Office Supplies | 1,600.00 |  | **1,600.00** | 1,750.00 | 1,820.66 |
|  465 - Postage | 2,000.00 |  | **2,000.00** | 2,500.00 | 1,776.47 |
|  470 - Printing & Publications | 1,500.00 |  | **1,500.00** | 2,000.00 | 1,092.50 |
|  475 - Training & Education | 1,000.00 |  | **1,000.00** | 1,000.00 | 395.00 |
|  480 – Admin Travel | 1,000.00 |  | **1,000.000** | 8,700.00 | 5,047.50 |
|  490 - Emergency Reserve  | 1,000.00 |  | **1,000.00** | 2,500.00 | 0.00 |
|  495 - Municipal Grants Reserve  | 2,500.00 |  | **2,500.00** | 2,500.00 | 1,938.03 |
| 000 – Electric Town Buildings | 5,000.00 |  | **5,000.00** | 200.00 |  |
|  **20 - Town Office** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  310 - Electric |  |  |  | 200.00 | 217.52 |
|  320 - Phone/Internet | 3,680.00 |  | **3,680.00** | 3,680.00 | 3,564.05 |
|  340 - Security System | 600.00 |  | **600.00** | 790.00 | 528.00 |
|  610 - Mowing | 1,800.00 |  | **1,800.00** | 1,800.00 | 1,700.00 |
|  625 - Repairs/Maint - Town Office | 1,500.00 |  | **1,500.00** | 3,000.00 | 478.54 |
|  **30 - Town House** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  310 - Electric/Heat | 0.00 | 0.00 | **0.00** | 200.00 | 217.52 |
|  625 - Repairs/Maint – Town House \*\*\* | 0.00 | 0.00 | **0.00** | 7,000.00 | 353.81 |
| **Final Totals** | 142,735.15 | 39,000.00 | **181,735.15** | 190,882.99 | 147,764.61 |
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\*\* Town Revaluation line item has a carry-over amount of $24,525.00 in addition to the appropriation above.

\*\*\* Repairs/Maint – Town House line item has a carry-over amount of $7,000.00 in addition to the appropriation above.

**Motion was made, and seconded, question was raised whether MIL rate will be going up as budget has gone up, answer given by Select Board was, unknown until commitment, as re-valuation will be finished this summer, and MIL rate would be changing to reflect that as well. Moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 21 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elected Officials for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table B in **bold**.) \*

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| TABLE B |  |  |  |
|  Account | **2023 from** | Budgeted | Expended |
|  | **Taxation** | 2022 | 2022 |
| 15 – Elected **Officials** |  |   |   |
|  **10 - Officials** |  |  |  |
|  120 - Board of Selectmen  | **10,000.00** |  10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| (\*Intended as 1st Select Person at $4,000;  2nd and 3rd Select Persons at $3,000) |
|  130 - Treasurer | **12,350.00** | 11,700.00 | 11,700.00 |
|  140 - Tax Collector | **12,350.00** | 11,700.00 | 11,700.00 |
|  150 - Town Clerk  | **23,000.00** | 21,700.00 | 21,700.00 |
|  210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec | **3,577.40** | 3400.00 | 3416.29 |
|  215 - Town Medicare  | **836.65** | 775.00 | 798.96 |
| **Final Totals** | **62,114.05** | 59,275.00 | 59,315.25 |

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**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

**HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS**

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase public works equipment to be used for public works purposes, for a principal amount not to exceed $22,804.50, and to fund the purchase through a lease/purchase agreement with Gorham Leasing Group LLC as an additional purchase under the same lease-purchase agreement originally authorized by Art. 30 at the 2022 town meeting for this purpose.

(Note: the 2021 town meeting authorized a lease purchase for the 2022 calendar year of up to $75,000, of which only $51,500 was used to purchase a truck, roller, and trailer).

Recommended: Pass

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 23 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works and Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table C in **bold**.) \* Table on following page.

TABLE C

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Account | From Taxation | Unassigned Surplus  | From Excise | LRAP/ Reserve | ARPA/FEMA Funds | **2023 Totals** | Budgeted 2022 | Expended 2022 |
|  **Public Works** |   |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|  **10 - Road Maintenance** |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  170 - Wages | 63,000.00 |  |   |   |  | **63,000.00** | 55,000.00 | 40,900.00 |
| 210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec | 3,906.00 |  |   |   |  | **3,906.00** | 3,410.00 | 2,535.89 |
|  215 - Town Medicare | 913.50 |  |   |   |  | **913.50** | 797.00 | 593.06 |
| 000 – PW Travel | 2,700.00 |  |  |  |  | **2,700.00** |  |  |
|  310 – Electric |   |  |   |   |  | **0.00** | 1,500.00 | 642.60 |
|  445 - Miscellaneous  | 2,000.00 |  |  |  |  | **2,000.00** | 2,000.00 | 3,429.48 |
|  650 - Repairs/Maint - Subcontractor | 41,695 | 50,000.00 |   |   | 58,305.00 | **150,000.00** | 140,500.00 | 161,675.95 |
| 000 – ARPA Subs |  |  |  |  | 43,938.00 | **43,938.00** |  |  |
|  850 - Gravel | 8,000.00 |  |   |  |  | **8,000.00** | 10,000.00 | 5,284.88 |
|  855 - Culverts | 11,431.03 |  |   |  | 3568.97 | **15,000.00** | 15,000.00 | 11,431.03 |
|  860 - Paving | 44,864.00 |  |   | 45,136.00 |  | **90,000.00** | 90,000.00 | 59,970.68 |
|  885 - Equipment Reserve Fund | 2,500.00 |  |   |  |  | **2,500.00** | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
|  890 - Grader Lease | 14,938.95 |  |  |  |  | **14,938.95** | 14,939.00 | 14,938.95 |
|  891 - Loader Lease | 9,182.18 |  |  |  |  | **9,182.18** | 9,182.00 | 9,182.18 |
|  892 - Roller Lease  | 6,110.14 |  |  |  |  | **6,110.14** | 6,110.14 | 6,110.14 |
|  893 - Equipment Lease  | 9,868.47 |  |  |  |  | **9,868.47** | 9,889.86 | 9,868.47 |
|  **20 - Winter** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  650 - Repairs/Maint - Subcontractor | 100,825.00 |  | 208,000.00 |   |  | **308,825.00** | 308,825.00 | 267,361.00 |
|  810 - Sand | 45,000.00 |  |   |  |  | **45,000.00** | 45,000.00 | 43,584.60 |
|  815 - Salt | 25,000.00 |  |   |   |  | **25,000.00** | 25,000.00 | 17,526.24 |
| 000 – Fuel Surcharge | 3,000.00 |  |  |  |  | **3,000.00** |  |  |
| **Equipment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  R/M Vehicles | 15,000.00 |  |   |   |  | **15,000.00** | 15,000.00 | 11,846.77 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Garage** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Sand/Salt Shed | 1,000.00 |  |  |  |  | **1,000.00** | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
|  Vehicles - Diesel | 20,000.00 |  |   |   |  | **20,000.00** | 10,000.00 | 16,101.19 |
| Final Totals | 430,934.27 | 50,000.00 | 208,000.00 | 45,136.00 | 105,811.97 | **839,882.24** | 768,131.61 | 687,983.11 |
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**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to charge a fee per load to help offset costs for

Demolition Weekend.

Recommended: Cars $5.00 per load

Recommended: Pick-up Trucks $15.00 per load

Recommended: Trailers (Noncommercial size) $15.00 per load

Recommended: Tires at the rate set by the disposal company

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 25 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health and Sanitation Department for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table D in **bold**.) \*

TABLE D

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ITEM | FromTaxation | FromFees | Grant  | **2023****Totals** | Budgeted 2022 | Expended 2022 |
| 30 - Health & Sanitation |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|  **10 - Transfer Station** |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  170 - Wage | 8,100.00 |   |  | **8,100.00** | 7,500.00 | 5,261.38 |
|  210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec | 502.20 |   |  | **502.20** | 465.00 | 360.30 |
|  215 - Town Medicare | 117.45 |   |  | **117.45** | 108.00 | 84.29 |
|  445 - Miscellaneous  |   |  |  |  | 0.00 | 499.00 |
|  455 - Office Supplies | 250.00 |  |  | **250.00** | 600.00 | 36.65 |
|  880 - Repairs/Maint - Garage | 1,200.00 |   |  | **1,200.00** | 1,200.00 | 1,415.94 |
| 885 – Equipment (Box Truck)\*\* |  |  | 30,000.00 | **40,000.00** | 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
|  900 - R/M Vehicles  | 500.00 |  |  | **500.00** | 500.00 | 0.00 |
|  920 - Vehicles - Diesel  | 500.00 |  |  | **500.00** | 500.00 | 0.00 |
|  950 - Demolition Day | 6,500.00 |  |  | **6,500.00** | 6,500.00 | 5,114.03 |
|  960 – Solid Waste Disposal \*\*\* | 598.20 | 12,000.00 |  | **12,598.20** | 25,000.00 | 16,598.20 |
|  962 - Compactor Lease  | 7,535.00 |  |  | **7,535.00** | 7,535.00 | 7,529.54 |
|  965 - Unity Recycling  | 14,123.52 |  |  | **14,123.52** | 10,475.68 | 10,475.68 |
| Final Totals | 39,926.37 | 12,000.00 | 30,000.00 | **81,926.37** | 70384.43 | 47,375.01 |

\*Items in Table D may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

\*\* Equipment (Box Truck) line item has a carry-over of $10,000.00 in addition to the appropriation above.

\*\*\* Solid Waste Disposal line item has a carry-over of $8,401.80 in addition to the appropriation above.

**Motion was made, and seconded, question was raised about when recycling was going to be coming back at the Transfer Station. Answer from Select Board was hopefully in the summer if the Town can find a Box Truck to purchase. Moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

**PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to recover emergency services costs from commercial insurance policies and utility companies via third party contract, in a cost recovery policy.

 Recommend: Pass

**Motion made and seconded. Discussion on what this was, why did Select Board want it ensued. John York and Doug Thomas spoke about details. Town asked if there could be more clarification in the article for what was being asked. Amendment was made to change wording of article to reflect a passive action, amendment was withdrawn. Motion made to limit discussion, seconded, limit discussion PASSED by 2/3rd majority hand vote. Motion made to move to vote to PASS OVER article, seconded, PASSED OVER by hand vote.**

Article 27To see if the town will vote to allow all revenue from any cost recovery services to be added to the Fire Equipment Reserve fund at the end of each fiscal year, until amended or revoked.

Recommend: Pass

**Motion to PASS OVER was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED OVER by hand count.**

Article 28 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department and Emergency Management Expenses for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table E in **bold**.) \* Table on next page.

TABLE E

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  Account | 2023 from | ARPA | Undesignated | **2023**  | Budgeted | Expended |
|  | Taxation | Funds | Surplus | **Totals** | 2022 | 2022 |
| 20 - Protection |  |   |  |  |   |   |
|  **10 - Fire Department** |  |   |  |  |  |  |
|  170 - Wages | 15,000.00 |   |  | **15,000.00** | 17,500.00 | 11,013.60 |
|  210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec | 550.00 |   |  | **550.00** | 1,085.00 | 345.31 |
|  215 - Town Medicare | 130.00 |   |  | **130.00** | 253.00 | 80.75 |
|  710 - Fire Station | 3,500.00 |   | 1,808.33 | **5,308.33** |  3,500.00 |  1,691.67 |
|  725 - Operations | 25,990.00 |   |  | **25,990.00** | 25,820.00 | 23,811.73 |
|  740 - Fire Equipment Reserve | 5,000.00 |  |  | **5,000.00** | 5,000.00 | 5000.00 |
|  745 - Equipment | 9,000.00 |   |  | **9,000.00** | 9,500.00 | 13,890.57 |
|  750 - Grants | 3,500.00 |  |  | **3,500.00** | 5,000.00 | 4765.02 |
|  920 - Vehicles - Diesel  | 3,000.00 |  |  | **3,000.00** | 2,000.00 | 1,966.21 |
| 000 – Fire Station Floor |  | 4000.00 |  | **4,000.00** | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 000 – Fire Department Travel | 2000.00 |  |  | **2,000.00** |  |  |
|  **20 - Emergency Management** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  445 – Supplies | 750.00 |  |  | **750.00** | 750.00 |  713.25 |
| 0 - Emergency Management Travel | 415.00 |  |  | **415.00** |  |  |
| Final Totals | 68,835.00 | 4,000.00 | 1,808.33 | **74,643.33** | 74,438.75 | 54,520.69 |
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\*Items in Table E may be voted individually or as a total by fund type raised as directed from the floor to the Moderator.

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 29 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection and Enforcement services for the ensuing year. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table F in **bold**.) \*

TABLE F

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  Account | **2023** |  |  | Budgeted | Expended |
|  | **Total From Taxation** | ARPA |  | 2022 | 2022 |
|  **30 - Street Lights** | **800.00** |  |  | 550.00 | 773.36 |
|  **50 – Covid 19** |  | 192.81 |  | 2000.00 | 1807.19 |
|  **10 – Animal Control Officer** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  445 – Miscellaneous | **1,700.00** |  |  | 1,700.00 | 1,640.88 |
|  480 – Travel | **500.00** |  |  | 500.00 | 344.00 |
|  **20 – Code Enforcement Officer** | **100.00** |  |  | 100.00 | 0.00 |
|  **30 – Planning Board** | **1,000.00** |  |  | 1,000.00 |  0.00  |
| Final Totals | **4,100.00** | 192.81 |  | 5,850.00 | 4,565.42 |

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**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 30 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for one third of The Town of Liberty Ambulance Service staff wages.

Requested $72,500.00

Recommend: Pass

**Motion was made, and seconded, discussion on ambulance service, questions about length of time to respond to calls, etc, Chief Bill Gillespie responded to those questions, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

**RECREATION**

Article 31 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for recreational activities and properties. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table G below in **bold.**) \* Table on next page.

TABLE G

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  Account | **2023 from** | Requested | Budgeted | Expended |
|  | **Taxation\*\*** | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
| 70 – Recreation |   |  |   |   |
|  **10 – Program Donations** |  |  |  |  |
|  770 - BUM League Basketball  | **100.00** | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
|  771 - Knox Booster Club  | **200.00** | 1,000.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
|  772 - Liberty Swimming  | **1,000.00** | 1,000.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 |
|  773 - Liberty/Montville Little League  | **200.00** | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
|  774 - Town of Liberty-Roberts Maint  | **1,000.00** | 3,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
|  777 - Field Day  | **1,000.00** | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
|  000 – Northstar Riders |  |  |  |  |
| Final Totals | **3,300.00** | 6,100.00 | 3,700.00 | 2,500.00 |

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\*\* The figures in the “2022 from taxation” column in Table G are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at town meeting last year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at town meeting.

**Motion was made, and seconded, amendment to add $200 to the Liberty/Montville little League line was made and seconded, passed by hand vote. Moved and seconded amended article, no further discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Article 32 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Liberty Library.

Requested $3,000.00

Expended in 2022 $2,500

**Motion was made, and seconded, discussion ensued in support of the increase to Liberty Library, and all the services it provides. Moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

*\*Straw Poll was conducted by 3rd Select Person to see if the Town would be in favor of the Select Board writing a letter of support for Haystack Grant Preservations. Town showed favorably in the Select Board writing that letter, concerns of increased property taxes for the whole Town due to the current Property Taxes on Haystack being removed from Tax Base. Cathy Roberts said she would pass that along to the Board of the Friends of Haystack Mountain so they knew how the Town felt about that.\**

Article 33 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for local social service organizations. For more information on these organizations, see descriptions located in the annual town report. (Amounts to be raised itemized in Table H below in **bold**.) \*

TABLE H

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **2023 from Taxation\*\*** | Requested 2023 | Budgeted 2022 | Expended 2022 |
| Account |  |  |  |  |
| 80 - Social Services |  |  |   |   |
|  **20 - Donation** |  |  |  |  |
|  970 - Belfast Area Child Care Serv | **250.00** | 500.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
|  972 - The Game Loft | **100.00** | 200.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
|  973 - Hospice of Waldo County | **300.00** | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
|  974 - Liberty AMVETS Food Pantry | **0.00** |  | 600.00 | 600.00 |
|  976 - Lifeflight Foundation | **510.00** | 510.00 | 0.00 |  0.00 |
|  977 - New Hope Mid Coast | **750.00** | 900.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
|  978 - Spectrum Generations | **584.00** | 644.00 | 584.00 | 584.00 |
|  979 - Waldo Community Action Partner | **1,911.00** | 6,802.00 | 1,911.00 | 1,911.00 |
|  981 - American Red Cross | **500.00** | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
|  982 - Garry Owen House | **500.00** | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
|  000 - Waldo County Woodshed | **1000.00** | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  000 - Belfast Soup Kitchen | **500.00** | 500.00 |  |  |
|  000 – Waldo County Pet Food Pantry | **0.00** | 250.00 |  |  |
| Final Totals | **6,905.00** | 12,356.00 | 5,245.00 |  5,245.00 |

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\*\* The figures in the “2022 Donations from taxation” column in Table H are the same as the amounts that were appropriated for each of these items at town meeting last year. The Select Board believes these amounts should be determined by the voters at town meeting.

**Motion made and seconded. Amendment made to increase Garry Owen House from $250 to $500, seconded, PASSED with hand vote. Another Amendment made to increase Waldo County Woodshed line from $0 to $1,000, seconded, PASSED with hand vote. Amendment made to increase Lifeflight line from $0 to $510, seconded. Amendment passed by hand vote. Amendment made to increase all line items to match the requested amount including the amendments already made, seconded, hand count, FAILED 27 YES, 31 NO. Another Amendment made to increase Belfast Soup Kitchen line from $0 to $500, seconded, PASSED by hand count. Moved to vote on Amended article, which increased the final total from $4645 to $6905, PASSED by hand count.**

**PERPETUAL CARE**

Article 34 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for the perpetual care and maintenance of Montville cemeteries. (Recommended amounts to be raised itemized in Table I in **bold**.) \*

TABLE I

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Account | **2023 from** | Budgeted | Expended |
|  | **Taxation** | 2022 | 2022 |
| 60 - Cemetery |   |   |   |
|  170 - Wages | **650.00** | 500.00 | 637.00 |
|  210 - Town FICA/Soc Sec | **40.30** | 31.00 | 39.50 |
|  215 - Town Medicare | **9.43** | 7.25 | 9.24 |
|  610 - Mowing | **4,300.00** | 4,000.00 | 4,300.00 |
|  745 - Equipment | **250.00** | 250.00 | 40.76 |
|  980 - Halldale Cemetery Donation | **250.00** | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Final Totals | **5,499.73** | 5,038.25 | 5,276.50 |

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**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 35 To see if the Town, as a result of the budget approved in accordance with the Articles herein, will authorize a one-time exemption from the LD 1 Law governing annual Town expenditures to accommodate for the approved budget.

**Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count.**

Article 36 Motion to adjourn**. Motion was made, and seconded, no discussion, moved to vote. PASSED by hand count. Adjourned at 12:33 PM**

Given under our hands this 1st day of March, 2023 A.D.

Cathy Roberts, First Selectperson

Sharon Hibbard, Second Selectperson

Doug Thomas, Third Selectperson

A True Copy of the Warrant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk, Town of Montville, Maine