

TOWN OF MONMOUTH
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 29, 2024

KENNEBEC COUNTY, SS

STATE OF MAINE

TO: Paul Ferland, a constable in the Town of Monmouth in the County of Kennebec and the State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Monmouth qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting Room located at 117 Academy Road, the twenty ninth day of August, A. D. 2024 at 8:00 A.M., then and there to act on Article 1 and to vote by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 5, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., said articles being the following:

Note: Absentee ballots will first be available at the Monmouth Town Office July 30th during business hours.

Article 1. To choose by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,285,114.00 for General Administration and appropriate an additional \$48,019.00 from the unassigned fund balance for the same?

Yes-140
NO-88
Blank-0

Select Board Recommends Yes

Explanation: The list below shows the sum recommended by the Select Board for each program in the Administration budget. This article has been decreased by \$14,417.00 from the amount proposed in June. This article contains several important initiatives for the town, these include (1) completion of the Comprehensive Plan process; (2) staff support for the Planning Board; (3) funds necessary to complete two financial audits in one year to get the town caught up; and (4) making the counter clerk in the town office full-time to improve customer service. These initiatives will have no impact on the tax rate due to the use of funding from the unassigned fund balance.

Expense Items

Administration	\$ 525,153.00
Assessing	\$ 41,380.00
Elected Officials	\$ 16,432.00
Emp. Benefits	\$ 543,615.00
Risk Management	\$ 60,000.00
Boards/Committees	\$ 43,546.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 41,800.00
Municipal Buildings	\$ 61,207.00

Article 3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 126,247.00 for Parks and Recreation Programs?

Yes - 141
NO - 84
Blank - 3

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$482,561.00 for Debt Retirement and Debt Service and appropriate an additional \$65,235.00 from the unassigned fund balance for the same?

Yes - 164
NO - 63
Blank - 1

Select Board Recommends Yes

Explanation: This article appropriates funds to make payments on the debt that has been previously authorized by the town.

Expense Items:

Debt Retirement	\$ 445,363.00
Debt Service	\$ 102,433.00

Article 5. Shall the town appropriate \$36,000 from the unassigned fund balance for the Beaver Brook Culvert Replacement Project? The town has been awarded a Stream Crossing Grant from the State of Maine in the amount of \$150,000.00 to support this project.

Yes - 151
NO - 76
Blank - 1

Select Board Recommends Yes