



Town of Montague
Department, Board, Committee, Commission
BUDGET NARRATIVE

FY 22

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Department: Emergency Management Submitted by: John Zellmann

1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY21 line item budget submission.

With many events that have occurred this past year such as severe weather events, extreme dry spring/summer and fall, thunderstorms, including the October 7th Derecho, COVID-19 which I believe will continue for quite some time into 2021 and possibly beyond. With COVID-19 and the possibility of a vaccine in 2021, we will be looking at administering vaccines and will institute the Towns Emergency Dispensing Site action plan. The amount of time it has and will take to stay on top of not only COVID-19 and other incidents warrants the Emergency Management Directors salary be increased.

I would also like to add to the Emergency Management Budget a discretionary line item for such items as supplies, Personal Protective equipment, etc.

2. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY20? What is the status of those expenditures/investments?

No

3. Did you receive funding for a discretionary account in FY20? What have you purchased to date, at what cost? Looking forward in FY21, what do you expect to purchase at what cost?

No

4. To-date in FY20, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

5. Are there challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY20 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.

With the unknown of the COVID pandemic this is an ongoing challenge every day. My objective is to continue with the work we have been doing this past year to minimize the Towns Residents exposure and safety.