



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

**FY
23**

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concise!***

Department: **Board of Health**

Submitted by:

Health Director

Daniel Wasiuk

1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY23 line-item budget submission.

- We will need to increase office supplies from \$1,500 to \$3,000 for ink supplies per our recommended (3) printer purchases
- Public Health Nurse increase in hours and pay rate – Per Board of Health members to increase services of the Public Health Nurse to \$58.00 an hour and additional 7 hours.
- Board of Health Clerk increase in pay rate due to the increase of responsibilities
- A Vehicle is needed for an inspectional office and to be maintained through the DPW
- Items have been discussed and supported by the Montague Board Health members

2. To this point in FY22, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

- The Montague Board of Health has seen lots of changes over the years and continues to meet the challenges of an understaff department but benefits from leadership by a director and staff who provide a plethora of knowledge and expertise in various field to individuals in the community.
- We were able to maintain and exceed services during the pandemic in addition to being recognized as front line employees and the most important department protecting the safety and welfare of the public through this pandemic.

3. Are there presently challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY22 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.

- It has become increasingly apparent that the Board of Health office has been over the last three years and will continue to be a central hub consisting of not just administrative duties but responsible for a large scope of community outreach, media and marketing information, special projects, instituting and carrying out protocols and emergency management throughout the town community. Our department continues to ebb and flow to face the ever-changing landscape and the challenges as they emerge. Thus, we are asking for increases in our budget.

4. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY22? What is the status of those expenditures/investments? Does your department have any older special article appropriations that remain unspent?

- We had no special articles in FY22.