

AMENDED
(September 9, 2010)

**Town of Montville
Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes for August 31, 2010
6:30 PM – Town Hall – Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
3. Roll Call – Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee and Murphy. Also present were Mayor Jaskiewicz and Finance Director Terry Fafard.
4. Remarks from the Public

Attorney Ron Oschner, representative for the Public Safety Commission, stated that the architects will give a brief presentation that will answer some questions posed to them at the previous meeting; and confirmed that since this is not on the agenda, this would be the appropriate time for them to be heard. Mr. David King and Mr. James Sperry, Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., gave a brief presentation to the Council and answered questions previously presented to them.

The following people spoke in favor of the Council adopting these resolutions and sending this matter to referendum for the taxpayers to vote on: Carol Lathrop, Robert Bedard, Gregory Majewski, Joseph Giangrasso, Shaun Tine, Gary Pike, Tiiu Propfe, Jim Andriote, Todd Pomazon, Linda Patton-Heller, Peter Reynolds and Jack Platt.

Speaking in opposition of this matter was Mr. Robert Manfredi, stating that although he feels that a new public safety facility is needed, it is not a good time economically and the proposed facility is bigger than needed and would need more personnel to staff it.

Ms. Marcia Vlaun, Town Planner, stated that the Planning & Zoning’s favorable 8-24 review was distributed to the Town Council this evening.

Lt. Leonard Bunnell stated that the size of the proposed building will not dictate the number of employees, but that the need in the community for additional personnel will be the only driving factor in hiring future, additional staff.

5. Communications – None.
6. New Business

A. Resolution #2010-085 – The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves that the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$6,500,000.00 for The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of A New Public Safety Facility And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,500,000.00 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and submitted for approval by the electors and eligible voters qualified to vote at a referendum. **Motion** by Councilor Buebendorf, Second by Councilor Hillman. **Discussion:** In response to Councilor Beetham’s request at the previous meeting, Attorney Ron Oschner, representative for the Public Safety Building Committee, distributed and reviewed the comparative operation budgets for the existing public safety building and the proposed facility. Councilor Beetham stated that he has some concerns with the resolution as written, and the project as a whole, as follows: 1) there should be a clause in the resolution about obtaining grants to reduce costs; 2) the proposed facility is too big; and 3) the Town could do other things with the land which would yield funds for the Town. Ms. Terry Fafard, Finance Director, stated that the resolution, as written, does not allow for the project to go above \$6,500,000.00; and any grants that are received will be applied directly to bond payments. There will be no penalty for early payoff. Chairwoman Jacobson stated that the Bonding Council provided the resolutions on the table this evening, in response to Councilor Beetham’s concerns with the way the resolutions are written. She stated that all monies received from grants will go directly to reduce the principal of the bonds. She explained that the Town cannot apply for any grants until a solid commitment is in place. Mayor Jaskiewicz confirmed that State grants can only be applied for once the project is shovel-ready. Councilor McFee stated that the responsible thing for the Council to do at this point is to send this matter to the referendum for the taxpayers to vote on, and asked that the Chairwoman call for a vote on this matter. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee and Murphy. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2010-085 Adopted 7-0.**

Councilor McFee left the meeting at 7:38 PM.

B. Resolution #2010-086 – The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves that the following resolution heretofore adopted at this meeting, be submitted for approval or disapproval to the Town electors and eligible taxpayers qualified to vote at a referendum to be held Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at all of the town’s polling places from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) and that the warning of said referendum state the question to be voted upon as follows:

“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$6,500,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of A New Public Safety Facility And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,500,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’ adopted by the Town Council on August 31, 2010, be approved?”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the appropriation and bond authorization of \$6,500,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a new public safety facility be approved? YES _____ NO _____”

The warning of said referendum shall state that the full text of said referendum is on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Motion by Councilor Buebendorf, Second by Councilor Hillman. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson and Murphy. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2010-086 Adopted 6-0.**

7. Remarks from the Public

Mr. Robert Manfredi stated that he would still like the Council to consider that building such a big facility would ultimately lead to having to hire additional personnel.

Mr. Jack Platt thanked the Council on behalf of the Public Safety Building Committee.

Mr. Robert Bedard asked Councilor Beetham if he would be willing to spearhead the process of applying for Grants since he has prior experience in this area, and has strong community ties.

8. Remarks from Councilors

Councilor Buebendorf stated that she is happy that this matter will be going to the public for their vote, and thanked the Public Safety Building Committee for their hard work.

Councilor Beetham thanked the Committee, and stated that he is still concerned about the amount of money to be spent on this project.

Councilor Hillman thanked the Committee, and stated that she hopes they will all be present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony when the facility is opened. She wanted to clarify that this facility will not be a round-the-clock lock-up, but only a temporary lock-up to hold prisoners during processing.

Councilor Caron thanked the Committee, and stated that he is in favor of this project.

Councilor Murphy stated that he is in favor of this project, and asked the Committee to be diligent in responding to any inquiries brought forth by the public.

Mayor Jaskiewicz thanked the Council for voting to send this matter to referendum for the taxpayers to make the final decision. He thanked the Public Safety Committee for their hard work.

Chairwoman Jacobson thanked the Committee, Ms. Vlaun, Attorney Oschner and Ms. Fafard for their hard work in getting this project ready to send to referendum.

9. Adjournment – **Motion** made by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Hillman to adjourn the meeting. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson and Murphy. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sandra Anderson CPS
Minutes Clerk
Montville Town Council