

**Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2010
5:00 PM – Town Hall – Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present were Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee, Murphy and Mayor Jaskiewicz. Also present was Attorney Michael Carey. Councilor Beetham arrived at 5:10 PM.
4. Executive Session

Motion by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Hillman to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible civil and administrative litigation regarding the proposed State of Connecticut Department of Corrections Sex Offender Facility. Executive session will include Town Council members, Mayor Jaskiewicz and Attorney Michael Carey. The Council entered executive session at 5:05 PM; they returned at 6:06 PM and Chairwoman Jacobson stated that no formal votes had been taken.

5. Remarks from the Public

Ms. Ellen Thomas, 54 Maple Avenue, stated that although she is behind the Council in pursuing this matter, the Council needs to be mindful that the Town’s relationship with the Department of Correction not be jeopardized by this process. In regard to the proposed child safety zone ordinance, she feels that a \$99.00 fee is not high enough.

Mr. Gary Pike, 38 Bergman Drive, stated that he is against a sex offender facility being built in Montville, or in any town.

Ms. Lorraine Elliott, 90 Gay Hill Road, stated that she is against a sex offender facility being built in Montville, and especially in the location that the State has proposed since it is very close to many places where there are children.

Mr. Chuck Longton, 31 Laurel Drive, is in favor of the Town pursuing legal action to prevent the sex offender facility from being opened in Montville. He feels that such a facility will affect economic development and lower property values.

Mr. Andrew Ridolfi, 20 Riverview Road, stated that he is against the State opening a sex offender facility in Montville.

Ms. Mary Clark Wilson, stated that she is in favor of the proposed ordinance and of having the Town pursue legal action to prevent the facility from opening, but she is expressed concern at how far the Town is willing to go to pursue this and what are the chances of preventing the facility from being opened.

Mr. James Andriote, 23 Tre Mart Drive, stated that he is in favor of the Town moving forward with legal action and that money should not be a deciding factor; if the attorney feels that there is a chance then the Town should move forward. He is also in favor of the proposed child safety zone ordinance.

Ms. Sandra Anderson, 90 Moxley Road, stated that she is in favor of the Town pursuing this matter.

6. New Business

A. **Resolution #2010-087. The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves** to authorize the law firm of Suisman and Shapiro to formally act on the injunction and/or civil and administrative litigation regarding the proposed State of Connecticut Department of Corrections Sex Offender Facility. **Motion** by Councilor McFee, Second by Councilor Buebendorf. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson and McFee. Opposed; Councilor Buebendorf. Abstained; Councilor Murphy. **Resolution #2010-087 Adopted 5-1 with 1 abstention.**

B. **Resolution #2010-088. The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves** to set the date for a public hearing regarding the ordinance entitled “Child Safety Zones”. **Motion** by Councilor Hillman, Second by Councilor Buebendorf. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee and Murphy. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2010-088 Adopted 7-0.**

7. Remarks from the Public

Speaking in favor of the Town Council’s adoption of the resolutions on the agenda were the following people; Mr. James Andriote, Mr. Chuck Longton and Mr. Gary Pike.

8. Remarks from Councilors

Councilor McFee stated that he understands the monetary concern in pursuing this legal action; however, he feels that if left to be built, having the sex offender facility in the proposed location will have a long term, negative impact on the Town.

Councilor Beetham stated that he is in favor of pursuing this matter.

Councilor Hillman thanked those who assisted her in preparing the proposed child safety zones ordinance, and stated that she is in favor of moving forward with this matter.

Councilor Caron stated that the Council owes it to the public to pursue this matter in order to protect the taxpayers.

Councilor Murphy stated for the record that he voted in opposition of agenda item 6A only because he is an employee of the Department of Corrections and does not want to create any type of conflict of interest as the Council moves forward with this matter.

Mayor Jaskiewicz stated that he feels that the Council and the Town are headed in the right direction in this matter, but stressed that there is no guarantee on what the final outcome will be.

9. Adjournment – **Motion** made by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Caron to adjourn the meeting. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee and Murphy. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Montville Town Council