

**Town of Montville Town Council
Regular/Budget Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 13, 2013
6:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

1. Call to Order
Chairperson Buebendorf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. after establishing a quorum.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Absent was Councilor McFee. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations — none.
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Councilor Buebendorf proposed the following alterations to the Agenda under Appointments and Resignations:
 - 14(e) To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Philip L. Houk to the ~~Economic-Development Commission~~ Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire ~~May 13, 2017~~ May 11, 2017.
 - 14(f) To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint ~~Mr. William A. Hornok to the Conservation Commission~~ Mr. Dustin L. White as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire May 13, 2017.Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. To consider and act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Special Meeting Minutes on Monday, April 8, 2013,
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Regular Meeting Minutes on Monday, April 8, 2013,
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Public Hearing Board of Education Budget Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 23, 2013, and;
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Public Hearing General Government Budget Meeting for Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Jones. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session — none.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit — none.
9. Communications — none.
10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred — none.
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred.

Mayor McDaniel attended a debriefing by the Norwich Public Safety Department at the Public Safety Building on April 10 regarding the recent Norwich Police shooting incident. Lt. Furasi presented a timeline of the event, different response scenarios, and the lessons learned. The event was well-attended and presented a good post-incident analysis for the police officers who asked many good questions and engaged in a positive give and take discussion.

On April 27, Mayor McDaniel was honored to hit the first ball off of the tee for Tee Ball Opening Day.

The Mayor met with CL&P to discuss ongoing communications in light of the different storm scenarios that have taken place and the reports from the Two-Storm Panel. The Town's position, from an emergency planning perspective, was made very clear to them.

On Saturday, May 4, Mayor McDaniel attended a successful Oxoboxo Lodge Masons' Chips event at Fair Oaks School. Many children received identification packages and were able to play with the police cars.

On May 7, the Mayor and Building Inspector Vern Vesey met with Attorney Mike Carey to address the ongoing issue and complaints regarding blight. Discussion included the enforcement of the ordinance and the necessary alterations to the current ordinance to conform with the state statutes. Due to pending bills regarding the powers of municipalities and enforcement of ordinances, they are waiting for the session to wind down. While it is difficult to enforce, even with an ordinance in place, attempts will be made towards compliance.

Mayor McDaniel also met with Joe Grasso from the Department of Transportation to discuss a signage project along I-395 from I-95 to the Massachusetts line slated to being next Spring. The new signage will be larger to accommodate the elderly and visually impaired and meet the new reflectivity requirements. The signs are either approaching and/or have passed their 20-year life span. In addition to changing the signage, they are also planning to change the exit numbers to conform with the mile markers.

Last week, the Mayor attended a Breakfast Kick-off for Safe Futures who recently changed their name from the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut to better reflect the services they provide. They are also seeking additional funding.

Mayor McDaniel also attended a legislative reception at the state capitol which included the Mohegan Tribe delegation and the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. With all of the delegation in attendance, the Mayor seized the opportunity to aggressively lobby for more state aid.

Five (5) candidates have been interviewed for the opening in the Police Department. The Mayor has recommended four (4) of the candidates to move on to the next step of the process.

The Officer of the Year Banquet at the New London Lodge of Elks will be held next Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 6:00 p.m. This year, the Town will be nominating Officer Matthew Orr.

The Mayor invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Parade this Sunday, May 19.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

Chairperson Buebendorf stated that some of the Reports for the Standing and Special Committees were submitted in writing and distributed to the Council members in order to expedite the meeting.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Tanner
One item has been placed on the Agenda for a Public Hearing. Otherwise, a report was submitted and distributed to the Councilors.
- b. Finance – Councilor Jaskiewicz
All items are included in the Agenda

- c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton
Report was submitted and distributed.
13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
 - a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Montville Youth Services; Senior Center; School Building Committee — none.
 - b. Councilor Jones: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission
Report was submitted and distributed.
 - c. Councilor Longton: Economic Development Commission
Report was submitted and distributed.
 - d. Councilor McFee: Volunteer Firefighters Relief Fund; Public Safety Building Committee, Inland Wetlands Commission — absent
 - e. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education; WPCA
Items are on the Agenda for the WPCA; no report for the Board of Education.
 - f. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Non-Profit Organizations
Report was submitted and distributed.
 - g. Councilor Buebendorf: Public Safety Commission; Regional Dispatch Committee
Report was submitted and distributed.
14. Appointments and Resignations
 - a. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Chase to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on May 14, 2017.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Charles H. O’Bday III from the Commission on Aging effective April 8, 2013.
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz expressed his regret. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. To Consider and Act on a motion to re-appoint Ms. Deborah Schober to the Uncas Health District with a term to expire July 12, 2016.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Jones. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Dustin L. White to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire May 13, 2017.
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Philip L. Houk to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire May 11, 2017.
Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Dustin L. White as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission.
Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Unfinished Business — none.

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2013-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$20,481.13 (twenty thousand four hundred eighty-one dollars and thirteen cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Buebendorf)**

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- b. **Resolution #2013-29 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to accept the Comprehensive DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Enforcement Grant Program and resolves that Mayor Ronald McDaniel is hereby authorized to accept the FY 2013 Comprehensive DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Enforcement Grant Program as described above from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Division of Highway Safety Office, and it be further resolves that Mayor Ronald McDaniel is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Town Council may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the Town of Montville in order to receive, contract, and expend the above referenced grant funds. Any prior acts of the Mayor in applying for such grant funds are hereby ratified. WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Division of Highway Safety awards grants to municipalities for enhanced DUI enforcement and WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Division of Highway Safety has notified the Town of Montville of their intention to provide grant funds to the Town through the 2013 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Grant Program and WHEREAS, These grant funds will allow the Montville Police Department to conduct high visibility enforcement that should reduce the volume of fatalities/injuries due to impaired driving, and WHEREAS, The total program cost will be \$79,800.00 for the 2013 Comprehensive DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Enforcement Grant Program and State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Division of Highway Safety will provide \$59,850.00 in grant funds to reach the total cost of the program; and WHEREAS, The Town of Montville is required to provide a 25% local cash match in the amount of \$19,950.00, which requirement will be met through the payment of fringe benefits for the officers involved in the program. (Mayor McDaniel)**

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, Mayor McDaniel stated that, while additional enforcement has taken place during the holidays in the past, the exact dates have not yet been scheduled. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- c. **Resolution #2013-30. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to accept the fiscal year 2013-2014 Montville Water Pollution Control Authority proposed sewer budget in the amount of \$5,446,153.00 (Five million four hundred forty-six thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars). (Councilor Jaskiewicz)**

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that this is a good, balanced budget, with the support of the WPCA and, hopefully, the Council. In response to Councilor Jones' questions, Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that there were no proposed increases this year. A detailed budget is available. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- d. **Resolution #2013-31. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the fiscal year 2013-2014 Town of Montville Water Pollution Control Authority**

proposed water budget in the amount of \$1,070,700.00 (One million seventy thousand seven hundred dollars). (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Jones. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz noted that the budget, also supported by the WPCA, does not include any proposed increases for water, but that an increase is possible for the next year. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- e. **Resolution #2013-32. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to transfer \$44,118 from the funds contributed by the developer of Robin Hill Estates to line item 30999-54304 Black Ash Road. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)**

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that this has been a lingering project. The funds will be used to straighten out the intersection of Black Ash Road and Old Colchester Road. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- f. **Resolution #2013-33. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to transfer \$105,343 from the General Fund balance to Town Aid Road. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)**

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the resolution was added at the advice of Finance Director Terry Hart who explained that, in the 2011 budget, the funds for Town Aid Road were placed in the General Fund and, so, a transfer is being requested to bring the funds back to where it belongs. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- g. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance titled "Ordinance Concerning The Registrar Of Voters" on June 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers (Councilor Tanner)**

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Tanner stated that the Committee gathered information from other towns and discovered that the registrars in the other towns offered benefits. While the registrars asked to be grandfathered in, the Committee felt that providing them with benefits until the remainder of their term, i.e., two (2) years, would provide them with ample time. The Committee worked with the Town Attorney to create the language of the ordinance, which also includes a statement repealing the old ordinance so that only one motion will be required. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

- h. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the fiscal year 2013-2014 Budget. (Councilor Buebendorf)**

Whereas, the Mayor has presented the budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has presented a budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Town Council has caused to be published in a newspaper having circulation in the Town, a Notice of Public Hearings and a summary of the proposed budget estimates; and

Whereas, the Town Council held Public Hearings of the Board of Education proposed budget on April 23, 2013, and the General Government proposed budget on April 24, 2013, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Charter of the Town of Montville.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the following budget on the estimated cost of current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2014, to be adopted as follows:

General Government	18,011,173
Board of Education	36,632,735
Capital Improvement	<u>1,314,240</u>
	55,958,148

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz enquired whether there will be a vote of the General Government, Board of Education, and Capital Improvement Plans as line items. Chairperson Buebendorf called for a motion to amend the budget line item by line item. Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

REVENUE

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Longton to increase the revenue line item for Motor Vehicle Supplement (#10100-41003) in the Mayor's proposed budget by ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Tanner to increase the revenue line item for Prior Year Taxes (#10100-41025) in the Mayor's proposed budget by sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Longton to increase the revenue line item for Interest (#10100-41035) in the Mayor's proposed budget by thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner to increase the revenue line item for Town Clerk Fees (#10100-42005) in the Mayor's proposed budget by ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz to increase the revenue line item for Parks and Recreation (#10100-44005) in the Mayor's proposed budget by six thousand (\$6,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner to increase the revenue line item for Youth Service Program (#10100-44020) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four thousand (\$4,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to increase the revenue line item for CT Fines Reimbursement (#10100-46042) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two

thousand (\$2,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Councilor Buebendorf asked if there were any additional proposals for changes to the Revenue section of the budget.

GENERAL BUDGET

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Caron, to decrease the line item in the Mayor's budget for Probate (10350-52137) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one thousand (\$1,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton to decrease the line item in the Finance budget for Overtime (10410-51100) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner to decrease the line item in the Finance budget for Accountants (10410-51054) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton to decrease the line item in the Police budget for PT Police (10820-51071) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Councilor Buebendorf asked if there were any additional proposals for changes to the General Budget.

Councilor Caron made a motion to decrease the line item in the Technology budget (53002) by twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, no second.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ACTIONS

Motion by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Jones to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of \$12,222,436. Discussion: None.

Motion by Councilor Jones ; seconded by Longton to amend the capital improvement plan line item by line item. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Jones to decrease the line item in the Capital Plan budget for Police Car Replacement (10960-54006) in the Mayor's proposed budget by thirty five thousand (\$35,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 5-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton to eliminate eighty eight thousand (\$88,000) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for School Bus (10960-54064) in the

Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 4-0-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jones, Longton, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilors Jaskiewicz and Tanner. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton to eliminate ninety four thousand two hundred forty (\$94,240) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for BOE Access Control (10960-54076) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 4-0-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jones, Longton, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilors Jaskiewicz and Tanner. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton to eliminate fifty four thousand (\$54,000) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for Replacement of Exterior Doors at Tyl (10960-54104) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 4-0-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jones, Longton, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilors Jaskiewicz and Tanner. Motion carried.

Councilor Buebendorf asked if there were any additional proposals for changes to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Resolution #2013-34. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to approve all amendments to the main motion and to adopt the 2013/2014 budget as follows:

General Government	\$18,004,673
Board of Education	\$36,632,735
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,043,000
	\$55,680,408

Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- i. **Resolution #2013-35. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of \$11,951,196. (Councilor Buebendorf)**

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 4-0-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jones, Longton, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilors Jaskiewicz and Tanner. Resolution adopted.

- j. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to set the mill rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year at 29.50 mills. (Councilor Buebendorf)**

Motion by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Tanner to amend the motion to set the mill rate at 29.06 mills for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2013-36. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to set the mill rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year at 29.06 mills. (Councilor Buebendorf)

Motion by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Longton, Tanner, and Buebendorf. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution adopted.

Councilor Tanner gave her hats off to the Finance Committee. Councilor Buebendorf also commended the Mayor, Finance Director and all of the Town Departments, who were extremely cooperative and answered all of their questions with patience.

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit.

Gary Murphy, 6 Carolina Drive, Oakdale, commended everyone on the budget and stated that when money is saved, the effort is well worth the time spent. He expressed his happiness in the passing of the DUI grant, which does work as is evident in the significant decrease of nighttime car accidents within the last ten (10) years.

Mr. Murphy also discussed the use of parking spaces for the selling of trees, shrubs, and plants at Home Depot. He presumes that the area was not designed for the selling of items, but for the parking of cars and questions whether this is allowed, approved, or if they should be paying taxes for the use of the space. He aims to further investigate its legality.

Mr. Tony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, Uncasville, noticed that the Councilors' reports were not included for discussion nor were copies made available to the public at the meeting. Chairperson Buebendorf responded that the reports will be included with the minutes.

Mr. Joseph Socha, 3 Ventura Drive, Oakdale, commended the Council on the budget. Based on the Public Hearings, there were no protests due to the lack of services such that services may continue as usual. The budget does not support the moniker regarding Democrats and taxes and hopes that the press will make that correction.

18. Executive Session — none.

19. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Jones expressed her appreciation of the Mayor and her fellow Council members for their support of the Finance Committee's recommended amendments to the budget and added that it was a pleasure to work with the Committee.

Councilor Longton, who attended the last Finance Committee meeting, felt that the discussions were even-handed and all of the issues were carefully considered. He commended the due diligence of the members of the Finance Committee and the Council and Mayor for the budget.

Councilor Caron commended the Finance Director, Finance Committee, and the Mayor for listening to their concerns and lowering the mill rate. He is disappointed with the addition of an employee.

Councilor Jaskiewicz also expressed his appreciation of the Finance Committee and commended the Mayor and the Councilors as well as the Town for a job well done; seeing no increase in the mill rate is a first for him.

Councilor Tanner commended the department heads, Board of Education, and Councilors for a great job on the budget.

Mayor McDaniel echoed the previous comments, also commending the department heads, Board of Education, and Finance Department for their cooperation, but warned that the budget was based on anticipated revenues from the State of Connecticut.

20. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Longton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice Vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

AN AUDIO RECORD OF THE MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE MONTVILLE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Reports from Standing Committees

A. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Tanner

The Committee finalized the Ordinance regarding the Registrar of Voters based on recommendations from the Town Attorney. This item is on tonight's agenda to send to Public Hearing only.

The Committee also looked at the process in which people are appointed to Boards, Commissions and Committees. We will continue looking at fine tuning this process. At a recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, this process was questioned and we are taking those concerns into consideration while looking at this process.

We are still gathering information regarding the Mayor payout.

B. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton

Public Works/Solid Waste Committee - Due to the Budget hearing scheduled for the same date, The PWSW Committed had an abbreviated agenda of only 2 items:

1. Donations at the Transfer Station: Sandie Gregory reported very slow donation
2. Don Bourdeau reported that he had not yet completed his cost estimates for bringing Maynard Road up to code. He said he will have them ready at the May meeting.

Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

A. Councilor Jones: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission

Planning and Zoning met on April 23rd:

1. Zoning Officer issued two cease and desist order...at Properties...(waiting for more info)
2. Peddlers, Vendors, and Solicitors Ordinance was discussed. The consensus of the commission is to create a framework for a unified permit similar to the Home Occupation Permit. There would be no fee involved. However, it would coincide with the vendor/peddler license. Standardized criteria would apply to all permits. Chairman Pieniadz will contact Public Safety Chair for comment from a Public Safety perspective.
3. The commission was informed through letter via. Town Clerk, that use of cell phones while at public meetings is in violation of FOI rules, and is a prohibited act. In a recent news article individual members of a municipal commission is being sued for such behavior.

Raymond Library...

1. Semi-Annual meeting was held on May 9th. Board members expressed gratitude regarding Town Planner & Council support to repair Historical Church Roof and Mayor and Council consideration for an increase in annual funding.
2. Looking for volunteers to assist in landscaping project around the library road sign.
3. May 21st. will be the official announcement/opening ceremony of the Library's Village Post Office, 10 am...All are welcome!

B. Councilor Longton: Economic Development Commission

Economic Development Commission - did not meet in April

C. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Non-Profit Organizations

The Easter Egg was a huge success with more participants than signed up. The Free Mason's are looking to increase the number of eggs from 5,000 to 7,000 next year.

The Summer Camp will have 6 new employees this year. There will be training for all camp employees on emergency preparedness to be sure everyone is aware of where to go should they need to go into a lockdown situation. The training will take place the week before the children arrive.

There will be a community tag sale on June 8th at Town Hall. The fee for space will be \$10 and the number will be capped at 32.

The Commission did receive a proposal for a dog park. They are reviewing the proposal and will discuss it at the June meeting as the next meeting is a walk through of all the facilities.

The Spring/Summer program booklet is out and there are many great programs to participate in.

D. Councilor Buebendorf: Public Safety Commission; Regional Dispatch Committee

The following was discussed at the last Public Safety Commission meeting held on April 22:

- a new firefighter has been hired and the commission was planning to interview for a new police officer
- Ray Occhialini reported that Montville fire districts are in the process of being evaluated, long overdue, which may result in lower insurance rates for the Town and for individual homeowners
- Lt. Bunnell reported that walk-in traffic in the new Public Safety Building has increased greatly which is difficult at the current staffing level.
- The Commission will present their recommendations from the Public Safety Plan to the Council at the June regular meeting.

The Regional Dispatch Committee did not meet.