

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Agenda for Monday, May 12, 2014
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

AMENDED 05/09/2014

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
 - a. Presentation by Chris Lawton regarding a Dog Park
5. Alterations to the Agenda
6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Vendors' Ordinance Public Hearing Meeting Minutes on April 14, 2014
 - b. The Regular Meeting Minutes on Monday, April 14, 2014
 - c. The General Government Budget Public Hearing Minutes on Tuesday, April 22, 2014
 - d. The Board of Education Budget Public Hearing Minutes on Wednesday, April 23, 2014
 - e. The Gardner Lake No-Wake-Zone Public Hearing Meeting Minutes on May 1, 2014
 - f. The Gardner Lake No-Wake-Zone Special Meeting Minutes on May 1, 2014
7. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for Boards and Commissions. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the May budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - b. Copy of the Notice of Adoption of Ordinance to Provide Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans
10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
 - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Longton
 - b. Finance – Councilor Tanner
 - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton
13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
 - a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund
 - b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education
 - c. Councilor Longton: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission
 - d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority
 - e. Councilor McNally: Economic Development Commission
 - f. Councilor Pollard: Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
 - g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Non-Profit Organizations

14. Appointments and Resignations
 - a. To Consider and Act on a motion to re-appoint Mr. Douglas Brush to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2018.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Victoriano Alarcon to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on May 12, 2018.
15. Unfinished Business
 - a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to form an ad-hoc committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing an organized police department. The charge of this committee will be to look into the cost and feasibility of changing from a resident trooper program to an independent organized police department. This committee shall consist of 9 members and the make-up will be as follows: (2) members from the Town Council, (2) members from the Public Safety Commission, (5) members at large having no ties to the current police force or other political organization within the town of Montville. Once established this committee will report back to the Town council within 90 days after their first meeting with their findings, cost estimates and other pertinent information. (Councilor Tanner)
 - b. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the senior tax relief plan, as proposed by Mr. Tony Siragusa. (Councilor Longton)
16. New Business
 - a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$471.13 (four-hundred seventy-one dollars and thirteen cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
 - b. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to form an ad-hoc committee known as the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to investigate, document and report its finding to the Montville Town Council any and all advantages and/or disadvantages to the Town of Montville transitioning from the current Constabulary under the Connecticut State Police - Resident Trooper Program to a statutorily recognized organized Police Department with a Chief of Police. This Committee will consist of nine (9) members and the make-up will be as follows: two (2) members from the Town Council, two (2) members from the Public Safety Commission, and five (5) members at large. This Committee will report its findings in writing to the Town Council in six (6) month after their first meeting. Identifiable Topics to Report are current language of the Montville Town Charter Section 408. Public Safety Commission and all applicable town ordinances; Administration as it applies to agency organizational structure (i.e. reports and records); Organizational developments (i.e. staffing, support staff); Cost assessments (i.e. adding necessary divisions); Dispatch and Communication needs (i.e. duties and responsibilities, staffing); comparable towns; department policy and procedure changes and overseeing authority. (Councilor Tanner)
 - c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to insert an information sheet to town businesses in the Montville tax bill. (Councilor McNally)
 - d. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$95,000 from the Sidewalks at MHS and Tyl (30999-55005) and \$14,272 from the Security Upgrades at MHS line (10960-54139) to the Police Car Replacement line (10960-54006). (Councilor Tanner)
 - e. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the part time firefighters' and dispatchers' wages as follows: 7/1/14 - \$17.29/hr, 7/1/15 - \$18.00/hr, 7/1/16 - \$18.70/hr. (Councilor Tanner)

- f. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages for the Animal Control Officer Assistants to \$13.00/hour. (Councilor Tanner)
 - g. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages of the part time youth workers as follows: Program Asst. I - \$12.25/hr, Program Asst. II - \$11.25/hr and Center Asst. - \$10.25/hr. (Councilor Tanner)
 - h. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$12,000 from the Security Upgrades at MHS line (10960-54139) to the All-purpose Field at Camp Oakdale line (10960-54079). (Councilor Tanner)
 - i. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$18,000 from the Security Upgrades at MHS line (10960-54139) to the Pickup for Camp Oakdale line (10960-54089). (Councilor Tanner)
 - j. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new sound system for the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
 - k. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to change the date of the August Regular Town Council Meeting from Monday, August 11, 2014 to Wednesday, August 13, 2014. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
 - l. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to endorse the application for a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the purchase of a new Breathalyzer with a cost of approximately \$7,200.00 with 50% Town matching funds. (Mayor McDaniel)
 - m. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to hire an independent law firm to review and report on the ethics complaint filed on April 15, 2014. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
 - n. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to accept and sign the Network Access Service Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Montville. (Mayor McDaniel)
- 17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit
 - 18. Executive Session
 - 19. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor
 - 20. Adjournment

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Montville, at a regular meeting held April 9, 2012, adopted the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-004

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS**

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide additional property tax exemption for veterans as provided for in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81f.

SECTION 2 - EXEMPTION. Any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81(19) shall be entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 of such assessed value applied to the assessed value of an eligible veteran's property, provided such veteran's qualifying income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount as provided under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81/ and provided such veteran complies with the claim and application procedures set forth in subsections (4) and (5) of this ordinance.

SECTION 3 - EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE. Any veteran's surviving spouse entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81(22) shall be entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 of such assessed value applied to the assessed value of an eligible surviving spouse's property, provided such surviving spouse's qualifying income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount as provided under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81/ and provided such surviving spouse complies with the claim and application procedures set forth in subsections (4) and (5) of this ordinance.

SECTION 4 - APPLICATION PROCESS. Any such veteran or surviving spouse submitting a claim for such additional exemption shall be required to file an application on a form prepared for such purpose by the Town Assessor, no later than the assessment date which such additional exemption is claimed, provided when an applicant has filed for such exemption and received approval for the first time, such applicant shall be required to file for such exemption biennially thereafter, subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of this ordinance. Each such application shall include a copy of such veteran's or surviving spouse's federal income tax return, or in the event such return is not filed, such evidence related to income as may be required by the Town assessor for the tax year ending immediately prior to the assessment date with respect to which such additional exemption is claimed. For purposes of this ordinance income is defined as income from all sources, including tax-exempt interest and Social Security payments.

SECTION 5 - APPLICATION RENEWAL. Any person who has submitted an application and been approved in any year for the additional exemption under subsection (2) or (3) of this

ordinance shall, in any year immediately following approval, be presumed to be qualified for such exemption. During the year immediately following such approval, the Town assessor shall notify, in writing, each person presumed to be qualified pursuant to this subsection. If any such person has qualifying income in excess of the maximum amount allowed under said subsection (2) or (3), such person shall notify the Town assessor on or before the next filing date for such exemption and shall be denied such exemption for the assessment year immediately following and any subsequent year until such person has reapplied and again qualified for such exemption. Any person who fails to notify the Town assessor of such disqualification shall make payment to the town in the amount of the property tax loss related to the exemption improperly taken.

SECTION 6 – SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ADOPTION. Upon the adoption of this ordinance, a summary of the ordinance shall be published in lieu of the complete text of the ordinance.

SECTION 7 - SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance, or if any regulation established pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance, shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect or impair any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance or of any regulation established pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8 - EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Dated at Montville Connecticut this 13th day of April 2012.

Lisa Terry, Montville Town Clerk