

Town of Montville Town Council  
**Special Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 11, 2015**  
5:30 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit.  
Don Bourdeau, Public Works Director, clarified, distributed images, and requested that the Town Council consider fully, rather than half, funding the \$32,000.00 necessary for the purchase of a new mechanics truck for the Public Works Department. The old truck, which has safety issues, will be sold at auction.  
  
Lt. Bunnell, Montville Police Department, is hopeful that the figures include the addition of three new Police Officers. He has been requesting an additional officer(s) for the past 15 years and, as the statistics of activity as well as past studies, which recommend 30 (thirty) officers, reflect, additional Officers are needed for the Department to adequately provide the community with the services necessary to meet its growing demands.

5. New Business
  - a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the fiscal year 2015-2016 Budget.**

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*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, 2015, and the General Government proposed budget on April 22, 2015, 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, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016, to be adopted as follows:

General Government	\$19,400,793
Board of Education	\$37,626,668
Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 1,247,119</u>
	\$58,274,580

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to amend the budget line item by line item. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund the Montville American Little League (10360-52094) in the Mayor's proposed budget at three thousand (\$3,000) dollars. Discussion: Due to the combining of the Montville National and Little Leagues, their funding will be combined and adjusted to

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accommodate the addition of the Montville Babe Ruth League. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund the Montville Babe Ruth (10360-52092) in the Mayor's proposed budget at one thousand (\$1,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Other Insurance (10425-52024) in the Mayor's proposed budget at two hundred fifteen thousand (\$215,000) dollars. Discussion: Other Insurance includes liability, auto, etc. The amount reflects an increase in funding. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Consulting Services in the Land Use budget (10610-53002) in the Mayor's proposed budget at four thousand (\$4,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund the PT Recreation Program in the Park and Recreation budget (10730-51073) in the Mayor's proposed budget at thirteen thousand two hundred twenty seven (\$13,227) dollars. Discussion: The additional funding will allow for the hiring of part-time help for their events. To help compensate for the addition, funding for the Basketball Referees has been decreased. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Basketball Referees in the Park and Recreation budget (10730-53114) in the Mayor's proposed budget at three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Police Salaries (10820-51040) in the Mayor's proposed budget at one million seven hundred thousand (\$1,700,000) dollars. Discussion: Discussion ensued regarding the need, the difficulty of filling past openings, and the future of the Police Department and the Resident State Trooper Program. The additional Officers should reduce the amount of overtime necessary. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Police Overtime (10820-51100) in the Mayor's proposed budget at two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Medical Waste Removal in the Fire Protection budget (10880-53069) in the Mayor's proposed

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budget at eight hundred (\$800) dollars. Discussion: The amount reflects a slight reduction due to the re-negotiation of the contract. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund Public Works Salaries (10910-51018) in the Mayor's proposed budget at one million one hundred eighteen thousand five hundred (\$1,118,500) dollars. Discussion: The amount represents the addition of two maintainers and one custodian. Roll Call vote, 5-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilors McNally and Pollard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to fund the Board of Education (10950-53051) in the Mayor's proposed budget at thirty seven million five hundred ninety eight thousand six hundred sixty eight (\$37,598,668) dollars. Discussion: It was clarified that the amounts originally indicated in the resolution reflect those of the Mayor's proposed budget and they are currently in the process of amending that proposed budget. The amended amount in this motion reflects a \$28,000.00 decrease. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

The Town of Montville hereby resolves to allocate ninety five thousand (\$95,000) dollars from the undesignated fund balance to the assigned fund balance in the General Fund for the 10/1/2016 Revaluation. Discussion: This Revaluation will be starting this Fall and is conducted every five (5) years. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

The Town of Montville hereby resolves to allocate two hundred sixty thousand (\$260,000) dollars from the undesignated fund balance to the assigned fund balance in the General Fund for the Fitch Hill Drainage Project. Discussion: The funds will help correct a major drainage issue on Fitch Hill Road. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Jaskiewicz asked if there were any additional changes, other than what has been proposed by the Finance Committee, to the budget.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron to reduce the Board of Education budget by an additional \$72,000.00 (seventy-two thousand dollars), for a total reduction of \$100,000.00 (one-hundred thousand dollars). Discussion: Councilor Longton stated that, in an effort to keep the mill rate down and knowing that the Board of Education's (BOE) medical fund is over-funded, he would like to propose a \$100,000.00 total reduction in their budget. Discussion ensued regarding extensive discussions that have been taking place during the Finance Committee meetings and the complications involved with cutting their medical fund, due to cost sharing. It was agreed that the Superintendent has been very transparent and cooperative with their budget. Roll Call vote, 2-5, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron and Longton. Voting in Opposition: Councilors May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Motion failed.

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- b. **Resolution #2015-26. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of \$15,757,266.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to amend the capital improvement plan line item by line item. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to eliminate seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for the Camp Oakdale Gazebo (10960-54071) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: It was felt that the gazebo would be a great Eagle Scout project. Councilor May has offered to donate the design and, through the receipt of donations for materials, it is hoped that the project would be successful. The gazebo is slated for placement on the island located by the basketball courts. Roll Call vote, 4-3. Voting in Favor: Councilors McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Caron, Longton, May. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to eliminate thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for the Police Boat (10960-54133) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: It was agreed to move the item to next year's budget. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to eliminate sixteen thousand (\$16,000) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for Mechanic Truck (10960-54059) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: The Mechanic Truck is used to service vehicles on the road in need. The purchase of the Truck is spread out over two years, providing half of the funding this year and the other half next year. Roll Call vote, 3-4. Voting in Favor: Councilors McNally, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Caron, Longton, May, and Pollard. Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to eliminate forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars in the Capital Plan budget for a Wheelchair Bus for the Board of Education (10960-54064) in the Mayor's proposed budget. Discussion: Similar to the Mechanic Truck, the funding for the bus will be spread over two years. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Jaskiewicz asked if there were any additional changes to the budget.

There being no changes, a short recess was taken at 6:19 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to approve all amendments to the main motion to be adopted as follows:

**Resolution #2015-27. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of \$15,749,766. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor May, to approve all amendments to the main motion and to adopt the 2015/2016 budget as follows:

**Resolution #2015-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the fiscal year 2015-2016 Budget.**

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Board of Education	\$ 37,598,668.00
Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 1,169,619.00</u>
	\$ 58,285,980.00

Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- c. **Resolution #2015-29. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the mill rate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year at 30.09 mills using at collection rate of 98.5%. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion:

None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

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

Leonard Bunnell, 5 Little John Drive, thanked the Town Councilors for looking out for the future of Montville and recognizing some of their law enforcement needs. Their approval will go a long way towards accomplishing their goals and, once they have achieved an adequate staffing level, the Department will be able to deal with not only their calls for services, but also their other much-needed duties.

Brian Levesque, Superintendent of Schools, thanked the Town Council for their support and stated the Board's interest in establishing a long-range plan for the fund reserve balance and further reducing their insurance rates.

8. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor McNally thanked the Department Heads, Mayor, Finance Committee, and Town Council. He was confident that they have met the needs of the Town to the best of their ability while maintaining a low mill rate.

Councilor Pollard thanked the Board of Education and the Lieutenant, understanding that their goal is to do what they feel is right for the Town.

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Councilor Longton thanked everyone for their hard work, adding that he is, as always, impressed by the diligence of those who are involved with the budget. He is especially pleased by the efforts made by the Superintendent for his transparency and willingness to work with the Town and struggled with his motion to further reduce their budget in an effort to keep the mill rate below 30 mills.

Councilor Caron thanked the BOE and the Lieutenant and recognized the members of the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee who were in attendance and showing their support. Though he is not happy about the 30.09 mill rate, he hopes that it may be reduced in the near future.

Councilor May thanked everyone for his/her hard work and time spent on the budget. As a new Town Councilor, he has learned a great deal regarding the workings of the Town and the budget and echoed the remarks regarding their interest in doing what they feel is in the best interest of the Town.

Councilor Tanner also thanked everyone, including the Finance Committee and Director Terry Hart. She stated that, while the Committee was originally seeking a cut of \$118,000.00 from the BOE budget, they were unable to do so. Though a grueling process in some respects, she felt they did a great job and thanked the Mayor for proposing a strong budget.

Councilor Jaskiewicz also thanked the Mayor for his work on the budget and stressed the importance of attending the Finance Committee meetings so that everyone can understand the Town Council's reasons behind their budgetary decisions.

Mayor McDaniel thanked the BOE, Superintendent Levesque, and Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Finance Director, Finance Committee, and the Department Heads for finding a balance between their wants, needs, and affordability of those items, adding that the word "budget" derives from the term, *bouget*, a sack the King would use to collect the gold, thereby constituting the budget. He thanked everyone for his/her hard work and pledged his support to making that budget work.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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