

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 14, 2015
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz.
Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to alter/add the following:
Alteration:
15(j) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to change the make-up of the Community Center Building Committee from 9 (nine) to 7 (seven) members. The members will consist of two (2) members from the Parks & Recreation Commission, ~~two (2)~~ **one (1) members** from the Planning & Zoning Commission, one (1) member from the Youth ~~Services Bureau~~ **Advisory Board**, and three (3) members-at-large. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Addition:
15(l) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall Council Chambers for a public hearing regarding the “An Ordinance Providing Property Tax Relief for Residence Property of the Elderly and Totally Disabled”. (Councilor Longton)

Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Discussion: None. Motion carried.
6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Special Meeting Minutes on Wednesday, August ~~14~~ **12**, 2015
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Pollard. Motion carried.
 - b. The Public Hearing Minutes on Wednesday, August ~~14~~ **12**, 2015
Motion made by Councilor Longton, 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.
 - c. The Regular Meeting Minutes on Wednesday, August ~~14~~ **12**, 2015
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. 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 relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
8. Communications
 - a. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of July 2015
 - b. Copy of the August budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - c. Copy of the letter from the Town Attorney regarding the proposed dispatcher policy
 - d. Flyer announcing the Grand Opening for the Wide World of Indoor Sports
9. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *none*

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10. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred
Mayor McDaniel attended a convocation kicking off the new school year and meeting the new teachers. Work is continuing on the Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) Comprehensive Operations Analysis, a Regional Meeting was held to set the budget and purchase equipment with the Homeland Security funds, and approximately five (5) interviews for police officers have been scheduled. In addition, the Senior Tax Relief Committee held their first meeting last week and he and Senator Paul Formica attended a Gardner Lake Authority meeting to address a variety of issues, including vandalism, drinking, and littering. The purchase and installation of a new telephone system interconnecting the Public Safety Building, Public Works, and Town Hall is being finalized. While they have been working with three pre-qualified bidders over the past year, the Town is currently accepting additional RFPs (Request for Proposal) for the streetlight LED-retrofitting project. Montville Road is now open to traffic and an official ceremony, which will include the unveiling of the sign designating and dedicating the bridge to the Montville Veterans, is being planned.
11. Reports from Standing Committees.
 - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Longton – *see item 15(b)*
 - b. Finance – Councilor Tanner – *no meeting*
 - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton – *no meeting*
12. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
 - a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund
To date, the Senior and Social Services Department has been awarded \$112,340,000.00 in grants for this fiscal year. Director Kathie Doherty-Peck also applied for and received a new grant to provide mental health care to the residents, free of charge, and is working with the Mayor to raise the additional \$5,000.00 necessary for the program (item 15(i)). The Department of Social Services is soliciting donations for the holiday season in the form of money and/or non-perishables and requested the Town Council to help spread the word. He also proposed recognizing the Director and her staff for their dedication and hard work in helping the Town's senior citizens, veterans, and needy.
 - b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education
The BOE has scheduled the dates for their upcoming Open House.
 - c. Councilor Longton: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission – *no meetings*
 - d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority; Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee
Councilor May reported on another successful audit of the budget for the WPCA, which is conducted twice a year. The Montville Law Enforcement Committee (MLEFC) has completed their report. MLEFC Chairman Wills Pike asked the Town Council if they would like to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the report and, if so, the date on which they would like to hold the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron, to set the date of Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 6:00 PM in Town Council Chambers for a Special Meeting for a presentation and discussion of the Montville Law Enforcement Committee findings. Discussion: Councilor Tanner expressed her support for the meeting, taking into account the hard work and efforts the Committee has invested in creating the report. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Councilor McNally: Economic Development Commission
Councilor McNally was pleased to announce that the Commission was able to obtain a quorum and hold a meeting in August. The Commission appointed Karl Butzgy as Chair and John Protz as Vice-Chair and reviewed and updated their agenda.

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f. Councilor Pollard: Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board

The Montville Juvenile Review Board (JRB) has diverted over 115 youths from the juvenile court system. The Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA) was awarded a grant to help fund extended case management services and direct services for youths and families involved with the Montville JRB. Their services include counseling, social programs, treatments, etc. A data report detailing the success rate of JRBs will be released in Spring 2016. In October, CYSA will be celebrating 43 years of representing Youth Service Bureaus (YSB). Positive feedback has been received for the New London County YSB billboard, which has been installed on the corner of Maple Avenue and Route 32. The billboard was designed by Director Barbara Lockhart and funded by all of the New London County YSBs. In addition, prevention-based awareness billboards, created by the YSB and funded by a Grant received from the State's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will be placed throughout Montville and its surrounding towns. The Afterschool Program for the 2015-2016 school year is full and a small waiting list is in place. YSB has partnered with Montville High School's YES (Young Educators Society) Club for a mentoring/tutoring program for those participating in the afterschool program. To date, over ten (10) students have volunteered to tutor/mentor.

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 18, 8:00 a.m. to noon, at the Mohegan Fire House. For additional information, a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the Breakfast, or a copy of the JRB data report, please contact Councilor Pollard. The public is welcome to attend the Montville Youth Advisory Board Meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Montville Youth Center. Any interested parties who are unable to attend the meetings may view the meeting minutes online.

g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Non-Profit Organizations

The Parks & Recreation Commission did not hold a meeting in August, but a number of programs are underway, including judo and ballet. The Commission also held a tag sale at Fair Oaks over this past weekend.

The Public Safety Commission has hired a new Resident State Trooper and Commissioners Elizabeth Adams and Karen Perkins are actively working with the Fire Departments, reviewing and discussing the Public Safety Report.

13. Appointments and Resignations

a. To Consider and Act on a motion to re-appoint Mr. Bart Ferrante, Jr., to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire October 12, 2019.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. To Consider and Act on a motion to re-appoint Ms. Kathie Doherty-Peck to the Commission on Aging with a term to expire October 11, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Unfinished Business – *none*

15. New Business

a. **Resolution #2015-53. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$9,401.57 (nine thousand four hundred and one dollars and fifty-seven cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner. 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. Resolution passed.

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- b. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the policy entitled “Emergency Dispatchers’ Communication Procedure”. (Councilor Longton)
- Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the Town Attorney has reviewed the Policy and, based on their opinion, recommended sending the policy back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee.
- Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor McNally, to send the policy back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee for further review. 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 #2015-54. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to execute a lease purchase agreement to acquire a fire truck. (Mayor McDaniel)

WHEREAS, the Town of Montville, Connecticut (the “Town”), desires to enter into a lease purchase financing for the acquisition of one FFA Inc. Custom Rescue Mounted on One 2016 Ferrara “Igniter” Chassis Serial #1F9455327GH140283 truck and related equipment (the “Equipment”) from the manufacturer, Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to acquire the Equipment and enter into a lease purchase agreement with Webster Capital Finance, Inc. (the “Lessor”) to finance the acquisition of the Equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That (i) proposal of the Lessor to lease the Equipment and finance the acquisition of the Equipment is hereby accepted and (ii) the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the “Lease”) by and between the Town and the Lessor for the lease of the Equipment for a period of no more than eight (8) years, in such form and having such terms and details as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, subject to the following limitations. The amount to be financed under the Lease shall be no greater than ~~\$505,342.00~~-\$505,432.00 and payable in annual installments of principal and interest. At the conclusion of the term of the Lease, provided all the payments required under the Lease, including payments of rent, have been made, the Lessor’s interest in the Equipment shall terminate. Payments in respect of the Lease shall be subject to annual appropriations of the Town. The Lease shall include a “non-appropriation of funds” clause allowing for termination in the event that sufficient funds are not appropriated to make payments of rent and other amounts each fiscal year.
2. That the Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to make such representations and covenants and to execute and deliver such contracts, financing statements, affidavits, agreements and documents, including but not limited to, an escrow agreement and a tax regulatory agreement, as are determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance to be necessary or desirable to evidence and secure the Town’s obligations pursuant to the Lease, to ensure the interest paid on the Lease is exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and to finance the purchase of the Equipment, and that the execution of such contracts, financing statements, affidavits, agreements and documents shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.
3. That the Mayor or the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to appoint a bank or trust company to act as escrow agent in connection with the foregoing lease purchase transaction and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to further the purposes of this resolution and the terms and obligations in respect of the Lease.

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4. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid up to sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this Resolution in an amount not to exceed \$505,432.00 for the Equipment with the proceeds of the Lease. The Lease shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the purchase of the Equipment, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or her designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the execution of the Lease.
5. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Lease nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Town as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the full faith and credit of the Town or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Lease or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the Town or any charge upon its full faith and credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Lease are special limited obligations of the Town as provided in the Lease.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor McNally stated his opposition to the Agreement, citing the Public Safety Study, which recommends the reduction of Fire Trucks from four (4) to two (2), as well as the \$150,000.00 refurbishment of one of the trucks, which was to extend the life of the vehicle by 10-15 years. He also felt that the funding for the truck should have been saved up and the truck purchased outright, rather than engaging in a lease purchase agreement. The Mayor clarified that the funding for the vehicle will derive from the 2014-2015 budget. Finance Director Hart stated that the purchasing of the vehicle was discussed with the Town Council on, at least, two occasions. The item was placed in the Capital Plan under Other Financing and was approved by the Town Council two years ago and was subsequently ordered and will soon be ready for delivery. Bond Counsel recommended approval of the above language by the Town Council. The payment for the truck will be approximately \$69,000.00/year for a period of eight (8) years. The figure in section 1 was revised to read \$505,432.00 to coincide with that of section 4. Having spoken to the Public Safety Commission and reviewed both the Public Safety Commission and Town Council's meeting minutes, Councilor McNally stated that he did not believe the purchase was authorized and, while funds may have been budgeted for the leasing of an item, the item was not specified. Finance Director Hart believed that the item is clearly stated in the Capital Plan Budget. Chairman Jaskiewicz agreed that it was not necessary to have a truck in each Fire House, but, because the truck has already been ordered, is built, and is soon to be ready for delivery, the Town is now obligated to purchase the vehicle or pay a cancellation fee. Roll Call vote, 5-2, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilors McNally and Pollard. Motion carried.

- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to send the proposed Noise Ordinance to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Sub-Committee for review and recommendations. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor McNally stated that the non-existence of a noise ordinance in the Town was recently brought to his attention. He indicated that only some of the issues related to noise are covered under the State Statute. As such, he obtained a copy of the noise ordinance for the town of Waterford to which he made relevant adjustments and submitted for review. He is also planning to meet with Lt. Bunnell to review the language. Chairman Jaskiewicz

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recalled a discussion regarding the issue several years ago and stated that such an ordinance can be somewhat complicated in terms of determining that a violation has, in fact, occurred. In response to Councilor Longton, Councilor McNally clarified and confirmed that an actual draft policy tailored to the Town of Montville has been submitted for review. In response to Councilor May, Mayor McDaniel stated that, to his understanding, because there is no noise ordinance in existence, a charge of a breach of peace, which is a civil violation carrying a fine and requiring a court presence, has been utilized by the Police Officers. An ordinance would require the payment of a fine and substantiate the violation. 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.

- e. **Resolution #2015-55. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$55,000 from Reserve for Revaluation (10000-29001) to Brownfields Expense (14999-52123) for the repayment of the DEDC Loan for the remediation of 14 Bridge Street in accordance with the assistance agreement. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the property was obtained by the Town with both a grant and loan component and the loan component is now due. He added that an additional grant was received last Spring to help with the completion of the project and transfer the property. 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.

- f. **Resolution #2015-56. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize, issuance and sale of not exceeding \$7,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Town of Montville general obligation refunding bonds. (Mayor McDaniel)

WHEREAS, Section 7-370c of the Connecticut General Statutes provides authority for any municipality to issue refunding bonds for the payment, funding or refunding of bonds, notes or other obligations previously issued; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-370c provides that such refunding bonds shall be authorized and issued by resolution of the legislative body of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Montville, Connecticut (the "Town"), desires to refund all or any portion of any one or more series of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds (the "Prior Bonds").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL,

1. That the Town issue its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,500,000 (the "Bonds") to refund certain of the Prior Bonds and to finance such additional amounts as are needed to pay all fees, costs, expenses and redemption premium, if any, in connection with the refunding of the Prior Bonds and the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, legal, advisory, printing and administrative expenses, underwriter's discount, and expenses in connection with credit enhancement, if necessary, and the proceeds of the Bonds be appropriated for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that the refunding of the Prior Bonds provides a net debt service savings to the Town and that the amount of the Bonds issued does not exceed the amount needed to refund the Prior Bonds and to pay the costs authorized herein.
2. That the Mayor and the Director of Finance of the Town (the "Officials") are hereby authorized to determine the date, rates of interest, principal payment amounts, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments, the form of such Bonds, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such Bonds and such other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the Bonds and the issuance and securing thereof, all in accordance with the Connecticut General

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Statutes and the Charter of the Town, and to take such actions and execute such documents including, but not limited to, a contract of purchase, to provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, and any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling. The Bonds authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the full faith and credit of the Town.

3. That the Bonds shall be signed by the Officials either by their genuine signatures or by facsimiles of such signatures printed on the Bonds and that the law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut, is designated as bond counsel to render an opinion approving the legality of the issuance of the Bonds.
4. That the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, escrow agent, transfer agent and paying agent for such Bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the Bonds; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the Bonds; and to designate an underwriter in connection with any negotiated sale and purchase of the Bonds.
5. That the Officials are authorized to sell the Bonds at a public or negotiated sale; to deliver the Bonds and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the Bonds; to make representations and covenants on behalf of the Town for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information in accordance with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as it may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering a continuing disclosure agreement; their respective approvals to be conclusively evidenced by their signature on any such agreements relating thereto.
6. That the Officials are authorized to refund the Prior Bonds from the proceeds of the Bonds and other moneys as they may determine to make available for this purpose, and to defease the Prior Bonds by executing and delivering an escrow agreement in such form and upon such terms as they shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof.
7. That the Officials are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to make such representations and covenants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds which are necessary or appropriate to ensure the exemption of interest on the Bonds from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including, but not limited to, covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; their respective approvals to be conclusively evidenced by their signature on any such agreements relating thereto.
8. That the Officials be authorized to designate other officials or employees of the Town to take such actions and execute such documents, as are determined to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town in order to refund the Prior Bonds and to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds, and that the execution and delivery of such documents shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.
9. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations that costs related to the issuance of the Bonds may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds

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authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that she has been discussing the refunding of the bonds with the Town's Financial Advisor, who recommended that the Town authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds so that, once the market improves and the interest rate reaches a certain amount, the Town can immediately sell the bonds and obtain an acceptable and worthwhile amount of savings. In response to Councilor May, she stated that there will be no encumbrances on the Town. 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.

- g. **Resolution #2015-57. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 360 units of medical visit service for seniors totaling \$9,500.40 (Nine thousand five hundred dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that this contract is for the medical visit service for seniors. While the number of units is the same as the previous year, the amount slightly varies. 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.

- h. **Resolution #2015-58. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 1,620 units of medical transportation service for seniors totaling \$16,394.40 (Sixteen thousand three hundred ninety four dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: This particular contract is for the Med Ride Van, which transports seniors to their medical appointments. 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.

- i. **Resolution #2015-59. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 432 units of mental health counseling service for seniors totaling \$11,232.00 (Eleven thousand two hundred thirty two dollars and no cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilor Caron stated that the Senior Center is currently working on locating a workable location for the service and, as stated earlier, is hoping to secure the additional necessary funds with the help of the Mayor. 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.

- j. **Resolution #2015-60. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to change the make-up of the Community Center Building Committee from 9 (nine) to 7 (seven) members. The members will consist of two (2) members from the Parks & Recreation Commission, ~~two (2)~~ **one (1) members** from the Planning & Zoning

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Commission, one (1) member from the Youth ~~Services Bureau~~ **Advisory Board**, and three (3) members-at-large. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz felt that requiring nine (9) members on the Committee may be too many in terms of obtaining a quorum. In addition, being a Community Center, he is seeking extensive input from the community as well as input from the Youth Advisory Board, who will be moving into the Center. 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.

- k. **Resolution #2015-61. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allow Lt. Leonard Bunnell to continue his employment with the Town of Montville Police Department for a period of one year from September 23, 2015 as per Connecticut General Statute 7-430. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Union President Officer Robin Salvatore brought the issue to the attention of the Mayor, as the Chief of Police. AFSCME Council 4 brought the State Statute to Officer Salvatore's attention. The Statute states that any individual working as a Fireman or Policeman is required to retire on the day he/she has attained the age of 65 years, unless requested by the member and approved by the legislative body to extend his/her employment on an annual basis. The Lieutenant was notified regarding the Statute last week. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of timeliness to the parties involved and the fairness of the Statute. 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.

- l. **Resolution #2015-62. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall Council Chambers for a public hearing regarding the "An Ordinance Providing Property Tax Relief for Residence Property of the Elderly and Totally Disabled".

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Longton stated that he has been working on the Ordinance for the past two years. The Ordinance is designed to help the Town's neediest Seniors and Totally Disabled, as defined by the State. 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.

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

Tony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, stated that the Ordinance for the Elderly and Totally Disabled should also be sent to the Finance Committee for review. He also recalled a Public Hearing during which a Fire Truck was discussed and passed by the Town Council. He agreed that the funds should have already been in place for the purchase of the truck prior to placing the order. The Public Safety Commission should have approved the purchase and the Town Council should have considered the findings in the Public Safety Report before approving and placing the order. Mayor McDaniel and Chairman Jaskiewicz reiterated that funding for the truck was included in the Capital Budget, which was approved by the Town Council two years earlier.

Lt. Leonard Bunnell introduced the Town's new Resident State Trooper, Sgt. Mark Juhola, who arrives to them with 15 years of experience and is a strong believer in community policing, to the Town Council. Sgt. Juhola stated that he is looking forward to working with and being a part of the Town and is happy to answer any questions they might have. The Town Councilors thanked Sgt. Juhola. With regards to the noise ordinance, Lt. Bunnell stated that they have located the previously purchased decibel meter and is willing to work with the Committee to

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establish the correct wording for the document. He expressed his appreciation to the Town Council for extending his employment and his disgust with the Union who, to date, has not informed him regarding the Statute or contacted him to discuss the appeal process.

17. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor May reported on a nice and fun ceremony hosted by the Montville Youth Soccer League, which included a parade, fire trucks, and a concrete truck, last Saturday.

Councilor Tanner is pleased that the Town Council approved the continuation of Lt. Bunnell's employment and saddened by the lack of support and protection he receives from some of the Officers in the Department, in contrast to Lt. Bunnell who is always the first to support and defend them.

Councilor Pollard expressed her appreciation of and thanked everyone for his/her input.

Councilor Longton, not having had the chance to discuss item 15(b), he provided a brief report, stating that the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Sub-committee held a Special Meeting to discuss the dispatcher policy. While language requiring the dispatchers to answer the routine police line when they are not otherwise involved in an emergency call is included in their current job description, it has not been enforced. Though the Committee carefully reviewed and created a draft policy that does not violate the terms of the dispatchers' contract, they have subsequently learned that there are additional circumstances of which they were not aware necessitating the draft be returned to the Committee for re-consideration. The situation, being intolerable for the residents of Montville, will be resolved. Chairman Jaskiewicz apologized to Councilor Longton.

Councilor Caron thanked the Councilors for approving the much-needed grants for the seniors and welcomed Lt. Bunnell back. He expressed his support for the Officers and added that the Lieutenant is a figure in the Town and that the seniors are, likewise, very supportive of him.

Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that an envelope containing a free pass for the sporting events for Montville High School was placed in their mailboxes and an "M" pin was handed out to all of the Councilors from Superintendent Brian Levesque.

Mayor McDaniel announced that, unfortunately, Montville did not beat Groton in the number of vehicles participating in the Hazardous Waste Day Collection. He reported that a total of approximately 8,000 lbs. of paper was dropped off for paper shredding.

18. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. 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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