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**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

SPECIAL MEETING AT TOWN HALL

ROOM 203 - 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009

MINUTES

<u>COMMISSION MEMBERS</u>	<u>MEETING STATUS</u>
Bart Ferrante (D)	ABSENT
Ellen Hillman (R)	PRESENT – <i>Arrived at 7:25 p.m.</i>
Donna Jacobson (D)	PRESENT
Paul Lewis (U)	PRESENT
Gregory Majewski (D)	PRESENT
Shirley Morphis (R)	PRESENT
Jim Toner (U)	PRESENT
Richard Wilson (R), Chairman	PRESENT
VACANCY	VACANCY

1. Call to order.

Mr. Wilson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

A quorum was present and noted for the record.

Please refer to the above listed attendance chart on Page 1 for roll call status per member.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

All members of the commission and audience stood and addressed the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Remarks from the public on agenda items (3 minutes).

There were no remarks from the public.

5. Approval of minutes of Dec. 4, 2008 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 4, 2008.

Motion by: Mr. Lewis

Seconded by: Ms. Morphis

VOICE VOTE: The vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried** (6 In Favor – 0 Opposed – Ms. Hillman was not present for this vote)

6. Correspondence. Memo from the Town Council, dated December 16, 2008.

Discussion and review of the memorandum from the Town Council occurred.

7. Motion to approve the Final Report on the proposed amendments to the Montville Town Charter, dated January 6, 2009.

Motion: To approve the Final Report on the proposed amendments to the Montville Town Charter dated January 6, 2009.

Motion by: Mr. Toner

Seconded by: Mr. Majewski

Discussion:

Mr. Lewis stated he agreed with all of the revisions. He strongly encouraged a cover letter which expresses our wishes to pass this document “as written” and only have two questions on the ballot. Mr. Lewis felt three questions may be too confusing and how will they connect the questions for consistency throughout the document?

Mr. Wilson stated he believed that Attorney Gladke was working on the splits and further review of the document. Although two questions would be our preference; he did not see a problem with having three questions and explained this commission would have no control over the number of questions submitted on the ballot. Mr. Wilson also explained he believes this item will appear on the next Town Council agenda but Chairwomen Buebendorf will ask that a special meeting be scheduled for this item. We will need to rally community members to attend this upcoming meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: The vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.** (7 – In Favor – 0 Opposed)

8. Motion to approve the cover letter to the Town Clerk.

Motion: To approve the cover letter to the Town Clerk with the discussed amendments.

Motion by: Ms. Morphis

Seconded by: Mr. Majewski

ROLL CALL VOTE: The vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.** (7 – In Favor – 0 Opposed)

9. Remarks from the public on any subject. (3 minutes).

There were no remarks from the public.

10. Remarks from the Commissioners.

There were no further remarks from the Commissioners.

11. Adjournment.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Majewski

Seconded by: Ms. Morphis

VOICE VOTE: The vote was unanimous. **Motion Carried.** (7 – In Favor – 0 Opposed)

The minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Marie Smith, Recording Secretary – Charter Revision Commission