

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2016
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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

a. Presentation of Officers of the Year Awards

Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Resident State Trooper Sgt. Mark Juhola, and Public Safety Commission Co-Chairman James Moran and Member Karen Perkins presented the Officer of the Year Award to Officer Addison Saffioti, who was present to accept the Award. Lt. Bunnell stated that the Award is traditionally presented to only one recipient, but, due to the recent hirings in the Police Department and the time and efforts put forth by a group of Officers, he decided to present the Award to the following members of the Department's Field Training Division: Field Training Coordinator Sergeant Matthew Northrop and Field Training Officers Master Patrol Officers Ryan Spring and Michael Pierce and Officers Addison Saffioti and Michael Pelletier. The Field Training Program is designed to provide on-the-job training for those officers who recently graduated from the Academy. The Officers were tasked with the training of seven (7) new officers, two of which are currently halfway through their training, over a very short period of time. He personally thanked Officer Saffioti for his dedication, efforts, and personal sacrifices and presented him with the Award.

Mayor McDaniel concurred with Lt. Bunnell, adding that, while the Officers are provided with the necessary training and knowledge at the Academy, the Field Training Officers also share their knowledge of the Town and its communities and have gone above and beyond their duties to ensure the independent success of each of the Officers. He commended them for an outstanding job and, on behalf of the Town, thanked them for their dedication.

Public Safety Commission Co-Chair Moran, having been a member of law enforcement for 45 years, stated that these dedicated Officers have volunteered their time and invested their efforts to ensure the safety of the community and added that we should all do what we can to support our Police Department. Commissioner Perkins thanked the Officers.

Resident State Trooper Sgt. Juhola agreed with the previous statements regarding the Officers' dedication, sacrifice, and commitment, adding that the Field Training Officers truly make a difference in, not only today, but in the future of the Department and how it is represented in the Town of Montville. He is proud to be a part of the Department and work beside these Officers who work hard, aren't afraid to question, and are able to provide advice and work together with their fellow officers as they strive to bring the community together. He expressed his appreciation to the Officers for their dedication and for providing the training vital for both today and tomorrow.

Chairman Jaskiewicz congratulated all of the Officers.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May, to approve the following alterations to the Agenda:

Addition: 16(g) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to appoint Monica Pomazon to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Education. Term to expire November 13, 2017. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that Ms. Pomazon's husband, Todd Pomazon, unexpectedly passed away recently. As such, the Democratic Town Committee has recommended that his wife, a retired schoolteacher and a very active member of the community, fulfill his unexpired term on the Board of Education.

Alteration: 16(d) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close the Montville Town Hall at ~~1:00~~ 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November ~~25, 2015~~ 23, 2016 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday *for the final year*. (Mayor McDaniel)

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

Deletions: 6(a) and 16(f)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to delete items 6(a) and 16(f) from the Agenda. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

6. Executive Session

- a. To Consider and Act on a motion that the Town Council, along with Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan, go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to pending collective bargaining with multiple bargaining units. This action is taken without prejudice to the Council's right to discuss these matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200 (2).

Item was deleted from the Agenda.

7. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:

- a. The Special Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2016 (Board/Commission Interviews)
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2016
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the October budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of September 2016

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 reported that he has been busy with discussions regarding contract negotiations. The mandatory drills have been completed. He thanked Councilors Jaskiewicz

and Caron for attending the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Old Town Hall. He had the honor of helping with the de-installation of *The Wall That Heals*, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., at the Mohegan Sun Casino. It was a very moving and well-organized event. Councilor Caron also attended the event.

Finance Director Hart reported that the Tax Collector has engaged the services of a collection agency to collect delinquent personal property and motor vehicle taxes, many of which are on the Suspense List. The agency has successfully collected \$60,000.00 since May for those delinquencies dating from 2013 and prior. The Department and the Board of Education has met and trained with Dime Bank to ensure a smooth transition of the transfer of their operating accounts, which will be transferred on December 1, 2016.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz

A lively meeting was held with the Information Systems Director Bill O’Neill regarding the Acceptable Use Policy, which is in the process of being revised. The Vehicle Replacement Policy was reviewed by the Mayor and will be presented to the Committee at their next meeting. Also on the Agenda for discussion are the Burn Ordinance and Dispatching Services.

b. Finance – Councilor Longton – *no report*

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Caron – *no report*

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Relief Fund

The Mohegan Tribe is generously donating 400 turkeys and 11 cases of pies. Senior and Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck received an Award by Senator Cathy Osten and Representative Kevin Ryan for her ongoing dedication and going above and beyond her duties for the Town and its seniors. The State’s Commissioner on Aging, Betsy Ritter, met and spoke with the Commission on Aging and provided them with news and updates while the Commissioners expressed some of their concerns. Having raised over \$5,000.00, a very successful KISS Concert Fundraiser was held for the Senior Center.

b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education

A number of good presentations were provided at their last meeting. One of the main discussions included the possibility of farming out the bus system as the union contract is scheduled for negotiations in the near future.

In response to Councilor Longton, no discussions were held regarding the waterline.

c. Councilor Longton: Library

One of the most important items discussed at their last meeting included the deteriorating finances of the Raymond Hill Library. The item will be discussed in more detail as they approach the budget season in the Spring 2017.

d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority; Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) has completed their move from Town Hall to their Pink Row facility. Bids for a new contact chamber has gone out. The Youth Service Bureau held a very successful and productive Pancake Breakfast.

In response to Chairman Jaskiewicz, most of the WPCA’s transactions are conducted online and a dropbox is available in front of Town Hall. Customers are also welcome to visit their new offices to conduct transactions. The Building Department is furnished with any unpaid accounts so Permits can be issued, as necessary.

Chairman Jaskiewicz announced that the Registrar of Voters will be moving into the old WPCA office at Town Hall and that they are in the process of re-organizing the old Probate office, located next to the old WPCA office, for the Town Councilors to work and store documents.

e. Councilor Rogulski: Economic Development Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission

Two representatives from Naskart presented and discussed their business venture and their plans to support local businesses. They are planning to create 50 to 100 jobs and are hoping to be open for business in December 2016. They have enquired with the CT DOT (Connecticut Department of Transportation) about the possibility of installing a traffic light at the end of Sachatello Drive. The venue will be the largest such establishment in the world with electric cars.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is in the process of reviewing plans for the old B&T Tile & Carpet Company building and Dot's Café. Plans were also submitted and reviewed for the re-designing of Black Ash Road and Old Colchester Road. He highly commended Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer Liz Burdick for her hard work and diligence, having conducted over 30 inspections last month alone.

f. Councilor Pollard: Non-Profit Organizations – *no report*

g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission

The Parks & Recreation Commission's Trick or Trunk event was a big success with 30 families and businesses participating. She thanked the Fire Police, Police Department, and Commission for their efforts. Scarecrow Village and the Pumpkin Decorating events were also successful, with approximately 50 children attending the latter event. The *No Dogs Allowed* signs have been posted and it is hoped that the Police can begin patrolling the area to help enforce the Ordinance. A request was received by a local rugby team to utilize one of the fields at Camp Oakdale for their practices. The Commissioners approved the purchase of a 7' x 12' trailer to store their recently acquired stage. The Youth Center shed has been moved to the Fair Oaks Community Center.

Public Safety Commission: Two big narcotic arrests were recently made due to the efforts of the Quality of Life Officer. Two Officers have completed their 16-week field training and Animal Control reported six (6) pet adoptions in September.

14. Appointments and Resignations

a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Mr. Daniel R. Dunn to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire December 22, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Mr. Timothy Shanahan to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire December 14, 2018

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, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Ms. Allyson Schmeizl to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire December 13, 2018

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, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Kerri Lawton from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective October 29, 2016.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel commended Ms. Lawton for all of her hard work and, while he understands that she has some disagreements with the Commission, he hopes that she will reconsider and/or re-apply to serve on the Commission. Councilor Tanner concurred. Chairman Jaskiewicz expressed his regrets. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint either Mr. Anthony Siragusa (R) or Mr. Wills Pike (R) to the Public Safety Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2019.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voting in Favor of Mr. Wills Pike: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Favor of Mr. Anthony Siragusa: None. Mr. Wills Pike was appointed as a Member of the Public Safety Commission.

- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Mr. Bruce Duchesneau as a Full Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that Mr. Duchesneau is currently an Alternate Member on the Commission and a letter of recommendation was received from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding his appointment as a Full Member. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2016-61. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$1,655.52 (One thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty-two cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2016-62. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the 2017 regular monthly meeting dates of the Town Council on the second Monday of every month, excluding holidays that will be scheduled on the Wednesday of that week. The scheduled meeting dates are as follows: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 11 (Wednesday), November 13, December 11 to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2016-63. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute Agreements and Contracts, along with all necessary Agreement/Contract documents, on behalf of the Town of Montville with the Department of Economic and Community Development related to a Bond award in the amount of \$494,000 for the Montville Public Works Facility Improvements Project. (Mayor McDaniel)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Certified Resolution Sec. 4-66 C, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Montville make an application to the State for \$ 494,000 in order to undertake the Montville Public Works Facility Improvements Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Montville Town Council

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Certified Resolution Sec. 4-66 C
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Montville in an amount not to exceed \$494,000 is hereby approved and that Ronald McDaniel, Mayor is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of Town of Montville.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: The funding for the project will make up for part of the State funding losses experienced by the Town. The project will involve fuel tank upgrades and necessary storm water discharge issues at the Public Works Facility. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2016-64. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close the Montville Town Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday for the final year. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: In all due fairness to all of the Town's employees, Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that this would be the final year in which the Town Hall will be closed early in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2016-65. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the 2016-7 WAVE 51 and WAVE 52 CIOT (Click It or Ticket) Media Grant and resolves that Mayor Ronald McDaniel is hereby authorized to accept the FY 2016-7 WAVE 51 and WAVE 52 CIOT (Click It or Ticket) Media Grant as described above from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Division of Highway Safety Office, and it be further resolved 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 Seat Belt / Child Safety Seat 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 2016-7 WAVE 51 and WAVE 52 CIOT (Click It or Ticket) Media Grant 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 failure to wear seat belts / restrain children

in child safety seats, and WHEREAS, The total program cost will be \$10,009.80 for the 2016-7 WAVE 51 and WAVE 52 CIOT (Click It or Ticket) Media Grant, and State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Division of Highway Safety will provide 100 % (one hundred percent) of the program cost. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the Grant is an annual grant that allows the Town to provide additional patrol services. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2016-66. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that the Town of Montville may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ronald McDaniel, as Mayor of the Town of Montville, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Montville and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. (Mayor McDaniel)

Item was deleted from the Agenda.

- g. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to appoint Monica Pomazon to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Education. Term to expire November 13, 2017. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Ms. Pomazon will complete her husband, Todd Pomazon's term. Both Mayor McDaniel and Councilor Tanner expressed that this is a nice way to honor her husband. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

Ellen Desjardins, 513 Raymond Hill Road, Uncasville, recommended the Councilors view and review the condition of the exterior of the Old Town Hall building and wondered if there were any available funds in the budget to repair the building, which appears to be deteriorating.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski announced that he has survived his first year with the Town Council and expressed his appreciation to the Councilors. He also congratulated Councilor Caron for receiving the Palmer-Davies Award and President-Elect Donald Trump.

Councilor Pollard concurred.

Councilor Longton thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and also congratulated Councilor Caron.

Councilor May also congratulated Councilor Caron, adding that he was happy to share the evening with him.

Councilor Tanner concurred, adding that she is proud of Councilor Caron.

Chairman Jaskiewicz concurred and also congratulated Councilor Rogulski. He added that he felt that the Town Council has done a very good job and expressed his appreciation of the Councilors for working together.

Mayor McDaniel wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to give generously from the heart to those who are less fortunate.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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

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