

Town of Montville Town Council  
**Regular Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2017**  
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 – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda  
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to accept the following alterations to the Agenda:  

Addition:  
14(g) To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Eileen Cicchese from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective immediately.

Alterations:  
14(d) To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint ~~three (3)~~ *four (4)* new members to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms to expire November 8, 2018, *October 12, 2019*, and January 9, 2021. Candidates are as follows: Ms. Jennifer Hajj, Mr. Jeffrey A. Rogers, Ms. Danielle Butzgy, Ms. Rachel Belardo, or Ms. Dawn Penman.  
  
16(d) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of *Tuesday* ~~Wednesday~~, April 25, 2017, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the General Government proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 at Montville High School Auditorium and to set the date of *Wednesday* ~~Thursday~~, April 26, 2017, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the Board of Education proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 at Montville High School Auditorium. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

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 – *none*
7. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
  - a. The Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016 (Board/Commission Interviews)  
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.
  - b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016  
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, 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.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
9. Communications
  - a. Copy of the December budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
  - b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of November 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 on the Wreaths Across America event, during which the large wreath located in front of the Town Hall was donated; a successful Tip-A-Cop event to benefit Marissa Satiro; CT Youth Services Association's Legislative Breakfast, and; Gambling Debate at Montville High School. He commended the participants of the Gambling Debate Program, who are a tremendous asset to the community, having gone above and beyond their duties; he encouraged everyone to attend their future events. A number of Legislatures, Mayors, and First Selectmen from various towns attended a recent Public Health District Forum and voiced their concerns regarding State Commissioner Raul Pino's proposed plan to consolidate health districts into the CCOG (CT Council of Governments) Regions. Montville is currently utilizing and is very satisfied with the services of the Uncas Health District. The original platform, which calls for towns to pay 1.5% of their respective municipal budgets, would result in a cost increase for the Town, from \$127,000.00 to nearly \$800,000.00. A nice Eagle Scout Ceremony was held at the Oakdale Fire House; he expressed his pride in all of the Town's Eagle Scouts and commended Mr. Jeffrey Rogers, who was present at the meeting and has sponsored and mentored many of the Eagle Scouts. The Montville Police Department is providing 24/7 police presence at Depot Road, which is currently closed, to provide safety to the area due to ongoing pedestrian traffic and recent motor vehicle accidents. Rand-Whitney Container, LLC, is funding the cost of their presence.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
  - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz – *no meeting*
  - b. Finance – Councilor Longton – *no meeting*
  - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Caron – *no meeting*
13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
  - a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund  
Senior & Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck is interested in providing a brief report to the Mayor and Town Council at their next Regular Meeting regarding their accomplishments, needs, and updates.
  - b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education (BOE)  
Discussion included the BOE's request for the Education Reserve Fund, which is included on this evening's agenda, and the possible farming out of the bus system, which, it was determined, would not be advantageous at this time.
  - c. Councilor Longton: Library – *no meeting*
  - d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority; Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board  
The Cook Drive Water Tank passed its recent inspection and will not need to be inspected for another five (5) years. A group of employees will be attending an instructional meeting to learn new procedures for the reporting of spills and breaks that have been instituted by the DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection). The Rand-Whitney Depot Road Pipeline Relining Project will result in a huge savings in funding, time, and efforts should any future breaks occur. Though they have ceased the project due to the cold winter temperatures, work is scheduled to restart during the week as the weather warms.  
  
Discussion at the recent Youth Services Legislative Breakfast included the possible State budget cuts to many of their current programs, which include individual and group counseling; parent training and family therapy; workplace and employment counseling; alternative and special education opportunities; recreational and youth enrichment programs; outreach programs; prevention programs, including youth pregnancy, suicide, violence, alcohol, drug prevention, and; programs that help provide positive youth involvement. The need for the community to help fund and support their local Youth

Service Bureaus to enable them to continue to provide these and other much-needed services may be necessary.

- e. Councilor Rogulski: Economic Development Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission  
The Economic Development Commission has updated their website and the pamphlet has been revised and approved for distribution by Town Planner Marcia Vlaun. The pamphlet will be made available at various locations including local banks, credit unions, and Town Departments.

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the site plan for a miniature golf course at Nature's Art Village and provided conditional approvals for the site plans for Phase I of the Transfer Station Improvement Project and a 3,150 SF commercial building located on Route 163.

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

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

The Community Center Building Committee is discussing a possible name change for the building from the Fair Oaks Community Center Building to the Montville Community Center. The fields at Camp Oakdale have been re-sodded and the parking lot will be open to the public during the winter. The movie screen has been ordered and received. Nominations for their new officers were accepted and will be voted upon at their next meeting. The Commission has begun to review their budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

One of the two (2) new trainees for the Police Department is now working on his/her own. The Department participated in the recent Stop & Shop Food Drive and the fundraising event for Marissa Satiro. Councilor Tanner thanked Resident State Trooper Sgt. Mark Juhola who spearheaded the latter event in which thirteen (13) officers participated. Since November 2016, annual fire safety inspections and fees for operating permits have netted \$42,636.70, as of December 14, 2016. They are currently finalizing the updates to the Town Emergency Operation Plan and the Chesterfield Fire House is hoping to hire a new firefighter. The Commission is awaiting receipt of the Narcan or Naloxone Policy, which must be approved by the State Police, Issuing Hospital, and Union prior to being presented to the Commission.

#### 14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Kimberly Navetta from the Board of Education effective December 31, 2016.

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

Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, and Tanner expressed their regrets and wished her well. 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 appoint Mr. Thomas McNally to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education with a term to expire November 13, 2017.

Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz reported that the Town Clerk received correspondence from the Republican Town Committee recommending Mr. Thomas McNally to fulfill the vacancy on the Board of Education. Discussion ensued regarding whether any additional interest was expressed by the members of the Committee. Mr. Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, expressed his interest in serving on the Board, but did not respond to the request due to a recent death in his family as well as his feelings that the process by which the gauging of interest in the position was presented was against the rules. Councilor Rogulski expressed his condolences. Republican Town Committee Chairman McNally stated that, because no interest in the position was expressed, he volunteered himself to fill the vacancy. Should the recommended candidate not be appointed, a letter will be sent to the Republican Town Committee requesting a list of potential candidates. Roll Call vote, 2-5, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Pollard

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and Rogulski. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Motion failed.

- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Nancy DelaCruz from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective December 27, 2016.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilor Tanner expressed her regret, adding that Ms. DelaCruz has served as an active member of the Commission for 30-32 years. Chairman Jaskiewicz concurred. 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 appoint four (4) new members to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms to expire November 8, 2018, October 12, 2019, and January 9, 2021. Candidates are as follows: Ms. Jennifer Hajj, Mr. Jeffrey A. Rogers, Ms. Danielle Butzgy, Ms. Rachel Belardo, or Ms. Dawn Penman.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that a ballot has been distributed to each of the Town Councilors on which each of them must select four (4) of the five (5) candidates and a short recess will be taken soon thereafter to tally the votes. Councilor Tanner added that the Parks & Recreation Commission has always been a non-political Commission in which members do not utilize their appointment as a political stepping stone; she urged the Councilors to keep that in mind, as they are voting. The Councilors were requested to write/sign their names on the ballot, for transparency purposes. 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.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton, to take a five (5) minute recess at 7:35 p.m. 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. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Jaskiewicz announced that the following candidates were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission: Ms. Jennifer Hajj, Ms. Danielle Butzgy, Ms. Rachel Belardo, and Ms. Dawn Penman. The votes were as follows:

Jennifer Hajj: 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. (Ms. Hajj's term will expire on November 8, 2018.)

Jeffrey A. Rogers: 0-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Pollard and Rogulski. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz.

Daniel Butzgy: 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. (Ms. Butzgy's term will expire on November 8, 2018.)

Rachel Belardo: 5-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Pollard and Rogulski. (Ms. Belardo's term will expire on October 12, 2019.)

Dawn Penman: 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. (Ms. Penman's term will expire on January 9, 2021.)

- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, to the Community Center Building Committee.

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.

- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Mr. Ryan Hartman to the Community Center Building Committee as a representative of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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.

- g. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Eileen Cicchese from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective immediately.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Councilors Jaskiewicz, May, and Tanner expressed their regrets and agreed that she has been a very active member of the Town. 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 #2017-01. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$329.83 (three hundred twenty-nine dollars and eighty-three 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 #2017-02. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to acknowledge that a State Sponsored Public Information Meeting was held on November 30, 2016, and after consideration of input received at such meeting and within a 14-day period thereafter for additional written comments, the Town of Montville through its Town Council does support the advancement of design and subsequent construction of the replacement of the Old Colchester Road Culverts project utilizing funding from the STP-Urban Program, otherwise identified as Project 85-144, that said project be and hereby is approved. (Mayor McDaniel)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Montville, through its Town Council, does acknowledge that a State Sponsored Public Information Meeting was held on November 30, 2016, and after consideration of input received at such meeting and within a 14 day period thereafter for additional written comments, does support the advancement of design and subsequent construction of the replacement of the Old Colchester Road Culverts project utilizing funding from the STP-Urban Program, otherwise identified as Project 85-144, that said project be and hereby is approved. (Mayor McDaniel)

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. Resolution passed.

- c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the Ordinance titled, An Ordinance Regarding “The Lease, Sale and Conveyance of Real Property Located at 14 Bridge Street” as heard at the public hearing held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that when the item was voted upon during their December Regular Meeting to schedule a Public Hearing on the Ordinance, the business currently subletting the building was interested in remaining as a tenant and entering into the agreement. The business has since decided otherwise. As such, the approval and adoption of the Ordinance

would allow for an open-ended lease/purchase agreement and the item would not return to the Town Council for approval. The Mayor added that, due to timing of the events, the Town Attorney suggested the approval and adoption of an open-ended Ordinance and expressed his understanding of the Town Council's concerns; he has no issues, either way. The remediation of the property, which was inherited by the Town through a tax foreclosure, should be completed by Summer 2017. Roll Call vote, 0-7, all opposed. Voting in Favor: None. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Resolution failed.

- d. **Resolution #2017-03. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the General Government proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 at Montville High School Auditorium and to set the date of Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the Board of Education proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 at Montville High School Auditorium. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, 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.

- e. **Resolution #2017-04. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to commit twenty five thousand, five hundred ninety six dollars (\$25,596) to the Education Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2015-2016. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Pollard, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the item pertains to the Town Council's approval of the policy for the establishment of a dedicated, non-lapsing account of up to 1% of its total budgeted amount. Superintendent Brian Levesque stated that there are no specific plans for the funds at this time. It was noted that ECS (Education Cost Sharing) Funding was cut by approximately \$99,000.00 to the Fiscal-Year 2016-2017 budget by the State. 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 #2017-05. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the "Town of Montville Acceptable Use Policy" as approved by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Sub-committee on November 28, 2016. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Information Systems Director Bill O'Neill stated that the Policy is a revised version of the existing Policy. The revised Policy, which has been reviewed by the Town Attorney, instructs employees on how to use computers safely and securely. The Policy is a living document that will require changes over time. Councilor Tanner commented that such a Policy is long overdue. Councilor Rogulski commended Director O'Neill in drafting the Policy to include the many forms of media in existence at this time. Mayor McDaniel stated that the Policy would be distributed and signed by each of the Town's employees. 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

Jeffrey Rogers, 146 Forsyth Road, Oakdale, stated that 11 (eleven) of the 19 (nineteen) members of the Republican Town Committee are currently present at this evening's meeting – ten (10) of whom are in support of Mr. McNally's appointment to the Board of Education. As such, returning the item back to the Committee will end in a predictable result. With respect to the Parks & Recreation Commission appointments, he believed that Councilor Tanner's comment regarding voting on one who is not seeking political gain was directed towards himself. He felt that his history in Town over the last 15 years with the Town's youth has been

significant and speaks for itself. His civic involvement has also been significant, having been a member of the Knights of Columbus and Rotary Club. He also questioned the voting process, feeling that it should have been more transparent. He concluded by announcing his candidacy for the Town Council in the upcoming election.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski stated that today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and encouraged everyone to hug your local favorite officer. He also encouraged the public to apply to volunteer for appointments to the various Boards and Commissions and become familiar with the Town's activities and local government. He congratulated those members who were appointed this evening and expressed his sadness with the resignation of the Parks & Recreation Commissioners who have contributed a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Commission for a number of years.

Councilor Pollard concurred with Councilor Rogulski, adding her appreciation to all of those who do come forward and get involved with the Town.

Councilor Longton expressed his condolences to Mr. Pike for his recent loss.

Councilor May stated that, having been elected by the community they represent, the candidates that they voted upon this evening were based on their feelings of who they felt were the best candidates for the position(s). While the "side note politics" may be entertaining to many, he opts to take his job very seriously and not be influenced by political pressure(s) or the like.

Councilor Tanner commented on a recently published article regarding the Dog Park Committee. She clarified that the funds the Committee has raised has been deposited into an account held by the Town and is conducting their business correctly. The Committee, which has worked very hard, is actively seeking supplies and, should anyone be interested in donating or contributing to the Park, they are encouraged to contact them. With regards to the appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission, she stated that she voted for those whom she felt were the best candidates and added that those who have been serving on the Commission have not done so to seek political gain, but to benefit the parks and recreation of the Town.

Councilor Rogulski, speaking from personal experience, felt that it would have, in some ways, behooved him to have served on a Board/Commission prior to running for the Town Council, as it would have provided him with a better understanding of the process. Councilor Tanner agreed, but felt that the Parks & Recreation Commission was not the best platform for that. Councilor Jaskiewicz agreed that serving on a Board/Commission does provide a good understanding of the process. Councilor Tanner thanked all of the candidates who applied and were interviewed for the various Boards and Commissions and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked everyone, including the Board of Education, for attending the meeting as well as all of the candidates.

Mayor McDaniel stated that we are one Montville, one Town, and if one is not working for the betterment of the Town as a whole, he/she should exit from political life, as he/she would be doing a disservice to the Town. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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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