

TOWN OF MONTIVILLE
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2017
7:00 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
Chairman Joseph 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.
All stood and pledged the flag followed by a moment of silence.
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 Tanner, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to remove the following item from the Agenda:
 - 16(g) To Consider and Act on a Motion to introduce and set the date of May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing regarding an “Ordinance to amend Chapter 91, ORD. NO. 2014-06 Concerning the Registrar of Voters.” The public hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers at the Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Discussion: The Town Councilors did not receive a copy of the ordinance prior to the meeting. 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 to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the Inland Wetlands Commission and Housing Authority. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to enter into Executive Session. Discussion: The following candidates were interviewed for Boards/Commissions: John Szarzynski, Housing Authority and Howard V. Fiske, Jr., Inlands Wetlands Commission. 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. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. No formal votes were taken during Executive Session.

7. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017 (Land Use Fees)

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.

7. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017
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.

8. Remarks from the Public regarding items on the agenda with a three-minute limit

Chairman Jaskiewicz asked three times for remarks. There were none.

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the March budget report from Ms. Terry Hart -- *None*
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of February 2017 -- *None*

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matter Referred

Chairman Jaskiewicz commented about the ordinance concerning the Registrar of Voters, Item 16.g, that was removed from the agenda. He stated that the ordinance is being changed to reflect the \$350 cost for election day only—not primaries and referendums—and for completion of a course that is now required per statute. Chairman Jaskiewicz asked for comments from Fire Marshal Occhialini, Lt. Bunnell, and Finance Director Hart but they had none.

11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred

Mayor McDaniel commented on the screening at the high school in March of the documentary, “Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age.” It spoke to the addiction of children to electronics and was well attended. Mayor McDaniel also remarked on the soft opening of Oriental Bar & Grill; the rebranding of Fairfield Inns & Suites as a Marriot and its grand reopening that was well attended; In-Cord, a netting company located at the top of the Manor and its opening on April 21st at 12:30 p.m. Councilors were asked to email him if they were interested in attending. Mayor McDaniel also gave a shout out to the Rotary Club for the 8,000 meals it provided to Montville Social Services, who were applauded for their efforts.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Counselor Jaskiewicz -- *no meeting*

- b. Finance – Councilor Longton

A Committee meeting was held and department budget requests were presented and are pending the presentation of the Mayor’s budget.

- c. Publics Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Caron

A meeting was held and discussion was about the new recycling containers, the Adopt-A-Road program, and the rates for the transfer station that will be brought back for discussion next month.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

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

Social Services Director Pollard submitted three (3) grants for Social Services and the Senior Center that are pending. Paperwork regarding Med-Ride was returned and resubmitted. Director Pollard earned her Master’s Degree in Community Services and Community Leadership with a grade point average of 4.0. Meals, 8,000 that were donated by the Rotary were distributed by Social Services. A humanitarian award will be presented to the Mohegan Tribe by the Commission on Aging on April 28th. The Mohegan Tribe also donated three (3) pallets of food in addition to the 400 boxes of food donated by Stop & Shop Montville who provides support monthly. Thanks from Director Pollard and Councilor Caron to the Tyl Middle School students and girls’ soccer students who prepared 200+ Easter baskets for children in need.

- b. Councilor Jaskiewicz – Board of Education

The Board of Education presented awards to Montville Marvels, the highlight of the meeting. The water problem, a Capital Improvement item, may be eligible for a grant of \$485,000 to repair the issue with an estimated cost to the Town of \$200,000, or 70 percent.

- c. Councilor Longton – Library – *No meeting*

- d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority; Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
The Jensen proposal for Millwood, additional aged housing, was approved by the WPCA. The water budget was also passed pending Town Council approval. A Youth Services fundraiser at the Mohegan Sun Ben & Jerry's raised more than \$5,000. Councilor Pollard asked a question regarding the Rand Whitney (RW) issue. Councilor May explained that the WPCA engineering firm brought forward a proposal of 10 million that was originally on the table for 5 million leaving the decision for RW. Mayor McDaniel added that a .5 mill grant at a 60 percent draw level was reviewed by Wright-Pierce but the price doubled.
 - e. Councilor Rogulski – Economic Development Commission; Planning & Zoning Commission
The EDC had an informational meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The first meeting of Planning and Zoning was cancelled; the second one was an informative workshop on the Global Information System (GIS).
 - f. Councilor Pollard – Non-profit Organizations – *No meeting*
 - g. Councilor Tanner – Parks & Recreation; Public Safety Commission
Parks and Recreation is considering a plan for a farmers market. Ground has been broken for the Dog Park and a dog parade will take place on April 23rd. Plans have also begun for the second annual carnival. Chairman Jaskiewicz added that Parks & Recreation is working with the Fire Marshal concerning fireworks for the event. There was a fire at Rand Whitney that was responded to within ten minutes with three-fourths damage to the plant. There is a vacancy in the police department and work has begun on its budget.
14. Appointments and Resignations
- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Mr. Paul Chase to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire June 10, 2019.
Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Mr. Anthony C. Tufares to fill a vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire April 14, 2020.
Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
15. Unfinished Business – *None*
16. New Business
- a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the wage increase for seasonal Parks & Recreation employees. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Some of the Councilors did not receive copies of the wage increase. Director Bushway explained that the wage adjustment was due to the increase of the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour that was subsequently adjusted on the rest of the wage scale. Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor May to withdraw the motion and postpone it to next month's meeting. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. **Resolution #2017-16A. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$7,741.23 (Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-one Dollars and Twenty-three cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Council Jaskiewicz)

Motion by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the overpayment was made by Dime Bank. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- c. **Resolution #2017-17. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to receive the Mayor's budget proposal for fiscal year 2017-2018. (Councilor Longton)
Mayor McDaniel stated he had no faith in his budget due to the revenue numbers from the State. He said that he did not budget for teacher retirement, the equivalent of 1.7 mills, as the State may try to fund and restore it. His budget with a 1.5 mill increase is based on Town operation for next year. Changes are expected in the Mohegan/Pequot formula and restructuring to ECS funding. The Board of Education budget was left intact but its Capital Improvement items need to be discussed with its Board by the Superintendent with the expectation that its number will decrease. The Mayor also stated that this budget year is the hardest that he and Finance Director Hart have faced. He addressed the uncertainty of the State budget after having spoken to the chairs of Appropriations on both sides of the aisle. Chairman Jaskiewicz spoke of his confidence with working with the State numbers. Finance Director Hart clarified that per charter the budget must be done 30 days before the end of the fiscal year, May 31st with final numbers expected by the first or second week in June. As to the tax bill for July 1 per Chairman Jaskiewicz, Finance Director Hart said that cash flow needs would be reviewed as the next bill would be sent September 7th. Chairman Jaskiewicz was concerned about sending the tax bill out too early and having to send out a supplemental tax bill. Councilor Caron noted that some towns may fight concerning teacher's pension as it is already bonded.

Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor Longton to receive the Mayor's budget. Discussion, none. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- d. To Consider and Act on a motion to receive the Mayor's proposed five-year Capital Plan for fiscal years 2018-2022. (Councilor Longton)
Motion by Councilor Rogulski; seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Councilor Longton stated this plan was a continuation of the budget process. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- e. To Consider and Act on a motion to send the Mayor's proposed five-year Capital Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission for comment. (Councilor Longton)
Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- f. **Resolution #2017-18. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to initiate the LED Streetlight Retrofit project utilizing the Eversource on-bill financing. (Mayor McDaniel)
Motion by Councilor Rogulski; seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that an Eversource audit found 127 lights that were not known by the Town. Those lights have been priced. Eversource bills to the Town for the next 20 years will include no interest or financing. He summarized the annual costs and savings to the Town in kilowatt hours, annual energy, annual maintenance, and CO2 emissions and the net project cost of \$369,313. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Votes in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Votes in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
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17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute time limit

Anthony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, stated that seniors have been preparing taxes at the Senior Center. He also stated that the new, blue recycling bins are too big and complaints have been made about them.

Ellen DesJardins, who said she had been taking care of the flowers at the Town Hall for 40 years, spoke about awareness of Angel Syndrome, a genetic disorder due to chromosomes that effects one of her grandchildren. She asked for a donation from Mayor McDaniel for an event in support of the disorder that would take place on May 20th.

18. Remarks from Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski wished Dana McFee a speedy recovery.

Chairman Jaskiewicz relayed that Mr. McFee had suffered a heart attack and was sent to Yale-New Haven Hospital for surgery for stints.

Councilor Pollard thanked Chairman Jaskiewicz for the information about Mr. McFee.

Councilor Longton thanked Mayor McDaniel for the budget.

Councilor Caron thanked Ms. DesJardins for her service to the Town. He also expressed appreciation to Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart for their work on the FY 2017-2018 budget. Councilor Caron also thanked Mr. Siragusa for his feedback on the recycling bins that he said would generate a savings of \$350,000 over five (5) years. He said he would work with Mayor McDaniel and Public Works on the issue. Chairman Jaskiewicz suggested that the small green recycling bin be kept to fill the larger bin.

Councilor May reported that the Montville Cheerleaders won its third ECC championship in a row and are fourth in the State.

Councilor Tanner thanked Mayor McDaniel, Finance Director Hart, and Treasurer Bonanno for their work on the budget.

Chairman Jaskiewicz apologized to Director Bushway about the ordinance snafu.

Mayor McDaniel thanked the department heads during this budget process and stated that although the budget would be lean, adequate services would be provided for the Town. He added that his wife yelled at him about the new recycling bin.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Tanner; seconded by Councilor Caron to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers

Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

(Interim for Agnes Miyuki)

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