

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for August 14, 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, and Jaskiewicz. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Longton, to amend the following item on the Agenda:
 - item 6(a): To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the Planning & Zoning Commission *and Uncas Health District*. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton, to add the following item to the Agenda:
 - item 14(d): **To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Mr. Anthony Siragusa to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority with a term to expire August 14, 2019.**Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to add the following item to the Agenda:
 - item 16(f): **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to accept the amended job descriptions for Teamsters Local 493.**Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the amended job descriptions include those for the Town Hall and Transfer Station employees. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. 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 Planning & Zoning Commission and Uncas Health District. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: The following candidates were interviewed: Allen Polhemus, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Gary Allyn, Uncas Health District. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Chairman Jaskiewicz resumed the meeting at 7:22 p.m. No formal votes were taken during Executive Session.
7. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2017
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Special Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2017 (Contracts)
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Lt. Leonard Bunnell, 5 Little John Drive, Uncasville, spoke in favor of the Mutual Police Assistance Compact, stating that the Compact has been informally in effect since the 1980s and

much discussion has taken place since the early 2000s to revise the document. The Compact has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and is supported by the other departments.

9. Communications

a. Copy of the year-end budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director

It is estimated that approximately \$8 million is currently in the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. The Board of Education (BOE) has approximately \$1.2 million remaining in their budget. The Town has not yet received the BOE's year-end encumbrances. Once received, will be sent to the Councilors.

b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of June 2017

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred

Mayor McDaniel reported that the Fire Services Agreement is still pending.

11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred – *none*

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz

The Committee reviewed the mutual aid agreement, tabled their discussion regarding the noise ordinance, and began discussing an issue regarding trees and parking.

b. Finance – Councilor Longton

The Committee did not meet as the Town continues to wait for the State's final budget.

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

The Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund will be meeting tomorrow evening and no meetings were held for the Commission on Aging or Social Services.

b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education (BOE) – *no report*

c. Councilor Longton: Library – *no meeting*

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

A standard meeting was held for the WPCA and no meeting was held for the Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board.

e. Councilor Rogulski: Economic Development Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission
The Economic Development Commission is continuing to review the design of their webpage and has begun reviewing the Town's Conservation and Zoning Plan.

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved a lot subdivision for a property located on Old Colchester Road. Also discussed were new legislation regarding the decommissioning of buildings; a Public Act regarding temporary healthcare structures, i.e., granny pods; the raising of the wage restriction for disabled veterans, and; an option for Towns to provide additional tax relief to Gold Star Families. Should the Town approve the additional tax relief, the Town would absorb the costs.

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

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

Mayor McDaniel reported that the Public Safety Commission held a well-attended Badge Pinning Ceremony for the Town's new Deputy Fire Marshal and firefighters.

14. Appointments and Resignations

a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Ms. Jessica LeClair to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire September 17, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, 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 accept the resignation of Mr. Gary Murphy from the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority, effective August 7, 2017.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: The vacancy will be filled in the near future. Roll Call vote, 6-0, 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 accept the resignation of Mr. Ryan Hartman from the Parks & Recreation Commission, effective August 1, 2017.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilor Caron expressed his regrets. Roll Call vote, 6-0, 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 re-appoint Mr. Anthony Siragusa to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority with a term to expire August 14, 2019.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that two individuals, one each from the majority and minority parties, are appointed to serve on the Authority. Mr. Siragusa has been serving for the past two years and is interested in continuing to serve on the Authority as a representative of the minority party. Roll Call vote, 6-0, 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 #2017-57. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$4,918.20 (four thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars and twenty cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2017-58. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the year-end transfers as requested by the Finance Director and as depicted on schedule A. (Mayor McDaniel).

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2017-59. 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, 2017 as per Connecticut General Statute 7-430. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Pollard. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2017-60. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the resignation of Councilor Laura Tanner from the Town Council, effective August 1, 2017, and to appoint Ryan Hartman to the Montville Town Council, effective August 14, 2017, with a term ending November 7, 2017. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilors Caron, Longton, and May expressed their regrets. Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that he is sorry to see Councilor Tanner, who has been a good candidate, leaving the Town Council and thanked her for all of her hard work. He introduced and welcomed Ryan Hartman who was nominated by the Democratic Town Committee to serve her remaining term. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2017-61. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the “Mutual Police Assistance Compact” as approved by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Sub-Committee on July 24, 2017. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that, while they have been doing so in practice, the Compact has never been memorialized in writing and, thanks to recent State Legislation, the two casinos will also be joining the Compact. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, Pollard, Rogulski, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2017-62. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the amended job descriptions for Teamsters Local 493.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, 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

Lt. Bunnell, 5 Little John Drive, Uncasville, thanked the Councilors for extending his employment and passing the Mutual Police Assistance Compact. He also expressed his appreciation to Councilor Tanner for her years of dedication to the Town not only as a member of the Town Council, but also as a member of various Boards and Commissions. Her input, opinions, and contributions will be missed.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski expressed his dismay regarding the requirement for the Town to approve an employment extension for policemen and firemen who have reached a certain age (item 16(c) – Connecticut General Statute 7-430). He thanked Councilor Tanner for her service and wished her good luck.

Councilor Pollard also thanked Councilor Tanner for her work on the Town Council and the people of Montville.

Councilor Longton echoed his appreciation to Councilor Tanner and the wisdom that she shared, adding that she had, more than once, changed his mind.

Councilor May also expressed his appreciation to Councilor Tanner, who, he felt, was one of the hardest working members of the Council and has served her community well. He has enjoyed working with her; she will be sorely missed.

Councilor Caron echoed Councilor May’s comments and also thanked Councilor Tanner for everything she has done for the community, supporting not only the children, but also the seniors and veterans, of the Town. Like Councilor Rogulski, he, too, disagrees with Connecticut General Statute 7-430 and feels that it is a form of age discrimination.

Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked Councilor Tanner for everything, adding that she was a very good candidate who worked hard and often went above and beyond the call of duty. He agreed with the sentiments expressed by Councilors Rogulski and Caron regarding Connecticut General Statute 7-430 and thanked the Lieutenant for his hard work and dedication.

Mayor McDaniel announced the recent opening of the Copper Creek Mini Golf located at Nature's Art Village and looks forward to trying the course in the near future. After speaking with Senators Paul Formica and Cathy Osten at this morning's UCFS (United Community and Family Services) breakfast, it appears that a vote regarding the budget is not expected until the week following Labor Day. The Legislators are continuing to seek a compromise with towns for the teachers' pension costs and investigating those towns with a healthy unassigned fund balance in an effort to help remedy the State's budget crisis. With this in mind, the Town is continuing to spend as little as possible and hiring as little as possible, filling only critical positions. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Lt. Bunnell, who is a real asset to the community and strongly believes and supports the Town and its law enforcement, for another year. He also thanked Councilor Tanner for her service to the community and wished her the best of luck and encouraged her to keep in touch; she will be missed.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Longton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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Schedule A

2016-17 Year End Transfers

To Line Item	From Line Item	Date	Amount
10350-52137 Probate District	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	1,436
Tax Refunds 10410-52026	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	25,000
10420-52021 Worker's Compensation	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	7,100
10420-52025 Pension	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	74,100
10640-51016 Inland Wetlands Secretary	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	25
10720-52005 Social Services Fuel Oil	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	210
10740-51015 Elderly Asst Salary	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	5,125
10740-52131 Massage Therapy	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	1,800
10820-51100 Police Overtime	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	16,012
10830-51006 Fire Marshal Salary	10810-51134 Fire Marshal Salary	8/14/17	5,910
10840-51041 Police Private Duty	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	42,555
10840-51042 Fire Marshal Private Duty	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	1,315
10870-51044 Dispatchers' Salaries	10480-52164 Contingency	8/14/2017	500