

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally 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, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Absent was Councilor Pollard. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
 - a. Special Presentation from the Montville Economic Development Commission
Economic Development Commission (EDC) Chairman Walter Hewitt, Commissioners Jim Toner and Christopher Napierski, and Town Council Liaison Rogers presented a Plaque of Appreciation to the owners of Montville Florist. EDC Chairman Hewitt recited the plaque, which expressed their appreciation for the second-generation Florists that has served the Town and its customers for 35 years. Commissioner Toner commented on the flawless and pristine high-quality arrangements the florists have created for him on a number of occasions. The Councilors thanked and congratulated them.
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to remove item 14(a) from the agenda. Discussion: The item was discussed during Executive Session and tabled the previous month. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to modify item 16(c) as follows:

16(c) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Finance Director to go out to bid for the replacement of the M-32 Fire Truck *and return to the Town Council for final approval.* (Councilor McNally)

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Special Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2018 (Interviews)
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Special Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Special Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Jaskiewicz. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Parks & Recreation Commission and Building Code Board of Appeals. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for

Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:29 p.m.
No votes were taken during Executive Session.

8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Howard R. Beetham, Jr., 60 Riverview Road, commented that it is good to see the Republicans and Democrats working together for the good of the people they serve. He reminisced about his time serving with Dick Wilson and Ellen Desjardins and the “tough” and “brutal” politics of those days.

Chesterfield Fire Company Deputy Chief Dave Nelson, 50 Holmes Road, spoke with regards to item 16(c) regarding the Fire Truck replacement and handed the newest bid specs and their respective prices to Chairman McNally.

9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the August 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of July 2018
 - c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran Sage for the month of July 2018

In response to Councilor Pike, who questioned the encumbrance of \$2,000.00 for line item 10850-53062 – Animal Control, Vet Fees, which has a budgeted amount of \$3,000.00, Finance Director Hart stated that many departments encumber or earmark funds throughout the budget year and could investigate further to determine whether the line item was adequately budgeted.

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, along with many of the Councilors, attended the Back to School Welcome to Teachers event on August 27. The following day, additional police interviews, including two lateral transfers from New Mexico, were held. Fire Marshal Bill Bundy, who the Mayor assigned as his proxy, attended the Region 4 Annual Meeting.

A Swearing-In Ceremony for an Officer will be held on September 25 at 1:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers; the invitation will be forwarded to the Councilors. The closing on the Mostowy property is scheduled for tomorrow, September 11, at 2:30 p.m.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz – *no report*

- b. Finance – Councilor Pike

Discussion was held regarding additional funding for the BOE bus garage for the installation of an oil/water separator, which was not included in the original plans, as requested by the Inland Wetlands Commission; the item is on this evening’s agenda for approval. Senior and Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck also attended their meeting to discuss temporary healthcare, which is currently funded through a line item designated for outside contractors. The issue will be addressed during next year’s budget season.

- c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally

The Committee is in the process of reviewing and updating the Transfer Station Regulations.

Councilor Caron, who apologized for not attending the meeting, will speak with the Public Works Director regarding an inspection that was conducted on the Church located at Meetinghouse Lane and Raymond Hill Road approximately four (4) years ago.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

- a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission
CABE (CT Association of Boards of Education) Deputy Director and General Counsel Patrice McCarthy attended the recent BOE Meeting to discuss their visions and goals. The Town Council, Mayor, and State Representatives have been invited to attend a discussion with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Visitation Team regarding education in the Town in October.
- b. Councilor Pollard: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations
In Councilor Pollard's stead, Councilor Caron reported that Senator Paul Formica attended the Commission on Aging's recent meeting to discuss their concerns regarding safety for seniors and State regulations for home health care agencies. Any questions and/or concerns may be directed to the Senator's office. The Senior Center has returned to its regularly scheduled programs and services. Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck is in the process of completing the rental rebates for the seniors and those in need. The energy assistance program has begun. A great time was had by Councilor Pollard and himself at the recent BBQ event, which was attended by over 100 seniors.
- c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission (EDC), Parks & Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)
The EDC discussed the high amount of vacancies at Montville Commons where six (6) of the eleven (11) units are currently vacant) as the result of the lessees choosing to move due to the cost of rent per square foot.

Parks & Recreation Commission: The Grand Opening of the Dog Park was held on Saturday, September 8. He commended Dog Park Committee Chairman Chris Lawton, Chris & Meggan Lynch, and the many volunteers who helped complete the Dog Park. The Opening was well-attended and included the presence of State Representative Kathy McCarty and Montville Police Department Handler Officer Dan Witts and K-9 Patrol Officer Barrett. The re-scheduled Movie Night was also held on Saturday. The following day, the Parks & Recreation and Rotary-sponsored Montville Race Day was held; over 50 runners and supporters attended the event. He expressed his appreciation to the Police Department, Oakdale Fire Department, and the Fire-Police for ensuring the safety of the participants.

The Public Safety Commission has tasked Fire Marshal Bundy to create a protocol and policy for the employment of permanent part-time firefighters.

Three candidates for the WPCA Superintendent and one candidate for the WPCA Administrator positions were held. The Authority's recommendations have been forwarded to the Mayor.

- d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
Skybox Tickets are still available for the Benefit Concert for Youth and Social Services at the Mohegan Sun on Friday, September 14 with Thomas Rhett. Tickets cost \$100.00 and includes a dinner buffet. The Youth Services Bureau will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 14 at the Mohegan Fire Company.

Mayor McDaniel announced that Youth Services Coordinator Barbara Lockhart will be receiving the 2018 CYSA (CT Youth Services Association) Laura T. Brown Career Achievement Award at their annual conference on Thursday, October 4 at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill, CT. The invitation will be forwarded to the Councilors.
- e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services
Councilor Caron corrected his previous report regarding the carpeting at Social Services, which was not completed then, but is completed now. He thanked the Rotary on a great job. He, along with Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck volunteered their time to paint both doors and jambs. The Department is currently

seeking donations for their Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Baskets. He encouraged the residents to purchase tickets/attend the Thomas Rhett Concert at the Mohegan Sun. The Director and Town Planner Marcia Vlaun are making preparations for the Hidden Heroes Breakfast, which will be held on Saturday, October 13, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., at the Montville Senior Center.

He also gave a shout out to one of the Town's Custodian's attending the meeting, stating that they do a fantastic job and thanking them for all they do.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Jason Bronson to fill a vacancy as an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on September 10, 2020.

Removed from the Agenda.

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Vincent J. Roemmele from the Housing Authority, effective August 20, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz expressed his regret. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Susan Rickards to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on November 8, 2020.

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Margaret Skinner to the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on November 9, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Danielle Butzgy to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 8, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Kathie Doherty-Peck to the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on October 11, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2018-65. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$4,653.79 (four thousand six hundred fifty-three dollars and seventy-nine cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)

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

- b. **Resolution #2018-66. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the ordinance titled "An Ordinance to Amend 'Ordinance 2009-005, Blighted Premises'" as heard at the public hearing held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM in Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked Mr. Beetham for his comments during the Public

Hearing regarding the Ordinance, which was tightened up, and his hopes that the Resolution will be passed. Councilor Rogulski echoed Councilor Jaskiewicz's remarks and responded to concerns regarding the terminology of a "new occupant" in §195-6(B) and ensured them that the Blight Enforcement Officer should be able to clarify the definition. Mayor McDaniel added that he has secured a public citizen to act as the Blight Hearing Officer. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2018-67. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Finance Director to go out to bid for the replacement of the M-32 Fire Truck and return to the Town Council for final approval. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: While in the past, should the item be included in the Capital Plan, the Finance Director was authorized to go out to bid, the Public Safety Commission's new, recently passed Policy for Purchasing Town Fire Apparatus, requires the Town Council's "approval and authorization for the Mayor and/or Finance Director to go out to bid." Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing on an ordinance titled "An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Real Property Located at 916 Route 163" on October 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Pike)
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: A §8-24 Review has been completed. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- e. **Resolution #2018-68. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$14,500.00 (fourteen thousand five hundred dollars) to the BOE Transportation Dept Parking Lot Drainage (10000-29011) from Contingency (10480-52164). (Councilor Pike)
Motion made by Councilor Caron seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, Councilor Pike stated that, while some towns do not require an oil/water separator to be installed, it was requested by the Inland Wetlands Commission so as to protect the Fox Brook Watershed. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

Tim May, 1297 Route 163, questioned the Town's purchase of the property located near Camp Oakdale for \$220,000.00, stating that the Town had considered purchasing the property in previous years. He felt that the purchase price was excessive and may not be included in the Town's Economic Plan of Development. He recalled discussing the property in 2004 when he served on the Planning & Zoning Commission, which had agreed that it would not be in the Town's best interest to purchase the property due to its selling price. He stated that the property is half wetlands and is difficult to access and develop. He also commented on the lack of a §8-24 Review, as required by the State, so that such items as an appraisal and wetlands analysis can be conducted prior to the purchase of the land. In addition, it appeared that neither a Design Agent, the Town Engineer, or the Planning Department were informed of the purchase. If they had, the Town would have been informed that the property's appraised value is \$80,000.00. He felt the Town's taxpayers need to know what the Town plans to do with the property and its associated costs.

Chesterfield Fire Company Deputy Chief Dave Nelson, 50 Holmes Road, thanked the Officers, Members, Chesterfield Fire Company Fire Chief Keith Truex, and the Public Safety Commission for their hard work in getting the purchase of the new Tanker Truck approved. He also thanked the Councilors for establishing the Policy for Purchasing Town Fire Apparatus, which has helped ensure that the four (4) Fire Chiefs meet and work together to determine the Town's equipment needs. The Chesterfield Fire Company, he stated, is "gratefully appreciative" of the Townspeople.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Caron thanked the public for attending this evening's meeting and their comments and the Town Council.

Mayor McDaniel also thanked everyone for attending and sent his prayers to all of those with family members residing in the South; he hopes that everyone is safe.

Councilor Rogers congratulated Montville's 2018-19 Teacher of the Year Nikki Stelik and Montville's 2018-19 Pre-Educator of the Year LeeAnne Bigelow. As stated by the Mayor, he confirmed that he attended the High School event. He also congratulated Troop 93 Scout John Domijan III for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and was proud to serve as the representative of the Town, in the absence of the Mayor. He reminded the public regarding the upcoming Hidden Heroes Breakfast for the caretakers of Veterans on October 13 and encourages all Veterans to also R.S.V.P. for the breakfast.

Councilor Rogulski was confident that a great plan will be developed for the recently purchased property, which he felt was a unique opportunity. He could not express his joy in publicly hearing that the four (4) Fire Companies worked together for the betterment of the Town as the result of the Policy for Purchasing Town Fire Apparatus. He felt the Policy helps to create a more fiscally responsible Town and augment the already great job of the Public Safety workers.

Councilor Pike spoke in response to Mr. May, stating that the Town Planner did feel that the property had many opportunities for development. He added that wetlands are usable and that the purchase price of the land was a bargain. There are very few available and usable lands for sale in the Town and the expansion of Camp Oakdale is on the horizon. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. May for his comments.

Chairman McNally echoed Councilor Pike's remarks, confirming that they did speak with Town Planner Vlaun regarding the property on several occasions. The seller was motivated and discussions regarding the usable areas of the property and the price took place. He felt the land was a great purchase for the Town and the Parks & Recreation Commission is excited to investigate its prospects. Councilor Rogulski agreed.

Mayor McDaniel reminded the Councilors regarding their agreement with the seller that was made for the Town to name and dedicate the land to the family name.

Chairman McNally reminded everyone to say their prayers for the anniversary of 9/11.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville