

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for December 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, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

a. Special Presentation from the Montville Economic Development Commission

On behalf of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and Town Council, EDC Chairman Walter Hewitt and EDC Liaison Councilor Rogers presented Brian Bonner of Bonner Electric with an Excellence Award. As one of the oldest and most reliable electrical contractors in the region, Bonner Electric, with its many contributions and support of local programs and organizations, was thanked for being part of the community and setting an example for other businesses to follow.

Mr. Bonner thanked the Town Council for their support of all of the businesses in Montville; he looks forward to continuing serving the public.

b. Badge Pinning for Firefighter Brandon Dominique

Mayor McDaniel and Fire Marshal Bill Bundy introduced and welcomed Brandon Dominique, their newest firefighter. Firefighter Dominique, who started last week at the Chesterfield Fire Company and is currently in field training, was pinned by his girlfriend.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to take a five (5) minute recess at 7:05 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor McNally resumed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

4. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to make the following amendments to the agenda:

ed. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Youth Advisory Board and the Economic Development Commission.

d1. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint one of the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 30, 2020:

Sheelagh Lapinski

Sierra Davis

Patty DiGiola-Evrett

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Sheelagh Lapinski

Sierra Davis

Patty DiGiola-Evrett

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:

a. The Special Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2018 (Interviews)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2018 (Solid Waste Ordinance)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- c. The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. 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 Youth Advisory Board and Economic Development Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:21 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 – *none*

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the November 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of August 2018
- c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of September 2018
- d. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of October 2018

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *none*

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

A Swearing In Ceremony was held for Kristen Edwards, Montville Police Department's newest member, on November 15. Another Swearing In Ceremony will be held next Monday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. for their newest recruit, Brian Kelly. They are also hoping to arrange for John Nason to attend the Ceremony and present the K-9 plaque he created to celebrate the town's K-9 officers. He, along with Chairman McNally and Councilor Rogers as well as some of their legislative delegation, attended seCTer's (Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region) Annual Breakfast and received some positive news for the town. Despite a small incident, the town held a successful Holiday Parade.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz – *no meeting; no report*
- b. Finance – Councilor Pike – *no meeting; no report*
- c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally
The renovations at the Transfer Station is near completion; the driveway aprons were recently paved and signage will be posted in the coming days. Fifteen to eighteen Transfer Station stickers have been sold, reflecting the success of the new policy, which, hopefully, will help remedy the piggybacking issues at the Transfer Station. The Public Works Department is continuing to work on the plans to transform the Silver Falls Bridge, which has been closed for a number of years, into a pedestrian bridge with a turn-around; some of the work will be conducted by the Public Works Department in an effort to save funds. The contract for the Public Works fuel tanks has been signed and the job is slated to begin in Spring 2019.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

- a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilor Pike reported that eight (8) school buses, which have been purchased with a five-year lease to own, will be delivered to the town. At that time, five buses will be available for sale and the revenue will be returned to the town. The tank removals at the Mohegan and Oakdale Elementary Schools are currently in process. The Mohegan Indians have kindly donated a tank, helping them save some funds.

b. Councilor Pollard: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations

Councilor Pollard reminded everyone that the Senior Center is offering a free Better Health, Mental Health, Program for group and/or one-on-one sessions with a licensed clinician. Please contact the Senior Center for additional details or to schedule an appointment. A \$1.00 per visit donation is kindly requested.

The Homeless Hospitality Center's 2017-18 Report sharing their accomplishments and aspirations was issued. The Center has provided housing assistance for nearly 750 individuals last year and broke ground on an addition, which will allow them to expand their healthcare services. 58% of those they served were with them for less than 30 days, 71% left for housing or a treatment program, and of those who contacted the Center for help, 540 were admitted to the shelter while others were assisted in a variety of ways to meet their basic needs.

c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation

Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

The EDC is currently investigating the possibility of establishing a 501(c)(3) organization for the establishment of an economic development corporation. The Commissioners discussed, voted upon, and approved their proposed 2019-20 budget. They also discussed future Business Recognition Award recipients, their plans for the April 2019 Business Forum, and the creation of a flyer to publicize the town and its offerings.

The Parks & Recreation Commission's Dog Park Committee plans purchase of agility equipment and signage with their remaining funds. The Commission will be holding their election for officers in January.

The Public Safety Commission will be conducting their bi-annual review of their policies and procedures.

The WPCA is expecting to review the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the emergency work contract this week. The new Superintendent attended a meeting regarding the proposed construction of a new 87-unit residential complex on Maple Avenue. Operator Tom Street and Senior Laboratory Operator Kirk Washington have retired and Commission Chairman Gary Murphy and Member Robert Thorn have elected not to be re-appointed to the Authority.

In response to Councilor Caron, Councilor Rogers stated that work is being conducted on the pressure reducing valve on Route 32, near Jerome Avenue.

d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board

The Youth Services Bureau will be collecting \$5.00 gift cards for their Stocking Drive until December 12; the Stockings will be distributed to teenagers. Ugly Sweater Holiday Social will be held on Friday, December 21 and a Christmas movie will be shown from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.; donations and/or non-perishable food items are requested.

e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services

Councilor Caron expressed his appreciation to the Mohegan Tribe for their donation of over \$7,000.00 worth of turkeys and thanked the senior volunteers for packaging boxes of food for those residents who are less fortunate. Social and Senior Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck and the senior volunteers are in the process of seeking toy donations for children as well as food items. A very successful Fill-A-Cruiser event was held. He thanked everyone for their support.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Brian Quinn from the Economic Development Commission, effective November 19, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion:
Councilor Rogers expressed his regrets. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Christopher DiNoto from the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Rogers expressed his regrets. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Philip Houk from the Inland Wetlands Commission, effective January 1, 2019.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz expressed his regrets. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Youth Advisory Board and the Economic Development Commission.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- d1. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint one of the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 30, 2020:
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| Sheelagh Lapinski | Sierra Davis | Patty DiGioia-Evrett |
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- Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to nominate Sheelagh Lapinski.
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to nominate Patty DiGiola-Evrett.
Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 4-3, in favor of Patty DiGioia -Evrett. Voting in Favor of Sheelagh Lapinski: Councilors Caron, Pollard, and Rogers. Voting in Favor of Patty DiGiola-Evrett: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogulski, and McNally. Patty DiGioia -Evrett was appointed as a member of the Housing Authority.
- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint one of the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 30, 2022:
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| Sheelagh Lapinski | Sierra Davis | Patty DiGioia -Evrett |
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- Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron, to nominate and appoint Sierra Davis. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Sierra Davis was appointed as a member of the Housing Authority.
- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint one of the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on December 10, 2020:
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| Sheelagh Lapinski | Sierra Davis | Shirley Ellis |
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- Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron, to nominate Sheelagh Lapinski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Sheelagh Lapinski was appointed as a member of the Youth Advisory Board.
- g. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Sheelagh Lapinski to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on February 12, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- h. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Daniel R. Dunn to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on December 22, 2020.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- i. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Sandra Berardy to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on February 9, 2023.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2018-87. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$919.82 (nine hundred nineteen dollars and eighty-two cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)

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

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint a liaison to the Conservation Commission. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to nominate and appoint Chairman McNally. Discussion: Chairman McNally reported that the Commission met last week for the first time in eight (8) years. In addition, Mayor McDaniel reported that he will be meeting with the Avalonia Land Conservancy regarding the purchase of property. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried. Chairman McNally was appointed as the liaison to the Conservation Commission.

- c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the 2017 holiday bonuses for Town employees (Councilor McNally):

Non-Union Employees

INDIVIDUAL

MALCHIODI	CONSTANCE	INDV	08/01/2011	140.00
MCFEE	DANA	REGISTRARS	11/01/2015	50.00
HART	THERESA	INDV	04/14/2008	200.00
McDANIEL	RONALD	ELCT	11/14/2011	140.00

PART TIME OVER 780 HRS

PISZ	ROBERT	PT	1058.00	50.00
ZETTEGREN	ANDREW	PT	842.00	50.00
GIESING	DAVID	PT	971.00	50.00
MARY	WOLF	PT	831.00	50.00
BRENDAN	ROTHOLZ	PT	795.00	50.00

RECORDING CLERKS

MIYUKI	AGNES	PT		50.00
GATHERS	GLORIA	PT		50.00
SPANG	SUSAN	PT		50.00

TOTAL 930.00

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron to amend the resolution to read:

Resolution #2018-88. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the **2018** holiday bonuses for Town employees (Councilor McNally):

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: The pre-tax bonuses for Ronald McDaniel, Constance Malchiodi, and Theresa Hart have increased, in accordance to their years of service and in alignment with that of the union employees. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

Tony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, clarified that the terms of the two members of the WPCA who are not seeking re-appointment will be expiring in January and should be attending their next regularly scheduled meeting.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Caron wished everyone a nice and Happy Holidays and very Happy New Year. He is expecting announce some exciting news from the Senior Center in the very near future. He also thanked the Public Works and Town employees for attending the tonight's meeting and for all they do for the town and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Jaskiewicz wished everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and Happy New Year and looks forward to continuing to work together with his fellow Councilors.

Mayor McDaniel reported on and encouraged everyone to watch the recent big story on the *Today Show* with Hidden Heroes Campaign Chair Tom Hanks. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and the like and to be safe and well.

Councilor Rogers commended and thanked the Montville Police Department and Youth Services on a fantastic job hosting the Stuff-A-Cruiser event, especially those key people and families who contributed their time and energy; they are a true testament to the town. In addition, he thanked Interim Superintendent Laurie Pallin, the Board of Education, and the key people who worked hard during the recent Stuff-A-Bus campaign. He also extended his gratitude to the Parks & Recreation and the Public Works Departments and Parks & Recreation Commission for hosting a successful Holiday Parade. He also thanked the Police Department for their support and keeping the community safe during the Parade. He commended John MacNeil for the installation of the Town Hall holiday lights and Bonner Electric for the electrical modifications for the Town Hall Christmas Tree lights. He wished his colleagues a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and acknowledged their accomplishments. He also wished the public a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and thanked them for their support.

Chairman McNally thanked the Minutes Clerk, who has served her last meeting this evening, for her work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Pike commented on a very good and productive first year during which they have made many accomplishments for which he is pleased. He encouraged everyone to bring their thoughts to their attention and expressed his pleasure and honor in serving the Town of Montville. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe Holiday.

Councilor Pollard concurred with her colleague's comments and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and electing her to represent them. She wished everyone, including their family and friends and her colleagues, a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, and the like.

Councilor Rogulski echoed Councilor Jaskiewicz' comments regarding working together and believes that positive outcomes can be had through respectful conversation. He thanked the Parks & Recreation Department and the local businesses who participated in the Holiday Parade as well as the volunteer Fire Police Officers for their hard work. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

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