

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for November 14, 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
Chairman McNally invited the Cub Scout Pack 60 Webelos to lead them in the 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 (EDC)
On behalf of the Town Council and EDC, EDC Chairman Walter Hewitt and Town Council Liaison Rogers presented an Excellence Award to Drs. Regina and Mitchel Strand of *TotalVision* in Uncasville in recognition for their excellence in eyecare for the last 11 years and for their entrepreneurship, business contribution, and community support.

Dr. Mitchel Strand thanked everyone for the recognition, stating that it is a pleasure being both a resident and business owner in Montville and providing a service to those whom they consider as part of their extended family.
5. Alterations to Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to amend the following item on the Agenda:
 - h. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages for part-time firefighters *and dispatchers* by 2%, non-retroactive, effective July 1, 2019.
(Councilor McNally)

Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the item also included the part-time dispatchers when it was originally introduced to the Town Council. 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 October 10, 2018 (Interviews)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018 (Conveyance of Property)
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 October 10, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Special Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2018 (Year-End Transfers, Transfer Station Regulations)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session – *none*
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Howard R. Beetham, Jr., 60 Riverview Road, spoke with regards to item 16(d) regarding the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations and the proposed fee increases at Transfer Station. He questioned the reasoning behind the increase and felt it was shameful to increase the

fees when, in June 2016, the Town's budget reflects an Unassigned Fund Balance, i.e., Rainy Day Fund, of \$8,978,653.00. He also spoke in support of items 16(f) and (g), stating that, for the past 30 years, the Town Hall offices were closed at 1:00 p.m. and the employees were given time off to prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. He wished the Councilors a good holiday.

Kristin Forde, 559 Raymond Hill Road, spoke with regards to item 16(c), questioning whether the fines included in the "Ordinance Concerning Solid Waste" are based on State Statute as she felt that they should be increased to ensure that people follow the rules. She expressed her appreciation to the Town Council for all of their efforts.

Peter Coombs, 21 Chapel Hill Road, questioned whether the eight bags per week limit can be accumulated such that if one misses a week, he/she can dispose of 16 bags the following week. He also felt that the proposed fee increases were high and suggested spreading the increases over five-year increments. Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr., stated that, because the Transfer Station does not yet have the capabilities to monitor who enters the Transfer Station and how much garbage each household is disposing of at any given time, residents would not be able to make up for the previous week(s).

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the October 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of September 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

Mayor McDaniel attended three recent Breakfast events – Hidden Heroes Breakfast, Youth Services Pancake Breakfast, and the Veterans Breakfast – and the Grand Re-Opening of McDonald's. He invited the Councilors to attend the Swearing In Ceremony on Thursday, November 15, at 9:00 a.m. in Town Council Chambers for the Town's newest member to the Montville Police Department, Kirsten Edwards. The paving and fencing at the Montville Police Department's impound lot is complete. The railroad bridge located at Point Breeze was repaired in one day; no complaints were received. The Meetinghouse Lane paving project has been re-scheduled for the Spring due to inclement weather; the same pricing will be held and a minimal amount will be deducted due to the raising of the catch basins. Bridge Street is scheduled for paving next week. He has been ensured by Public Works Director Bourdeau that the Town is prepared for this evening's predicted storm.

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 – *no report; see Agenda items*

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

- a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission
The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the site plan for the construction of storage units on Gallivan Lane as well as the renewal of a site plan permit for *Holly Lombardi Land Holdings, LLC*, a rock crushing operation.
- b. Councilor Pollard: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations
The Commission on Aging held a very productive meeting and is working on ways to ensure that the State is making every effort to assure the safety of those receiving home health care. After discussing the issues with Senator Paul Formica and reviewing the State Statutes related to home health care, the Commission felt that the State did not require enough accountability and is planning to meet with one of the businesses to discuss the State's registration, monitoring, and employment process. They also plan to invite Senator Cathy Osten to discuss their strategy at the State level to institute legislation to improve the

process. The Seniors are busy preparing the Holiday Baskets and Senior & Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck is currently working on providing energy assistance; Medicare, Part D; Open Enrollment for seniors, and; supplemental assistance. She invited everyone to visit the Center and donate food and/or household goods.

- c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

The Parks & Recreation Commission's 2019 Carnival Subcommittee held their first meeting. A budget line item was established and \$15,000.00 was transferred from their Special Revenue account to fund the line. The Commission hired *Inclined to Design*, a Graphic Design & Creative Marketing firm, to assist them in advertising and increasing their social media presence. They also approved the Tyler Quidgeon Memorial, which will be located at Camp Oakdale and funded by the Montville Youth Football League. Adult Volleyball, which is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., has begun; the Holiday Parade will be held on Sunday, December 2, 5:00 p.m., and the deadline to submit an entry into the Holiday Light Contest is Tuesday, December 11.

The Public Safety Committee interviewed 23 candidates for the Montville Police Department to fill six available positions. Councilor Rogers encouraged everyone to attend the Swearing In Ceremony tomorrow morning, as announced by the Mayor. Councilor Rogers congratulated Mohegan Fire Department's newly elected Chief Corey Gaetano. The Commission voted to obtain a cost estimate for the construction of a new Animal Control Facility.

The WPCA's new Superintendent Derek Albertson introduced himself and provided his reports to the Commission at their recent meeting. Two long-time employees have submitted their resignations, creating openings for an Operator I and Operator III positions. They will be working with the CCOG (CT Council of Governments) to update of the Regional Wastewater Study. The WPCA is currently working on creating the specifications for a bid package for contractors for emergency work.

- d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
Approximately \$1,200.00 was raised at Youth Services' recent Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Youth Action Council is collaborating with Project Thirst to raise approximately \$12,000.00 for the construction of a well in Swaziland, Africa. In an effort to raise the funds, the choir will be providing a performance of a Swaziland song tomorrow, November 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium for a voluntary donation. The Council will also be providing a presentation at the December Board of Education meeting.

- e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services
Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck and her volunteers have been busy creating the holiday baskets and coordinating the distribution of 350 turkeys as well as preparing for the Christmas Food Program, which includes the Montville Police Department's Annual Stuff-It Cruiser Food Drive in conjunction with the local Fire Departments and Schools. Any additional help in the form of time, funding, and/or non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Funding is also being sought for the Town's Veterans in Need, which recently provided heat and rental assistance to two veterans, and Hidden Heroes Programs.
Chairman McNally expressed his appreciation of and commended the Senior Center's Craft Group for decorating and reviving the wreaths.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Timothy Shanahan to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on December 14, 2020.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Karen Perkins to the Public Safety Commission with a term to expire on January 9, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Matthew Emilyta to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on November 13, 2020.
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Matthew Emilyta to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on November 13, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Robert Macher from the Housing Authority, 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.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2018-77. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$3,634.24 (three thousand six hundred thirty-four and twenty-four cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. 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 introduce and set the date for a public hearing regarding on an ordinance titled “Noise Control Ordinance” on Wednesday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor Rogers felt that the Ordinance was a moot point, as a State Statute, providing the State Police with the authority to enforce noise complaints and overruling any local ordinance, is in place. Establishing an additional ordinance, he felt, would be an example of over-legislation. Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the Ordinance was sent to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), who has verified that there is no conflict. He added that most towns have a noise ordinance in place and felt that the people should be provided the opportunity to voice their opinion on the matter. Roll Call vote, 2-4-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Pike, Pollard, Rogers, and McNally. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Rogulski. Motion failed.
- c. **Resolution #2018-78. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the ordinance titled “An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance O-E-3 “Ordinance Concerning Solid Waste”” as heard at the public hearing held on November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. 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.

- d. **Resolution #2018-79. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to amend the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations, as recommended by the Public Works/Solid Waste Subcommittee. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated that a notice has been posted at the Transfer Station for the last two weeks and, having considered the issues that were raised by the public, the Subcommittee agreed to reduce the fee increase by 33% for those who are 60 and over. Councilor Caron stated that the Councilors held a lengthy and lively discussion on the matter and understands and concurs with the public's concerns regarding the fee increases. Chairman McNally stated that the fees could be reviewed and amendments may be made to the Regulation in the future. Roll Call vote, 5-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron and Jaskiewicz. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2018-80. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the 2018 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Grant for the Town of Montville and further, to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for same. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Upon acceptance, the Town will receive the annual grant, which is in the amount \$55,000.00 this year. 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.

- f. **Resolution #2018-81. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices 2 hours early on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday for non-essential personnel and to award 2 hours paid time off for Essential Personnel who must remain on the job to be used by April 1, 2019. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated that the Resolution is similar to that of the previous year. Councilor Caron, who is not opposed to the Resolution, suggested reviewing the matter from a budgetary viewpoint and requested that the funds spent on overtime pay for the essential personnel due to the time off be determined. Chairman McNally estimates that the time off results in the expenditure of approximately \$1,500.00 in overtime pay. Councilor Rogulski proposed investigating the matter and determining the exact cost for the near future. 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.

- g. **Resolution #2018-82. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices 2 hours early on Friday, December 21, 2018 in Observance of the Christmas Holiday for non-essential personnel and to award 2 hours paid time off for Essential Personnel who must remain on the job to be used by April 1, 2019. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz questioned the closure, which occurs four days prior to the actual holiday. Roll Call vote, 5-2, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron and Jaskiewicz. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2018-83. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages for part-time firefighters and dispatchers by 2%, non-retroactive, effective July 1, 2019. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated that the request derived from the Public Safety Commission, who noticed that the increase had been overlooked for the past two to three years. 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.

- i. **Resolution #2018-84. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$6,000 to Contribution to Capital (10960-54131) from Contingency (10480-52164) for the Oakdale tanker truck. (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated that the funds would be utilized for the purchase of a radio to be installed in the new fire truck. Councilor Pike added that it is hoped that funds received from the sale of their current fire truck will offset the costs. In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, Councilor Pike stated that the transfer was not discussed by the Finance Committee as the Finance Director did not feel a meeting would be necessary, due to the timing of the issue. 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.
- j. **Resolution #2018-85. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$19,000 to Police Car Replacement (10960-54006) from Contingency (10480-52164) for the purchase of a police vehicle. (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: Public Works Director Donald Bourdeau, Jr., stated that one of the Town's police vehicles was involved in an accident, totaling the vehicle. The new vehicle being proposed for purchase costs \$30,000.00 and the transfer of the equipment from the old vehicle to the new vehicle will be covered by the insurance company. Two other vehicles were involved in the accident and no injuries were reported. 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.
- k. **Resolution #2018-86. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the public works director to spend up to \$5,500 for the purchase and installation of Christmas lights for the Town Hall Building from (10910-53104) Town Hall maintenance. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Councilor Rogers stated that, in an effort to make the holiday season nicer, the Parks & Recreation Commission is requesting funding for the purchase and installation of permanent holiday lights on the Town Hall building. Mayor McDaniel expressed his dismay with the item, stating that there is a process in place and funding should have been budgeted ahead of time. He questioned the previously approved expenditure of \$5,000.00 for seasonal decorations, \$3,000.00 for candy canes, and, now, the \$5,500.00 being proposed for lighting at a time when the fees for the Transfer Station has just been raised by approximately 45% . As such, he approached the Mohegan Tribe, who has kindly agreed to donate the funds for the lighting. He respectfully requested that the process be followed in the future. He also clarified that contacting the Public Works Director and giving him direction is not under the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Councilor Jaskiewicz questioned why the item was not introduced and discussed by the Finance Committee. Councilor Pike clarified that the fees to the Transfer Station are being raised by 22.2% or 0.03¢/day, not 45%. Roll Call vote, 6-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Pike. Resolution passed.
- l. To Consider and Act on a Motion to go out to bid for a Town Attorney to handle the labor issues for the Town of Montville. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz felt that the process was not followed correctly, stating that the item was introduced in August when the item was discussed and, subsequently, tabled and not returned to future agendas. Most recently, an email was sent regarding an opinion that was received by a third-party attorney, which led him to question their authority to expend funds to hire and obtain an opinion from an outside attorney. The expenditure of those funds, he felt, should have been introduced, discussed, and approved by the Town Council. Councilor Rogers recalled that the Mayor agreed to abide by an opinion obtained by an outside

attorney and cited Section 1.401 – Town Attorney of the Town Charter, which states that the Town Attorney is responsible to represent the Town of Montville for “all actions, suits or proceedings” and that the firm “shall be the legal advisor to all town officers, boards, commissions or agencies in *all matters affecting the town*” and the firm “shall prepare or approve forms of contracts or other instruments to which the town is a party or in which it has an interest.” In addition, he cited Section 1.901, which states that “The mayor shall negotiate all such collective bargaining agreements on behalf of the town, and shall employ a professional labor negotiator to provide assistance.” He reiterated that, while the Mayor may negotiate all collective bargaining agreements on behalf of the town and hire his/her own negotiator, any final decisions must go through the Town Attorney, per the Town Charter. In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, Chairman McNally felt that the written opinion of the outside Attorney was referred and agreed to by the Town Attorney. He concurred with Councilor Rogers regarding the Mayor being agreeable to abide by the opinion of a third-party law firm and, as the Town Charter indicates, that the Town Attorney is the legal advisor in “all matters affecting the town”. Based on his understanding, Councilor Caron stated that when the Town Council sent the hiring of an Attorney out to bid, the RFQ (Request for Quote) and subsequent contract did not include labor. As such, he proposed sending the item out to bid. Mayor McDaniel confirmed the statement that he would abide by a third-party opinion and, upon receipt of the notice, transferred all of the files to the Town Attorney. He also stated that the RFQ refers to general counsel and does not specifically include labor and, as such, proposed sending an inquiry to the attorney for clarification. Roll Call vote, 2-5. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Motion failed.

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

Howard R. Beetham, Jr., 60 Riverview Road, commented on item 16(l), stating that the law firm selected by the Town Council for general counsel may not have an attorney specializing in labor issues on staff. He felt that the Chairman, in an effort to expedite matters, is not following the procedures that are in place to ensure and protect the Town and warned him against the possibility of “getting burned” as the result. He questioned and doubted whether the Town conducted an investigation of neighboring/comparable towns during their discussions to determine the fees and fines at the Transfer Station. He suggested contacting the Norwich Department of Public Utilities regarding their payment in lieu of taxes program in which 0.10¢ of each dollar is paid to the City of Norwich and proposed instituting a similar program in the Town of Montville with the WPCA; the Housing Authority, he added, has been providing payment in lieu of taxes for the past 25 to 30 years. He thanked the Councilors and wished them Happy Holidays.

Kristin Forde, 559 Raymond Hill Road, commented on the high contention of this evening’s meeting and commented on the party aligned votes. She expressed her appreciation of the Councilors and their candor and felt that a bipartisanship would be good for the Town. Voting as an informed voter, rather than along party lines, she encouraged the public to begin/ continue attending their meetings and listening to the Councilors and their discussions. She reacted positively to their heated discussions, which, to her, reflects their caring of the issues at hand and the Town as a whole. She thanked the Councilors for all of their efforts and encouraged them to be humble, kind, and continue their efforts.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Caron wished to add to his report that Social & Senior Services Director Doherty-Peck will also be providing 350 food baskets and delivering over 100 hot cooked meals. In response to Mr. Beetham, he commended the WPCA but agreed that the WPCA, who has approximately \$11 million in their account, should either be returning funds back to the Town, if possible, or cutting their rates. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that he is not necessarily against the issue(s) being introduced, but felt that the process should be followed and the items should be introduced and discussed as procedure dictates. He wished his colleagues a nice Thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor McDaniel expressed his appreciation to Dick and Kathy Spero for their \$250.00 donation to the food pantry. He responded to Ms. Forde regarding the Transfer Station fines, stating that \$90.00 is the maximum fine amount, as determined by State Statute. A legal opinion was previously received stating that the WPCA is allowed to have the amount of funds in their account and that the funds cannot be returned to the Town. He also added that their rates were cut approximately two years ago. Once the Wastewater Study is completed, they will be able to determine any future upgrades, expansions, and expenses needed at the Plant. He distributed the "Recommendations of the SCCOG (Southeastern CT Council of Governments) Task Force to Analyze the Municipal Tax Impact of Non-Profit Agencies" regarding the possibility of collecting funds from tax exempt non-profit agencies. The report, which states that 18.7% of the property located in the Town of Montville is tax exempt, will be one of SCCOG's legislative priorities and will be presented to the delegation at their Legislative Coffee Meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Rogers informed Ms. Forde that, should a State Police Officer witness an individual(s) littering, the fine, per State Statute, is \$400.00. He expressed his appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments and Fire Police for providing support at the recent Trick or Trunk event, adding that the service they provide to the public is invaluable and much appreciated. He also reiterated the Mayor's appreciation to the Spero's for their donation and commented on their successful grand re-opening event; he is pleased to see businesses reinvesting in the Town. The Rotary will be helping Social & Senior Services Director Doherty-Peck with the distribution of the meals. He wished everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked them for their support.

Councilor Rogulski wished to publicly thank Senator Paul Formica for handling a recent issue involving one of the Town's residents. He also thanked the Mayor for the successful receipt of a donation from the Mohegan Tribe to fund the holiday lights and agreed that the Councilors should take better heed of the budget process. While he understands Mr. Beetham's concerns regarding the Town's \$8 million Unassigned Fund Balance, he stated that the amount is in line with auditing best practices, which states the necessity of having such funds in their account should any unforeseen circumstances occur. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Pollard thanked everyone for attending their meeting and expressed her wish for more people to attend and voice their opinion(s) at their meetings. The Transfer Station fees can be reviewed again in the future. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Pike commended the Public Works Director and his staff for making every effort to recycle recyclable items at the Transfer Station. As elected, the Councilors are making the tough decisions. He thanked the Oakdale Fire Company for their efforts in the purchasing of the new fire truck and is looking forward to its arrival. He thanked everyone for attending and speaking at the meeting and providing their feedback. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman McNally reminded the public that the Oakdale Fire House will be hosting a Senior Luncheon, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this Sunday, November 18. They will also be hosting their annual Breakfast with Santa on December 2, followed later in the day by the Holiday Parade. He commended the Public Works Director on doing a great job compiling information regarding the fees and offerings of various towns, which, even with the increase, is still less than those of comparable towns for the offerings they provide to the residents. He also commended the Transfer Station employees for their hard work and thanked everyone, especially the Councilors, for their patience throughout the year as he adjusts to his position as Chairman. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 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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