

**Town of Montville Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

1. Call to Order Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call Present were Councilors Caron, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski and Chairman McNally. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel. Councilor Jaskiewicz was absent.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations –
  - a. Chairman Hewitt and Liaison Councilor Rogers presented Rich Veterano, Owner of Veterano Pizza with the award. He was thanked for his excellent service to the Town and thanked for the example he sets for other businesses in the Town.
  - b. Officer Robin Salvatore was presented with an award by Mayor Ron McDaniel. He noted the many services she provided to the Town over her 28+ year career.  
Office Salvatore was also presented with an award by Kathleen McCarty and Mike France, Kevin Ryan and Paul Formica.  
Chairman McNally also presented Officer Salvatore with an award from the CT General Assembly.  
All congratulated and wished Office Salvatore a long, healthy and happy retirement.  
Councilor McNally then announced a 15 minute break for those in attendance to celebrate Officer Salvatore's retirement.
5. Alterations to the Agenda -
  - a. Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Pollard to remove Item 16.e. from the Agenda regarding the Resolution concerning the part-time firefighter job description. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0; all in favor. Motion Carried.
6. Regular Meeting Minutes –
  - a. Motion made by Councilor Rogulski and seconded by Councilor Pollard to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0; all in favor. Motion Carried.
7. Executive Session –
  - a. Entered Executive Session from 7:28pm to 7:47pm to interview candidates for appointment to the Farmers Market Commission, the Economic Development Commission and the Board of Assessment Appeals. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
8. Remarks from the Public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
  - a. Gary Murphy, 55F Laurel Point Drive, Oakdale, CT – spoke in opposition to Item 16.e. Councilor McNally made note that Item 16.e. was removed from the Agenda as Council members agreed that more information was needed before establishing a Resolution.
  - b. Mike Butterworth, 128 Connecticut Boulevard, Oakdale, CT – spoke relative to the road improvements and discussed his concerns about the road in Montville Manor, flooding, etc.
9. Communications –
  - a. Copy of the March, 2019 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director.
  - b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage dated March 14, 2019.
  - c. Copy of the legal bill from Suisman Shapiro dated March 31, 2019.
  - d. Copy of State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Commitment to Fund letter dated March 22, 2019.
10. Report from Town Attorney on Matters Referred – None
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred –
  - a. Mayor Remarks:

Mayor McDaniel stated he received numerous emails regarding the part-time firefighter position and reiterated the concern to get more information before establishing a Resolution.

He also talked about an abandoned Mohegan Hill property that would be coming down due to environmental issues and that work would start early next week.

He noted that a pre-con meeting is scheduled with Eversource on Monday to discuss the 6" gas line in the area of Fitch Hill/Raymond Hill Road and Routes 82/32.

In addition, he noted that the Finance Director issued \$2.5 mil. in bonds for road projects at 1.97% interest.

- b. Councilor Caron reminded everyone about the Stop & Shop Food Drive for Social Services.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
    - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – no report as Councilor Jaskiewicz was not present.
    - b. Finance – Councilor Pike – stated the Commission was looking forward to seeing the Mayor's budget.
    - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally – no meeting due to lack of quorum.
  13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors –
    - a. Councilor Pike: **Board of Education** – Superintendent's proposed budget was lowered due to three teachers' retirements. **Planning & Zoning** – Road improvement plans were discussed including the addition of sidewalks and the possible sale of a building on Route 163. The solar farm was again denied due to erosion/drainage issues.
    - b. Councilor Pollard: **Non-Profit** – a community event is scheduled for 4/28/19 (Homeless Hospitality Center) from 1-3pm; **Commission on Aging** – more discussion about Bill 5063 regarding background checks for individuals caring for elderly; best practices for transportation for elder/disabled.
    - c. Councilor Rogers **Economic Development Commission** – there will be a Small Business forum on 9/24/19 at MHS; **Parks & Recreation Commission** – Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for 4/13/19 at Camp Oakdale; Mother's Day event on 5/4/19 from 10-12 at Community Center. **Public Safety Commission** - on 5/4/19 there will be a CHIP ID event; Commission discussed the upcoming Montville Fair. There was more discussion concerning a portable Intoxilyer to assist officers with DUI surveillance/checks. **Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)** – discussed procedures and expenditures (RFD septic tank; pump truck); fuel cell.
    - d. Councilor Rogulski: **Library Committee** – no meeting; **Youth Services Bureau** – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting – blood drive to be scheduled; summer center has 35 spots available. **Advisory Board** – discussed police car colors and the reappointment of commission members without the need for interviews; reappointments would just be made with recommendation from commission chairs.
    - e. Councilor McNally: **Conservation Commission** – a lot of discussion concerning the clean-up of the Conservation Center; Montville Rotary President attended meeting and offered the Rotary's assistance as did an Eagle Scout who also offered assistance. **Farmer's Market** – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting scheduled for 4/10/19.
    - f. Councilor Caron: **Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund/Social Services**- Social Services held fund raiser and received 25 cases of food; a food drive at Stop & Shop is scheduled for the weekend; Easter baskets are being worked on by Montville girls soccer; a grant is being worked on for Veterans in Need; will be looking for some help with fundraising from the Mohegan Tribe; a Prom Brunch at Oakdale Fire Department is scheduled for 4/18.
  14. Appointments and Resignations
    - a. Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Rogulski to Waive the Waiting Period for Appointments; Rule 14c of the Town Council Rules and Procedures. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
    - b. Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Rogulski to

- appoint Kelly Orbe to the Famer’s Market Commission with a term to expire on 4/8/22. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
- c. Motion made by Councilor Rogulski and seconded by Councilor Pollard to appoint Mike Orbe to the Farmer’s Market Commission with a term to expire on 4/8/22. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - d. Motion made by Councilor Rogulski and seconded by Councilor Rogers to appoint Heather Harris to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on 4/9/22. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - e. Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Rogulski to appoint Joan Paskewich, as an alternate, to the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire on 11/11/19. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - f. Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Rogulski to appoint Sean Furlow, as an alternate, to the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire on 11/11/19. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
15. Unfinished Business – None
16. New Business –
- a. **Resolution #2019-20. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$17,896.94 (Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally) Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None; Roll Call Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - b. **Resolution #2019-21. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ronald McDaniel be and hereby is authorized execute the Commitment to Fund Letter for the Community Connectivity Grant Program from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (Project No. 0170-3513) for Route 32/163 Intersection Improvements and any and all related documents thereto. (Mayor McDaniel) Motion made by Councilor Caron and seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None; Roll Call Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - c. **Resolution #2019-22. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to receive the Mayor’s proposed budget for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. (Councilor Pike) Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: None; Roll Call Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - d. **Resolution #2019-23. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to Consider and Act on a Motion to accept and approve the Town Road improvement plan as adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission (Councilor McNally) Motion made by Councilor Rogulski and seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: None; Roll Call Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
  - e. **Resolution #2019-24. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Real Property located At 15 Benway Court” as heard at the Public Hearing held on April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Pike) Motion made by Councilor Caron and seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None; Roll Call Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit -
- a. John Brickey, Montville, CT – curious if Montville Police Officers are all constables as some referred to as constables. Councilor McNally responded that the Council does not provide answer but takes note of public comments.
18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor –
- a. Councilor Caron thanked the public for attending the meeting and urged councilors and the public to write letters to legislators regarding the Pequot Fund noting our Town’s impact

- b. Mayor McDaniel said the disbursement of monies from the Pequot Fund is formula driven and carved out and that we need to keep the pressure on.
  - c. Councilor Rogers echoed the Mayor's comments; stated the Rotary is hosting a trivia night on 4/26/19; and said Happy Easter
  - d. Councilor McNally once again congratulated Officer Salvatore; congratulated the Montville Police Department for their excellent job in seizing 200 bags of heroin; and thanked the volunteer firefighters for their service.
  - e. Councilor Pike reminded everyone that the Board of Education is 2/3 of the town's budget and that it's doing the best it can to keep costs down while maintaining its record as one of the very best towns.
  - f. All Councilors said Happy Easter and thanked the public for attending meeting.
19. Adjournment 8:37pm