

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order – Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
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: Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

- a. Special Presentation from the Montville Economic Development Commission given to Debbie Allen Caron, Owner of Shear Timing. Mrs. Caron thanked the Town Councilor, her employees, her family and her husband. The EDC called Shear Timing a Town of Montville benchmark and thanked Mrs. Caron for her continued service to the residents of Montville and for setting an excellent example for other town businesses.

At 7:02pm, Chairman McNally announced a five minute break to allow for Shear Timing pictures.

At 7:05pm, Chairman McNally recalled the meeting to order.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

- a. Chairman McNally requested the addition of approval of the Public Hearing minutes of April 8, 2019.
- b. Councilor Rogers requested that the wording on Item 16.g. be amended to include that the in-kind services are in the amount of \$5,320 at the request of Director Bushway.
- c. Councilor Jaskiewicz added that Deborah Schober (applicant for reappointment to the Uncas District) be interviewed publically at her request.

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

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019 – Motion made by Councilor Caron and seconded by Councilor Rogulski to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.
- b. Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Pike to amend the wording of Item 16.g. to include \$5,320. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.
- c. Motion made by Councilor Caron and seconded by Councilor Pollard to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.
- d. Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz and seconded by Councilor Caron to approve the GG Budget Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2019. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.
- e. Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz and seconded by Councilor Rogulski to approve the BOE Budget Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2019. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

7. Executive Session

- a. Deborah Schober interviewed publically – Ms. Schober stated that she is and is employed as a registered sanitarian and understands that importance of such a role. She stated that she enjoyed serving as a member and felt she was an asset to the commission. Ms. Schober asked if she could receive a letter explaining the rejection if she were not reappointed. The Councilor agreed and several members advised they did not foresee a rejection and that, in fact, she has been an asset and done a good job as a member and that the Town was lucky to have her.

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for appointment to the Public Safety Commission and for reappointment to the SCWA, EDC and Conservation Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Executive Session commenced at 7:10pm; Chairman McNally recalled the meeting At 7:32pm and stated that no votes were taken.

8. Remarks from the Public related to Matters on the Agenda with a three-minute limit.
 - a. Matt Sears, 99 Cottonwood Lane – spoke in opposition of the Board of Education budget cut. He stated his child is one who did not go on field trips in elementary school and that, although he was able to take her on day trips, the same is not available to all children in town and they are missing out on educational opportunities. He stated he felt our school technology was out of date and that with federal aid dwindling, the Town needs to fix this among other things to ensure our children are prepared for college and the workforce. He said he felt the Town needed to “find the money” the BOE needs to continue to provide a good education and to keep the great educators we have.
 - b. Colleen Rix, 74 Roseland Hill Road – she thanked Councilor Pike and the Finance Committee as well as the Finance Director and the Council for their hard work on the budget. She stated that, although she was disappointed with the BOE budget cut, she understood the reasons for it and felt the Finance Committee had done a good job.
 - c. Ms. Johnson, 43 Spruce Lane – she spoke in opposition of the BOE budget cut and mimicked the comments made by Mr. Sears. She specifically stated she felt the quarter of a million dollar cut was way too much and didn’t know how the BOE could work within it.
 - d. Ms. Lori Pallin – Superintendent addressed the Town Council stating that the BOE would not be able to work within the budget without cutting more programs, reducing staff and increasing class sizes. She provided the results of a BOE survey advising that 18% of self-identified non-parents were willing to pay more taxes for education.
At the conclusion of Superintendent Pallin’s speech, Councilor Rogers asked how many people the survey was sent to and asked how many children were enrolled in Montville Schools. Ms. Pallin advised there was approximately 200 responses and that there were approximately 2,000 students. Councilor Rogers noted that meant less than 10% of parents replied to the survey.

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the April, 2019 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director.
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage dated April 16, 2019.
- c. Copy of the legal bill from Suisman Shapiro dated April 23, 2019.

Councilor Rogers asked the Mayor about the Suisman Shapiro bill that included billed time for “review and revise of the WPCA Administrative position.” The Mayor advised he was not in negotiations with Suisman Shapiro regarding that matter but that there were negotiations with the WPCA regarding how to divvy up the administrator duties between the Superintendent and the accountant.

- d. An email was received from Karen Dunal requesting reinstatement of the original BOE budget.
- e. A thank you was received from Flo Turner for the get well card sent to her by the Town.

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. The Mayor had no comment other than items already on the agenda and the Suisman, Shapiro legal bill

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure: Councilor Jaskiewicz – still working on issues referred by the Mayor (personnel matter; wage increase)
- b. Finance: Councilor Pike – worked on BOE budget request reductions; reminded everyone that the Finance Committee does not cut the budget.
- c. Public Works: Councilor McNally – new sidewalks in front of old Town Hall; Silver Falls Bridge almost finished as a walking bridge; also working on a few things with paving and ADA Doors at Town Hall.
Councilor Caron requested that Social Services bathroom be put on next Public

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

- a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education - BOE hired Assistant Superintendent with excellent credentials (Principal of the Year; Administrator of the Year). BOE agreed to have policies and procedures reviewed (\$10,000 cost over 2-3 years) and then updated annually (\$800 cost). Planning & Zoning Commission - Planning & Zoning – individual came to P&Z with a plan to provide data storage (clean up approx. 64 acres in Massapeag Rd area.; clean up would include tearing down blight homes in the area. Another individual requested permit to add 33'x40' master bedroom. Lastly, issue re: property on Montville/Salem line determined to be Montville property.
- b. Councilor Pollard: Commission on Aging – safety grants submitted and presentations will be in June. Non-Profit Organizations – no meeting
- c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission – Small Business Program (small business support & help for those wishing to start a business) scheduled for 9/24/19; so far 11 agencies will be involved , Parks & Recreation – spruce up Route 32 with Flags; there has been positive feedback and no opposition. Public Safety Commission – the Town received 100% reimbursement for the Cook Drive generator; discussed lead dispatcher position and background investigator applicants. Water

Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) – tanker truck will be sold (\$10,000 income to Town); hydrant maintenance rates paid by residents in addition to paying taxes; it was agreed not to double-tax residents or require residents to pay the rate who receive no benefit.

- d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee – held 1st meeting in May. Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board – 11 pints of blood received during Blood Drive.
- e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services
- f. Councilor McNally: Conservation Commission - Montville Rotary and Eagle Scouts helping commission with cleaning up the conservation center. Farmer's Market – Commission reviewing vendor applications; still plan for an opening day of 6/2/19.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Motion made by Councilor Rogers (with regret) and seconded by Councilor Pollard to accept the resignation of Michael S. Hillsberg from the Planning & Zoning Commission, effective immediately. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.
- b. Motion made by Councilor Rogers (with regret) and seconded by Councilor Pollard (with regret) to accept the resignation of Michael Butterworth from the Public Safety Commission, effective immediately. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

15. Unfinished Business – None

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2019-25. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the amount of \$61,612,368. (Councilor McNally)
Motion by Councilor Pike; seconded by Councilor Rogers to amend the capital improvement plan line item by line item. Roll call vote: In favor Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, McNally; Against N/A. Motion Carried.

It was suggested by Chairman McNally and agreed to by all councilors that, in the interest of saving time, voice votes would be taken rather than roll call votes.

Motion by Councilor Caron; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to remove the funding for the Construction Trailer in the amount of twenty nine thousand (\$29,000) dollars in the five year Capital Improvement Plan. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Pike to reduce the funding for Knox Box Replacement by ten thousand five hundred (\$10,500) dollars in the Capital Improvement Plan using Fund Balance. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pollard to remove forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars for the Cook Drive Radio Tower in the five year Capital Improvement Plan. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Caron; seconded by Councilor Pike to reduce the funding for the Repeater Radio Replacement by thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars in the Capital Improvement Plan using fund balance. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pike to fund Tyl Wireless Infrastructure in the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars in the Capital Improvement Plan. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogers to fund District Security Upgrade in the amount of twenty seven thousand seven hundred (\$27,700) dollars in the Capital Improvement Plan. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Rogulski to fund Oakdale Parking Lot Engineering in the amount of thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollars in the Capital Improvement Plan using fund balance. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

- b. **Resolution #2019-26. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget.

Whereas, the Mayor has presented the budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has presented a budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Town Council has caused to be published in a newspaper having circulation in the Town, a Notice of Public Hearings and a summary of the proposed budget estimates; and

Whereas, the Town Council held Public Hearings of the Board of Education proposed budget on April 25, 2019, and the General Government proposed budget on April 24, 2019, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Charter of the Town of Montville.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the following budget on the estimated cost of current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020, to be adopted as follows:

General Government	\$22,546,075
Board of Education	\$38,938,204
Capital Improvement	\$ <u>500,000</u>
	\$61,984,279

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to amend the budget line item by line item. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Pike, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz to increase Building Department Permits (10100-42020) in the Mayor's proposed budget by thirty five thousand (\$35,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers to increase Fire Marshal Permits (10100-42026) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogers to increase Investment Interest (10100-43000) in the Mayor's proposed budget by twenty five thousand (\$25,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogulski; seconded by Councilor Caron to increase Prior Year Taxes (10100-41025) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one hundred twenty five thousand (\$125,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to increase Tax Interest (10100-41035) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one hundred twenty five thousand (\$125,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to increase ECS Grant (10100-45000) in the Mayor's proposed budget by thirty thousand eight hundred eighty eight (\$30,888) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pollard to increase Sale of Town Property (10100-49060) in the Mayor's proposed budget by fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease Mayor Misc Supplies line (10310-53019) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five hundred (\$500) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogulski; seconded by Councilor Rogers to decrease Town Council Training & Conferences (10330-53004) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pike to decrease Town Council Misc Supplies (10330-53019) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four hundred (\$400) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Pollard; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to create a 4-H contribution line (10360-52161) in the Mayor's proposed budget and fund it at one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease Finance Training and Conferences (10410-53004) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five hundred (\$500) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease the Medical Insurance (10420-52020) in the Mayor's proposed budget by fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease the Vacation Payout (10420-52027) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five thousand (\$5,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease the Town Clerk Land Records (10560-53023) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pike to increase Other Engineering (10620-52148) in the Mayor's proposed budget by twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogers to increase the Economic Development Secretary (10650-51016) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one hundred dollars (\$100). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Pollard; seconded by Councilor Pike to decrease the Economic Development Business Resource line (10650-53019) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four hundred dollars (\$400). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pollard to decrease the Economic Development Training and Conferences (10650-53004) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one hundred dollars (\$100). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Pollard; seconded by Councilor Pike to decrease Park & Recreation Part-Time Camp Oakdale (10730-51074) in the Mayor's proposed budget by six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Pollard to increase Park & Recreation Basketball Referees (10730-53114) in the Mayor's proposed budget by six hundred dollars (\$600). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Pollard to decrease Park & Recreation Equipment (10730-54000) in the Mayor's proposed budget by six hundred dollars (\$600). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pollard to increase the Emergency Management Training and Conferences (10810-53004) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five hundred dollars (\$500). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Pollard to decrease Police Photo (Digital) Supplies (10820-53059) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five hundred (\$500) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Pollard; seconded by Councilor Pike to decrease Police Copy Supplies (10820-53003) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five hundred (\$500) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease Weapons and Ammunition (10820-53032) in the Mayor's proposed budget by five thousand four hundred (\$5,400) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Pollard; seconded by Councilor Rogers to decrease Fire Prevention Supplies (10830-53038) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four hundred dollars (\$400). Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Caron; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease Fire Marshal Reference Materials (10830-53024) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four hundred (\$400) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Rogulski to decrease Fire Marshal Office Equipment (10830-53052) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Rogers to increase Fire Marshal Cellular Phones (10830-53060) in the Mayor's proposed budget by three hundred sixty (\$360) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pollard to decrease Fire Hydrant Maintenance (10880-53084) in the Mayor's proposed budget by thirty two thousand five hundred (\$32,500) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pike to decrease the Public Works Salaries (10910-51018) in the Mayor's proposed budget by forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz; seconded by Councilor Pollard to decrease the Solid Waste Equipment and Maintenance (10940-53021) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. Voice Vote – All in favor; 7-0; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pollard to decrease the Board of Education (10950-53051) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two hundred forty six thousand seven hundred

seventy one (\$246,771) dollars. Voice Vote – Councilors Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, McNally in favor; Councilor Caron opposed; 6-1; Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Rogers; seconded by Councilor Pike to approve all amendments to the main motion and to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as follows:

Motion by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Pike to approve all amendments to the main motion and to adopt the 2018/2019 budget as follows:

General Government	\$22,420,935
Board of Education	\$38,691,433
Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
	\$61,612,368

Roll call vote: In favor: Jaskiewicz; Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, McNally; Opposed: Caron; 6-1; Motion Carried.

- c. **Resolution #2019-27. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the mill rate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at 32.51 mills using a collection rate of 98.7%.

Councilor Caron voted opposed to this Resolution as he disagreed with the BOE budget reduction. However, the vote was 6-1 and the motion was carried/passed.

d. **Resolution #2019-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$2,581.33) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally) Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Pollard. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

e. **Resolution #2019-29. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ronald McDaniel be and hereby is authorized form The Montville Complete Count Committee, an advisory panel of community leaders who represent diverse populations including elected officials, faith leaders, community health centers, chambers of commerce, community activists and heads of housing authorities. The members will work to analyze previous census undercounts and recommend strategies to ensure a full count in Montville. (Mayor McDaniel). Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz and seconded by Councilor Pollard. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

- f. **Resolution #2019-30. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to sign a contract with Northeast Midways, LLC for the 2019 Montville Carnival and to execute any and all paperwork regarding the same. (Councilor McNally). Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

- g. **Resolution #2019-31. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive all in kind services and fees for the 2019 Montville Carnival related to Police, Fire and Public works in the amount of \$5,320. (Councilor McNally). Motion made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Pollard. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

Discussion: Councilor Rogers stated the dollar amount was estimated by Director Bushway.

h. **Resolution #2019-32. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$1,500 from Contingency (10480-52164 to the Montville Farmers Market Line (22999-52194) (Councilor McNally). Motion made by Councilor Caron and seconded by Councilor Rogers. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

- i. **Resolution #2019-33. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve an addition to the Town Council Rules and Procedures item, E. Reappointments as follows: Any current Commissioner serving on a Board or Commission whose term is due to expire may be reappointed without being re-interviewed by the Town Council. The Chairman of that Board or Commission will be contacted by the Town Council Chairman to ensure the sitting Commissioner has acceptable attendance, is consistently engaged and is beneficial to the Town of Montville. Upon the Council Chairman receiving and sharing the recommendation with the members of the Montville Town Council, a decision to re-interview or to vote for reappointment will take place at the proceeding monthly Town Council meeting. (Councilor McNally).

Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated his dissatisfaction with pushing this Resolution forward despite it being a matter referred to the Town Administration/Rules of Procedure Committee. Councilor Jaskiewicz voted opposed to this Resolution; however, the vote was 6-1 and the motion was carried/passed.

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski and seconded by Councilor Rogers. Voice Vote 6-1; Motion Carried. In Favor: Councilors Caron, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski and McNally; Opposed: Councilor Jaskiewicz.

- j. **Resolution #2019-34. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Suspense List at the request of the Tax Collector in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$244,446.63) dated the 13th day of May 2019. (Councilor McNally). Motion made by Councilor Caron and seconded by Councilor Pollard. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.
- k. **Resolution #2019-35. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages for part-time employees by 2.5%, effective July 1, 2019. (Councilor Pike). Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz and seconded by Councilor Pike. Voice Vote 7-0; Motion Carried.

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

- a. John Brickey, Montville, CT – spoke re: his feelings about the Town calling the Public Safety Building a Police Department and referring to our Constables as Police Officers. Mr. Brickey stated his dissatisfaction with the Town investing so much in a “police department” when it was voted and decided Montville would not have an independent police department. Councilor Rogers, noted that councilors do not usually address the public at meetings, but wanted to explain Montville still has a police presence just does not have an independent police department; he further noted that Constables actually have more authority than state troopers because they are permitted to serve legal papers.
- b. Matthew Sears, 18 Cranberry Drive – spoke regarding the comments about replacement of fire trucks and stated that the councilors are more than welcome to come by to take a ride in the firetruck at the Mohegan Department they are asking be replaced. He stated the engine had been rebuilt but still only goes 3-5MPH up the hill and stated he could run faster up the hill than the truck could go.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

- a. Councilor Caron thanked the Finance Committee, Finance Director and the Mayor for their hard work on the budget.
- b. Councilor Jaskiewicz also thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and said everyone did a good job.
- c. Mayor McDaniel thanked everyone for their hard work but commented that he felt the BOE reduction was drastic and said he would carefully review notes from this meeting. He felt education was more important than replacing carpets and doing roof repairs, etc.
- d. Councilor Rogers also thanked everyone and specifically stated how hard the Finance Committee works. He reminded everyone that the budget cut recommendation made by the Finance Committee was still in excess of the MBR recommended funding and further noted that many things were not funded up to the amounts requested.
- e. Chairman McNally said the Finance Committee did a great job and thanked everyone for their hard work. He stated that he disagreed with the Mayor regarding the drastic cut to the BOE budget because capital improvements had been neglected for a long time and were, at this point, required. He said if the infrastructure is not fixed Montville will have nowhere to teach its children.
- f. Councilor Pike noted the diligent work of the Finance Committee and their goal to make reasonable and fair reduction recommendations. He reminded everyone that recommended cuts are not for punishment purposes.
- g. Councilor Pollard – thanked the Finance Committee and especially Councilor Pike. She stated that it’s always her goal to work together as a team and she felt they did a good job.

- h. Councilor Rogulski – thanked the Superintendent for her presentation, the Finance Committee and all department heads for their hard work. He noted that he has had a few children in the school system and that some did not have elementary field trips. He said despite his disappointment with that he understood why it has been necessary. He said with the 57 new taxes proposed in CT, he asked how much more can residents afford?

19. Adjournment 8:52pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Mari Evans, Town Council Recording Secretary

Please refer to the recorded minutes on the Town website for additional details.