

Town of Montville

Town Council Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call – Present: Councilors Caron, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski and Chairman McNally.  
Absent: Councilor Jaskiewicz,
4. Special Recognition/Presentations: EDC recognizes Courvilles Garage. Councilor Rogers made a special presentation of wooden signs made by Edwin Figueroa for Camp Oakdale. The Council gave an award the Chris Lawton for all his work bringing the dog park to fruition. Gavin Lavenese from the 4H Club thanked the money from the council and gave goat's milk soap they made to all the councilors.
5. Alterations to the Agenda: Councilor Pike made a motion to remove 14b and add 7b to executive session, Councilor Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 6-0
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve
  - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019. Councilor Rogulski made the motion, Councilor Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 6-0
7. Executive Session:
  - a. To consider and act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing claim TNT-0119339 litigation and or possible settlement. Discussions to include the members of the Town Council and Mayor Ron McDaniel.
  - b. To consider and act on a motion to interview Heather Kenniston to fill a vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission.  
Councilor Roger made the motion, Councilor Rogulski 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 6-02  
Council went into executive session at 7:12pm- returned at 7:25 pm.
8. Remarks from the Public with a three minute limit. None
9. Communications- Copies of legal bills from Halloran & Sage dated July 2019 additional and August 2019 and copies of legal bills from Suisman Shapiro dated August 2019.
10. Report from Town Attorney on Matters Referred- none.
11. Remarks from Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to Include matters referred. The Mayor discussed the paving and gas line work on Fitch Hill and Raymond Hill, the road will be closed for 18 hours, the dam deconstruction and Faria renovation. Two new police officers graduated 9/25, having census meetings- it's very important to have everyone's cooperation filing it out, storm prep for today's storm, NRG has 100 year anniversary for plant, and the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> veteran event was successful.  
  
Finance Director Terri Hart- tax sale started out with 54- 30 of which did not go to sale, 24 properties left- 2 paid the night before, 4 sold and brought in \$72,000 to the town. There are 16 properties left.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
  - a. Town Administration/ Rules of Procedure- Councilor Jaskiewicz Town Admin met and discussed the building fee increase- agreed that a recommended fee to begin July 1, 2020.
  - b. Finance- Deputy Chair Pike- Discussed building fee increased and agreed to a July 1, 2020 start date.
  - c. Public Works/ Solid Waste Disposal- Chair McNally
13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
  - a. Deputy Chair Pike: BoE met last night, productive meeting; 2 vans budgeted, Murphy roof project starting in November, new testing in school district- Montville in top 3, discussion of computer software and servers, and school security.

b. Councilor Pollard: nonprofit- no report. Commission on aging  
Visiting Angels will be at next meeting to discuss what they do. Discussion on strengthening stance on safety and care of our seniors, new programs going on; walking with ease, Medicare 101. Gearing up for Holiday Basket, Doo Wop event 10/17, 10/22 Taste of Montville event- Veterans fundraiser.

c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA); EDC not a lot happening since small business forum. Parks & Rec- Holiday parade 12/8, preparing for holiday decorations, 10/26 Trick or Trunk, Radio City Music Hall trip planned for 11/9. Public Safety no new business, WPCA- 2 inmates at Corrigan have filed an FOI re: brown water. Criminal investigation RE: WPCA audit has been stalled.

d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board.  
Youth Services- welcomed Lilly Careece, drug take back 10/26, Lights on After School 10/24- a celebration of 13 yrs of Youth Services across the country, Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 11/3 from, 8-12 at the Mohegan Fire House.

e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighter's Relief Fund, Social Services.- Vol Fire Fighters Relief fund has to go to public hearing,

#### 14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To consider and act on a motion to accept the resignation of Ellen Hillman from the Farmer's Market Committee. Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Caron 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes 6-0.
- b. Item Removed from Agenda.
- c. To consider and act on a motion to reappoint Irene Taylor to the Commission On Aging with a term to expire 10/12/2022. Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes 6-0.
- d. To consider and act on a motion to reappoint Kate Johnson to the Gardner Lake Authority with a term to expire 11/11/2022. Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes 6-0.
- e. To consider and act on a motion to reappoint Karen Perkins to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to expire 10/12/2023. Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Rogulski 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes 6-0.
- f. To consider and act on a motion to reappoint Rachel Belardo to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to expire 10/12/2023. Councilor Caron made motion, Councilor Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes 6-0.
- g. To consider and act on a motion to reappoint Robert Yuchniuk to the Public Safety Commission with a term to expire 11/14/2022. Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>, passes 6-0.

#### 15. Unfinished Business- none

#### 16. New Business

- a. **RESOLUTION # 2019-73 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$70,000 to Maintenance- Social Services/Old Town Hall (10910-53206) from Contingency (10480-52164) for the replacement of the Old Town Hall boiler. (Councilor Pike) Councilor Caron made motion, Councilor Rogulski 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 6-0  
Discussion: Councilor Pike stated that this building needs to be used for more.
- b. **RESOLUTION #2019-74 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$54,775 to the Brownfield Fund (#14) from the General Fund for 14 Bridge Street. (Councilor Pike) Councilor Caron made motion, Councilor Rogulski 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 6-0  
Discussion: The finance Director explained the project.
- c. **RESOLUTION #2019-75 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices 2 hours early on Wednesday November 27, 2019 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 the end of the calendar year. (Councilor McNally) Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Caron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 6—0
- d. **RESOLUTION # 2019-76 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to disband the Montville dog park committee and turn over the dog park to the public works department for maintenance and upkeep. (Councilor Rogers) Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Caron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 6-0

e. **RESOLUTION # 2019-77 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the building department fee increase as approved by the public Safety commission and Towns Rules and Procedures Commission with an effective date of July 1, 2020 (Councilor Pike) Councilor Rogulski made motion, Councilor Pike 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 6-0.

f. **RESOLUTION #2019-78 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the partial resignation and settlement offer for claim TNT-0119339 on a non-precedent setting basis and to further authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to sign all paperwork necessary for a settlement. (Councilor McNally) Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 6-0.

g. **RESOLUTION # 2019-79 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$10,282.57) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally) Councilor Rogers made motion, Councilor Pollard 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 6-0.

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit- none.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

a. Councilor McNally- thanks for the honor of serving as chair. Fun and interesting, even though we didn't always agree we were civil with each other. Recognized town employees with for excellence to Town of Montville with challenge coins, there were extras- gave to councilors and mayor and thanked everyone for their service.

b. Councilor Caron- Thank public for coming out and wish everyone good luck on election day.

c. Mayor McDaniel- Wants to thank Councilor Rogers for his generosity with his time and money- we all want a better Montville and good luck to everyone on election day.

d. Councilor Rogers- It has been an honor and pleasure to serve with everyone. Haven't always agreed but everyone tries to do best for the town. Hopes the next council can put their differences aside and do right for Montville.

e. Councilor Pike- Thanks to finance committee- they did a fine job. It's a privilege to serve with this solid group of people – moving Montville in the right direction last 2 years. Thanks to council and Mayor. It's been a pleasure

f. Councilor Pollard- Ditto fellow council members statements. Thanks to the public for coming out, it was a very productive 2 years- hope future councilors bring integrity and honesty and not work for their own agenda.

g. Councilor Rogulski- Thank you to all the council- we all did a great job. There was nothing so contentious we couldn't see each other's views on it whether we agreed or not. Appreciate all the help I was given. Best of luck to all.

19. Adjournment- Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard.

Discussion: none. Voice vote 6-0 all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary  
Town of Montville