

**Town of Montville Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2009  
7:00 PM – Town Council Chambers  
Town Hall**

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Buebendorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present were Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Also present were Mayor Jaskiewicz and Town Attorney Bruce Chudwick. Councilor Beetham arrived after roll call.
4. **Motion** by Councilor Radgowski, Second by Councilor Caron to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2009, and the special meeting minutes of May 28, 2009. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 6-0.**

Chairwoman Buebendorf called for the following changes to the agenda: 1) remove Mr. Edward Jones, Ms. Joan Jones and Mr. John Straub from agenda item 5A; 2) remove agenda item 5B; 3) remove agenda item 12B; 4) remove agenda items 14H and 14I relating to the Charter Revision as the explanatory text needs to be updated; 5) remove agenda item 15; and 6) add agenda item 14W to schedule a special meeting to discuss the Charter. **Motion** by Councilor Radgowski, second by Councilor Caron to approve the amendments. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Chairwoman Buebendorf called for a moment of silence to remember Mr. John Straub who recently passed away.

5. Executive Session

A. **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Robert Thorn for re-appointment to the Economic Development Commission and Mr. William Wrobel for re-appointment to the Gardner Lake Authority. Executive Session will include Town Council members and Mayor Jaskiewicz. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.** Council members entered into executive session at 7:05 PM; they returned at 7:24 PM and Chairwoman Buebendorf stated that no formal votes were taken.

6. Remarks from the Public

*Lt. Leonard Bunnell* spoke in favor of agenda item 13B to appoint a Public Safety Building Committee. Regarding agenda item 13A, Lt. Bunnell requested that the council postpone this matter in order to give him an opportunity to review the ordinance.

*Mr. James Andriote, 23 Tra Mart Drive,* stated that he is in favor of the Council creating a Public Safety Building Committee, and asked that the Council also give the Committee the authority to choose the location and begin performing tasks as outlined in the proposal given to the Council at last month's meeting.

7. Communications

A. Letter to the Town Council from McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, dated May 20, 2009, regarding the June 30, 2009, audit plan.

B. Councilor Jones read two letters in favor of the Blighted Premises ordinance, received from members of the public who were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

8. Remarks from the Town Attorney on matters referred

Attorney Bruce Chudwick reported on the following: 1) the easement with Smurfit-Stone has been signed and recorded; 2) the Blighted Premises ordinance is before the Council tonight to set a public hearing.

9. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads

Mayor Jaskiewicz reported on the following: 1) on June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Veterans' remembrance wall will be in front of Town Hall at 5:30 PM. The actual wall will be in the truck, but a mural of the wall will be displayed. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM, and at 6:15 PM a parade will commence to take the wall to its destination at Howard T. Brown Park in Norwich. The Wall will be displayed at this location until June 20<sup>th</sup>; 2) a letter was received from the State regarding the Resident State Trooper program in that all towns must pay said troopers 53% more in benefits on all overtime worked. He reported that he also received a letter from Nancy Wyman to Andrea Stillman regarding this situation, so it is unsure what the final outcome will be. Chairwoman Buebendorf requested that the Mayor send copies of Ms. Wyman's correspondence to Council members; 3) working with the Finance Director to find a better deal on energy for the Town; 4) the Town as been asked by CL&P to be part of the "demand response" program; 5) on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Town will be putting some properties to bid; 6) the State has not yet finalized the budget, and the Mayor hopes that there will be no more funds cut. Once the State budget has been approved, the Town will begin working on next year's budget; 7) recently a mock crash was staged for high school students, and they were given a presentation by the Resident State Trooper; 8) regarding work to be done on bridges, the Town is still waiting for approval from the State to begin the process. As soon as the Town receives approval, the projects will be put out to bid. The Mayor acknowledged the Public Works Director's work in working with CL&P to get the utilities portion of the project in place and ready for the State's go-ahead; and 9) the Town has numerous State Grants in process, including a brown fields grant, which is on the short list, to clean up Town properties, and an \$82,000.00 grant towards energy.

Finance Director, Terry Fafard, reported on the following; 1) there will be an auction on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> on the properties of 275 Rt. 163 and 300C Maple Avenue. She remarked that regarding the property location at 275 Rt. 163, there would be a stipulation that the buyer would have to secure a \$50,000.00 bond ensuring that the structure be demolished and the property cleaned within a certain period of time; 2) vacant land located at 300C Maple Avenue will also be up for auction on June 13<sup>th</sup>; and 3) the Assessor has requested to go out for bid to secure a firm to begin working on revaluations, which are scheduled to be completed in 2011. She anticipates that the Assessor should be ready to begin the process in October 2009, and estimates that it will cost the Town approximately \$350,000.00.

Public Works Director, Don Bourdeau, reported that an RFP for trash removal has gone out and the deadline is June 24, 2009; it went out to all area vendors. The request is for general trash removal, and also there is interest in single stream recycling.

10. Reports from Standing Committees

- A. Town Administration – On the agenda.
- B. Finance – On the agenda.
- C. Rules and Procedures – Councilor Geary reported that he has received a memorandum from the Town Clerk advising that she has recently attended training, and is working on updating the Town's Rules and Procedures. He will present a draft for Council review at an upcoming Town Council meeting.
- D. Public Works – As reported by the Public Works Director above.
- E. Solid Waste Disposal – Nothing to report.

11. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

Councilor Jones reported that the Board of Education is working on making adjustments in light of the final budget amount.

Councilor Beetham reported that the Planning & Zoning office has only had a few applications.

Chairperson Buebendorf reported that the Parks & Recreation Department is working on the summer programs for summer camp at Fair Oaks. She also remarked that she and a couple other Council members went and walked the trail at nature conservation center on Chesterfield Road for Connecticut Trails Day. Thank you to the Parks & Recreation Department, and specifically to Ellen Desjardins for organizing the walk through. It was a nice opportunity for the local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

12. Appointments and Resignations

**A. Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Caron to waive the waiting period to appoint a person to a Board/Commission in order to re-appoint Mr. Robert Thorn to the Economic Development Commission. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

B. Removed from agenda.

**C. Motion** by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Caron to re-appoint Mr. Robert Thorn to the Economic Development Commission, with a term to expire on June 10, 2013. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**D. Motion** by Councilor Caron, Second by Councilor Beetham to appoint Mr. Louis Ziegler to the Commission on the Aging, with a term to expire on December 8, 2011. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

13. Old Business

**A. Motion** by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Jones to introduce an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding Blighted Properties", and to set the date of Wednesday, July 15, 2009, for a public hearing on same to begin at 6:30 PM and to be conducted in Council Chambers at Town Hall. **Discussion:** Councilor Caron remarked that the Council should consider Lt. Bunnell's request to postpone this matter in order for him to further review the document. Councilor Jones remarked that Lt. Bunnell will have time to review the ordinance before the public hearing on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and she will be happy to meet with Town Administration to address any questions or concerns. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Jones and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilors Caron and Murphy. Abstained; Councilor Geary. **Motion Carried 4-2. Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 PM.**

**B. Resolution #2009-050.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to appoint a Public Safety Building Committee, and to include the following members; David Jetmore, LT. Leonard Bunnell, John MacNeil, Paul Lewis and William Bucko. **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Murphy. **Discussion:** Mayor Jaskiewicz remarked that he would like to see the Council appoint said committee and adopt their proposal. Chairwoman Buebendorf remarked that it is best that the Council adopt the resolution as stated, as the Committee needs to appoint two additional members and can do so at the next meeting for the Council to adopt along with their proposal. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-050 Adopted 7-0.**

14. New Business

- A. Removed from agenda.

**B. Resolution #2009-051.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$7,276.58 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and Fifty-Eight Cents), at the request of the Tax Collector and as outlined on Schedule A and made a part of the agenda. **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-051 Adopted 7-0.**

**C. Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Caron to change the date of the next Town Council meeting from Monday, July 13, 2009, to Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**D. Resolution #2009-052.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to transfer the position of Senior Bus Driver to the Department of Senior & Social Services to come under the supervision of the Director, and to approve the revision of the position description to reflect this change. **Motion** by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Caron. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-052 Adopted 7-0.**

**E. Resolution #2009-053.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Real Property Located at 275 Maple Avenue". **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-053 Adopted 7-0.**

**F. Resolution #2009-054.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Real Property Located at 314 Route 163". **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-054 Adopted 7-0.**

**G. Resolution #2009-055.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Real Property Located at 1455 Route 32". **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-055 Adopted 7-0.**

**H.** Removed from agenda.

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**J. Resolution #2009-056.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to waive the bid process and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for the purchase of electricity for town properties at a fixed cost for a term of one to three years. **Motion** by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Discussion:** Mayor Jaskiewicz remarked that this will simply give him and the Finance Director more flexibility of making the decision to buy energy when the price is good. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-056 Adopted 7-0.**

**K. Resolution #2009-057.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) from Fund Balance to Legal-General (10340-52041). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Jones. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-057 Adopted 7-0.**

**L. Resolution #2009-058.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$9,000.00 (Nine Thousand Dollars) from Fund Balance to Tax/Assessment Matters (10340-52044). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Jones. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-058 Adopted 7-0.**

**M. Resolution #2009-059.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$16,000.00 (Sixteen Thousand Dollars) from Fund Balance to Land Use Matters (10340-52045). **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Caron. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-059 Adopted 7-0.**

**N. Resolution #2009-060.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from Fund Balance to Labor/Employment Matters (10340-52046). **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-060 Adopted 7-0.**

**O. Resolution #2009-061.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$39,000.00 (Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars) from Human Resources (10310-51141) to Salt and Sand (10910-53018). **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Discussion:** Councilor Beetham requested that this matter be postponed for further discussion. It was agreed by the Council that this matter be voted on as the Public Works Director and Finance Director have provided consistent updates on the status of this matter. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-061 Adopted 6-1.**

**P. Resolution #2009-062.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$24,000.00 (Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars) from Social Security (10420-52019) to Salt and Sand (10910-53018). **Motion** by Councilor Radgowski, Second by Councilor Geary. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-062 Adopted 6-1.**

**Q. Resolution #2009-063.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$94,000.00 (Ninety-Four Thousand Dollars) from Medical Insurance (10420-52020) to Salt and Sand (10910-53018). **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Caron. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-063 Adopted 6-1.**

**R. Resolution #2009-064.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) from Worker's Compensation (10420-52021) to Salt and Sand (10910-53018). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-064 Adopted 6-1.**

**S. Resolution #2009-065.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$14,000.00 (Fourteen Thousand Dollars) from Auditor & Accounting (10470-52040) to Salt and Sand (10910-53018). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-065 Adopted 6-1.**

**T. Resolution #2009-066.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$9,080.00 (Nine Thousand Eighty Dollars) from St. Bernard Health Service (10710-52091) to Salt and Sand (10910-53018). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-066 Adopted 6-1.**

**U. Resolution #2009-067.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$13,000.00 (Thirteen Thousand Dollars) from Town Hall Electricity (10370-52000) to Fair Oaks Fuel Oil (10770-52005). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-067 Adopted 7-0.**

**V. Resolution #2009-068.** The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) from Pension (10420-52025) to Overtime Snowplowing (10910-51110). **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-068 Adopted 7-0.**

**W. Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Beetham to scheduled a Special Meeting of the Town Council to discuss the Town Charter, specifically pages C26, C27, C28 and C29, and to be held on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. **Discussion:** Motion was amended to include date and time. **Motion** by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Jones. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Murphy. **Motion Carried 6-1.** The Chair then called for a roll call vote on the amended Resolution. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Murphy. **Motion Carried 6-1. Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6:00 PM.**

15. Executive Session – Removed from agenda.

16. Remarks from the Public – None.

17. Remarks from Councilors – None.

18. Adjournment – **Motion** made by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Radgowski, to adjourn the meeting. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Minutes Clerk  
Montville Town Council