

**Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Conference Room 102**

**All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if not
fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by
the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of
Procedure, decorum, timeliness and suitability shall be followed and enforced.**

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally called the Town Council Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – *led by Chairman McNally*
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally.
Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Mike Butterworth, 128 Connecticut Boulevard, Oakdale, thanked the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee, a.k.a. Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee, for their support.

Steve Stewart, 55 Glendale Road, Oakdale, commented on the sorely needed \$800,000.00 for the Animal Control Facility.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Chris Swanson, 911 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville, thanked the Town Council for considering the funding for a new Animal Control Facility. She reported that the Town Council viewed a virtual tour of the current facility, showing that the town is long overdue for a new facility.
5. Appointments and Resignations
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint John Poole as a Full Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on January 20, 2026.
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. New Business
 - a. **Resolution #2022-08. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the proposed list of expenditures related to the American Rescue Plan funds, as recommended by the COVID-19 Impact Study Committee. (Councilor Mandler)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: In response to Councilor May who questioned whether the Animal Control Facility was a permissible expenditure, Chairman McNally stated that, under the new rule, any item under the \$10 million threshold is allowable. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the future operating and staffing costs as well as contingencies for any costs over the \$800,000.00. Chairman McNally stated that the cost may be revisited following the receipt of the final numbers. ACO Swanson remarked that additional staffing would not be required. Councilor Caron expressed his support for the fire department expenditures. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Resolution passed.
8. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit
Mike Butterworth, 128 Connecticut Boulevard, Oakdale, expressed his support for the long-awaited new Animal Control Facility. He also reported on some of the issues they

have encountered during their switch to the NEXGEN system which the fire companies are in the process of remedying.

9. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

The Councilors agreed that it was time to provide the Town with a new Animal Control Facility.

Councilor Yuchniuk reported that plans are in process to organize a NEXGEN meeting between IT and the Fire Company Chiefs.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Proposed List of Expenditures, approved by the Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee,
January 11, 2022.

Item	Department	Amount
Turn-out Gear	Fire Departments	\$ 75,000
20 SCBA Packs	Fire Departments	\$ 146,000
Covid reimbursement	Oakdale FD	\$ 6,900
Generator Replacement	Oakdale FD	\$ 50,000
Rapid Test Kits for Home Distribution	n/a	\$ 100,000
Replacement Dog Pound	Animal Control	\$ 800,000
Food use Eqpmnt, Tables, Carts, Audio system, Tent	Social Services	\$ 13,260
HVAC w/Filters	Community Center Library	\$ 19,480
TOTAL		\$ 1,210,640