

**Town of Montville Town Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

**Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.**

1. Call to Order  
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call  
Present were Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Absent was Councilor Caron. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
  - a. Recognition of Social & Senior Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck  
Councilor May recited the Proclamation as stated on the Certificate of Recognition for Social & Senior Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck. The Proclamation recognizes her for her hard work, dedication, and achievements, including her recent receipt of the Lions Club Humanitarian of the Year Award and the prestigious Rose Amanda Freeman Award. She has not only served the community as the Director, organizing various programs and offering numerous services to the town's seniors, residents-in-need, and veterans, but also as a volunteer for numerous non-profit organizations. She has helped raise funds by spearheading many fundraisers and successfully applying for grants. Chairman McNally thanked her for her service and congratulated her for her many accomplishments.
  - b. Board of Education (BOE) FY2022/23 Budget Request  
BOE Chairman Wills Pike introduced Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin with whom he, along with the Business Manager, have worked diligently on proposed BOE FY2022/23 budget.  
  
Superintendent of Schools Pallin discussed the proposed budget which includes a 4.81% or \$41,729,949.00 increase. The increase is necessary to achieve their vision for all of the students to be engaged in "purposeful, challenging learning experiences that are responsive to their individual differences" and to fulfill their commitment to prepare their graduating students for life, learning, and work in a global society. She explained that a 2% budget increase would not be sufficient to cover all of the increases, much of which are uncontrollable, e.g., special education and outplacement tuition costs, health & liability insurance costs, and fuel costs. In addition, the BOE budget currently has no contingency funding. She requested and suggested the possibility of allocating the funds the Town is expected to receive through the State's Excess Cost Grant to help offset part of the increase. She believed that the Town's proposed increase would force the Board to make decisions that do not prioritize student learning or meet the students' social and emotional needs, resulting in the detriment of their future. The BOE is discussing and considering reducing the custodial staff, cutting unpopular middle and/or high school sports, and reducing the hours of the full-time paraprofessionals to help balance the budget. She reported that they are expecting to be overbudgeted for their current FY2021/22 budget and will be using their 2% Non-Lapsing Fund to balance their budget. She recognized that the BOE budget is the Town's largest expense and expressed their commitment to do their best with the available resources.  
  
BOE Chairman Pike added that he is the harshest critic of the BOE budget and felt that the proposed budget is very clean and lean. Currently, the BOE's 2% Non-lapsing Fund of \$983,000.00, \$550,000.00 of which will be allocated to the current year's budget.

Should they exhaust the funds to maintain the high caliber of education they are offering to the students, the BOE's future financial outlook would be dimmed. He thanked the Councilors for their time.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to make the following adjustments to the Agenda:

- Amend: 14(i) To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint DeeAnn Morton *and Kathie Doherty-Peck* to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 30, 2025.
- 16(d) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to support the LoTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program) Grant application for the repairs to ~~Maple Avenue~~ *Route 32*. (Councilor McNally)
- 16(l) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to consummate the sale of 14 Bridge Street, Montville, CT to ~~Karen Fritzler~~ *P & H Construction LLC* by virtue of a Quit Claim Deed for \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) per the purchase and sales agreement, dated ~~May 3, 2022~~ *April 28, 2022*. (Mayor McDaniel)
- Remove: 14(j) ~~To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Kathie Doherty-Peck to the Housing Authority with a term to expire on May 9, 2027.~~
- 16(c) ~~**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the 2022 Affordable Housing Plan for the Town of Montville pursuant to C.G.S. 8-30j. (Councilor McNally)~~
- Add: 16(q) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to consummate the sale of 00 Bridge Street Montville, CT, to Karen Fritzler by Virtue of a Quit Claim deed for \$10,000 per the purchase and sales agreement, dated May 3, 2022. (Mayor McDaniel)
- 16(r) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to consummate the sale of 309 Route 163 Montville, CT, to AFG Properties by Virtue of a Quit Claim deed for \$20,000 per the purchase and sales agreement, dated April 29, 2022. (Mayor McDaniel)
- 16(s) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to hold a public hearing pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 13a-49 to consider the discontinuance of Fort Shantok Road (east), Sunny Hill Drive and portion of Shantok Heights Road and to Quit Claim said roads to Mohegan Tribe to be held July 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers, Montville Town Hall, Montville, CT. (Mayor McDaniel)

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2022

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2022, with the following amendment:

Item 16(i), 6th line from bottom, 8th sentence:

...While no new staff additions are recommended, he is proposing changing the employment status of the ~~Social~~ *Youth* Services Administrative Support from part-time to full-time to accommodate the residents' growing needs....

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. The Public Hearing Minutes of April 27, 2022 (General Government Budget)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
    - c. The Public Hearing Minutes of April 28, 2022 (Board of Education Budget)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session
  - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Montville Housing Authority. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.  
  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Candidates DeeAnn Morton, Kathleen Doherty-Peck, and Beverly Matteson were interviewed for the Montville Housing Authority. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:51 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit  
Karen Duhamel, 1 Fox Hollow Drive, Oakdale, expressed her support for the BOE Budget, as presented by the Superintendent. She stated the importance of utilizing the BOE's ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Funds as planned to meet the students' learning needs; not doing so would be detrimental to the students, faculty, staff, and community as a whole. Doing what is best for the students is what is best for the Town and adequately funding the BOE budget would communicate the Town's support for the value of their children's academic and emotional well-being. All perspectives should be considered during these unprecedented times. She also spoke in support of the repair of the high school tennis courts and requested that part of the Town's ARPA Funds be allocated for the project, adding that it is not acceptable for students to play at the Camp Oakdale Tennis Courts.  
  
Evan Blum, spoke with respect to his interest in purchasing the property located at 14 Bridge Street (Item 16(l)) and questioned the possibility of proposing a higher and better offer.
9. Communications
  - a. Copy of the April 2022 Financial Reports from Terry Hart, Finance Director
  - b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of March 2022
  - c. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of February 2022
  - d. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of March 2022
  - e. Copy of the Financial Statements and Federal and State Single Audit Reports, dated June 30, 2021
  - f. Copy of a letter from Planning Director Liz Burdick regarding the Planning & Zoning Commission's Favorable Report for the FY2022/23 Capital Improvement Plan.
10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred  
The Town Attorney has referred Item 16(s) on the Agenda.
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred  
Mayor McDaniel reported on a very active and short session for the Legislators. Thanks to the support and efforts of Ledyard Mayor Fred Allyn, III, COST (Connecticut Council of Small Towns), CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities), and key legislators, House Bill 5474 did not pass. The Bill would have resulted in long-term detrimental economic effects on the community by exempting the Tribe's personal property transactions. He also reported that a Bill was passed, raising the Town's level from Tier I to Tier II due to the rise in property values from the recent revaluation. The Tier change resulted in the loss of

funding. The Town was able to regain an additional \$454,000.00 in funding that was slated to be cut by the State.

Finance Director Hart reported that the Town recently received \$18,000.00 in surcharges from the sale of nips (miniature alcohol bottles). The Town will continue to receive the funds, per the new legislation, effective October 1, 2021. The Tax Collector has collected approximately \$100,000.00 in back taxes and three (3) auctions are scheduled for May. The firefighter and police overtime line items are currently in the red. The bid openings for the Animal Control Facility will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. The policies that were reviewed and approved by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee are on this evening's agenda for the Town Council's approval.

Planning Director Liz Burdick stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission has issued a Favorable Report for the Capital Improvement Program. On this evening's Agenda is a Resolution for a LoTCIP Grant application for the Route 82 Sidewalk Project. The project would involve the construction of sidewalks from the Waterford Town Line to Depot Road. If received, the funds would cover all of the costs of the project with the exception of the engineering costs. The project will coincide with the Southeastern Connecticut Bike Plan and would prove beneficial to the businesses in the area. The Draft Affordable Housing Plan, which is required by the State and was drafted by the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), has been reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission and referred to the Town Council for their review and support. She is requesting the Councilors submit any comments they might have before the Public Hearing on June 28.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure

Five items that were reviewed and discussed by the Committee are included on this evening's agenda (items 16g-k).

b. Finance

The Committee has been meeting almost weekly to discuss the budget.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – *no meeting*

Two applications for the Public Works Director position were received; the application deadline was extended by one week.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Bunnell: Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund

Library Committee – *no meeting; no update*

Parks & Recreation Commission – Price estimates for the proposed tennis/pickleball courts were presented to the Commission and a Special Meeting was held to discuss the project which would include four (4) tennis courts and two (2) pickleball courts. The project is estimated to cost \$800,000.00. The Commission discussed the prioritization of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Phase II Funding requests which include the paving of Camp Oakdale, Desjardins playground, Field 7 Engineering Study, and Dog Park Bathrooms. The Commissioners are looking forward to a successful Carnival with multiple vendors.

Firefighters' Relief Fund – Eight (8) Montville Fire Company members, 15 (fifteen) Mohegan Fire Company members, four (4) members Chesterfield Fire Company members, and eleven (11) Oakdale Fire Company members qualified to receive the stipends. The Committee discussed the utilization of a spreadsheet listing and noting which members have opted to receive the tax abatement or stipend.

b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Social Services, Non-Profit Organizations – *no report; not present*

- c. Councilor Mandler: Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee  
WPCA – A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Gay Hill Road subdivision and the Proclamation was reworded enabling them to move forward with the project.  
Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee – The Committee discussed the recommendations for additional and reduced funding for the appropriation of funds. No previously allocated funds were eliminated.
- d. Councilor May: Conservation Commission  
The Commission will be seeking bids for timber to construct the bog logs. Funding for picnic tables at the Conservation Center will be sought to help make the area more inviting. The East Lyme Land Trust recently secured the purchase of approximately 300 acres of land, 41 of which is located in the Town of Montville. Two ADA-accessible access points to the trail in Montville will be established.
- e. Councilor Rix: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission  
Councilor Rix commented on the exciting growth in the town and thanked Superintendent Pallin for her presentation regarding the BOE budget.
- f. Councilor Yuchniuk: Economic Development Commission, Public Safety Commission, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board  
Youth Services Bureau – Daniel Dunn was re-elected as the Chairman of the Board. The Bureau is preparing for and accepting application for its summer program, which is open to children grades 7 and up.  
Economic Development Commission – The Commission is continuing to work with the Town on its Sustainable CT-website upgrades. The Commission is hoping to join forces with the Parks & Recreation Department to initiate a Passport to Montville program.  
Public Safety Commission – The Police Department received 1,233 Calls for Service and the Fire Marshal and Fire Companies received 245 Calls for Service. 72.7% of which were ambulance calls. The Assistant Building Official position remains open.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Wills Pike to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on June 9, 2026.  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Nicholas Sabilia to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on June 11, 2024.  
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Rix. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Christopher Napierski to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on June 14, 2026.  
Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Robert Roshto to fill a vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on April 14, 2024.  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Patty DiGioia-Evrett from the Montville Housing Authority, effective immediately.

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Michael E. Brower from the Montville Housing Authority, effective April 28, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- g. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Housing Authority.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- h. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Beverly Matteson to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 30, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- i. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint DeeAnn Morton or Kathie Doherty-Peck to fill a vacancy on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 30, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voting in Favor of DeeAnn Morton (4): Councilors Mandler, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Favor of Kathie Doherty-Peck (2): Councilors Bunnell and May. DeeAnn Morton was appointed to the Housing Authority.

- j. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Kathie Doherty-Peck to the Housing Authority with a term to expire on May 9, 2027.

*Removed from the Agenda*

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2022-39. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$5,536.34 (five thousand five hundred thirty-six dollars and thirty-four cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2022-40. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the proposed list of expenditures related to the American Rescue Plan funds, as recommended by the Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee. (Councilor Mandler)

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Chairman McNally recited the list of proposed expenditures as follows:

Senior Center Generators	\$ 100,000.00
Security Devices for the Schools	\$ 22,100.00
Police Car Replacement	\$ 187,500.00
Transfer Station Free Area Upgrades	\$ 25,000.00
<i>Upgrades include a cement pad, fencing and 3 connex boxes</i>	
Tyl Middle School PA System	\$ 20,475.00
School District Studies	\$ 48,600.00
Bus Garage Generator	\$ 45,000.00
Palmer Skylights	\$ 65,000.00
Tyl Middle School Sidewalks	\$ 33,225.00
Senior Center Virtual Classes	\$ 14,000.00

Senior Center Bus Trips	\$ 20,000.00
Senior Center iPads	\$ 10,000.00
Senior Center Programs	\$ 10,000.00
Senior Center <i>Montville Times</i> Ad	\$ 5,000.00
Senior Center Virtual Tours	\$ 760.00
Fire Departments' NextGen Completion	\$ 45,000.00
Camp Oakdale Operating Budget & Summer Programs	<i>removed</i>
Camp Oakdale Tennis Courts Phase I	- \$ 268,000.00
FY2022/23 Budget	\$ 1,000,000.00
HR Position	\$ 100,000.00
Planning & Zoning Replacement Vehicle	\$ 26,100.00
Tyler Lawton, Troop 93 Eagle Scout Walking Trail	\$ 1,000.00
Board of Education	\$ 200,000.00

Councilor Bunnell expressed his objection to the reduction in funding for the tennis courts, which is estimated to cost \$800,000.00. As a result, the project will be delayed and the costs to complete the courts will further increase. He also stated his dismay with the process to approve the funding, which took place during a Special Meeting prior to this evening's Town Council meeting with an agenda that excluded any specific details, prohibiting the public with the opportunity to present any comments. In addition, the new items were just added to the list. He stated his support for the remaining list of expenditures. Chairman McNally clarified that \$600,000.00 is still available to fund (a portion of) the project. Councilor Mandler stated that they did not receive any notifications from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding the expansion of the project. Roll Call vote, 5-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Bunnell. Resolution passed.

- c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the 2022 Affordable Housing Plan for the Town of Montville pursuant to C.G.S. 8-30j. (Councilor McNally)  
*Removed from the Agenda.*
- d. **Resolution #2022-41. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to support the LoTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program) Grant application for the repairs to Route 32. (Councilor McNally)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- e. **Resolution #2022-42. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to consummate the sale of 230-B Maple Avenue, Montville, CT to William J. Harris III by virtue of a Quit Claim Deed for \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) per the purchase and sales agreement, dated April 23, 2022. (Mayor McDaniel)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the transaction is a cash sale with no contingencies. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- f. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive all in-kind services and fees for the 2022 Montville Carnival related to Police, Fire, and Public Works in the amount of \$7,400.00 (seven thousand four hundred dollars). (Mayor McDaniel)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The breakdown of the costs is as follows:
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| Police: | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Fire:   | \$ 2,700.00 |

*The Fire services will be volunteers, with the exception of Fire Marshal who will be supervising the fireworks show.*

Public Works:	\$ 1,000.00
Parks & Recreation:	\$ 1,000.00

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk, to amend the motion as follows:

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive all in-kind services and fees for the 2022 Montville Carnival related to Police, Fire, and Public Works in the amount of *\$5,300.00 (five thousand three hundred dollars)*. (Mayor McDaniel)

Discussion: Discussion ensued regarding the reduction in funding for the in-kind services and fees for Fire Services by \$2,100.00. Councilors Mandler and McNally felt that, because the services are being provided by volunteer firefighters, it was unnecessary to waive the fees. Councilor Bunnell informed the Councilors that funding for in-kind services is included in their respective operating budgets and felt that having both the volunteer and paid firefighters present at the event would be beneficial. Voice vote to amend the motion, 4-1-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Mandler, May, Rix, and Yuchniuk. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Bunnell. Voting in Abstention: Councilor McNally. Motion amended.

**Resolution #2022-43. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive all in-kind services and fees for the 2022 Montville Carnival related to Police, Fire, and Public Works in the amount of \$5,300.00 (five thousand three hundred dollars). (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Roll Call vote, 4-1-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Mandler, May, Rix, and Yuchniuk. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Bunnell. Voting in Abstention: Councilor McNally. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2022-44. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review approve the position description for the Human Resources Director, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Yuchniuk)

Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor Rix. Discussion: Councilor Yuchniuk stated the importance and necessity of the position. Councilor Bunnell agreed, adding that the revival of the position is long overdue, especially in view of the current scope of the position. The funding would be allocated for the position's salary and benefits. The current Town Council Conference Room which is currently equipped with a desk, computer, printer, and telephone may be used for his/her office. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2022-45. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Non-Commercial Vehicle Driver Policy, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Yuchniuk)

Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Mandler stated that the establishment of the Policy was recommended by the Town's insurance company. The Policy is unrelated to background checks, with the exception of the employee's driving history, or establishing any driving restrictions – both items are under the guise of the employee's contract and/or Mayor. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.



- i. **Resolution #2022-46. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Police Extra Duty Policy, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Yuchniuk)  
Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The final sentence in the Traffic Control Officers Section of the Policy that reads, “Time and one half after an eight-hour workday does not apply to our Traffic Control Officers” Will be eliminated. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- j. **Resolution #2022-47. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the private duty vehicle charge rate at \$20 (twenty dollars) per hour. (Councilor Yuchniuk)  
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- k. **Resolution #2022-48. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the rate for Traffic Control Officers at \$30 (thirty dollars) per hour for Town functions. (Councilor Yuchniuk)  
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: Councilor Mandler stated that the rates for the Private Duty Vehicle Charge and Traffic Control Officers were recommended by the Finance Director. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- l. **Resolution #2022-49. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to consummate the sale of 14 Bridge Street Montville, CT to P & H Construction LLC. by Virtue of a Quit Claim deed for \$10,000 per the purchase and sales agreement, dated April 28, 2022. (Mayor McDaniel)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel provided a brief history of the property and clarified that, in lieu of an official purchase and sales agreement, a formal written offer, outlining the details, was provided by P&H Construction. The property was not advertised and a favorable §8-24 Review was previously provided by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The sale will release the Town of any liabilities and an assessment will be provided, in compliance with the Transfer Act requirements to ensure a clean transfer of the environmental responsibility. The property includes three (3) parcels. While Mr. Blum expressed an interest in the property, per his public comment, no formal offer was made. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- m. **Resolution #2022-50. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM for a Public Hearing at Montville Town Hall, Town Council Chambers regarding an ordinance titled “An Ordinance Regarding the Collection of Tax Payments”. (Councilor McNally)  
Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: The Ordinance would allow the Tax Collector to waive the property tax payments with an amount of less than ten dollars (\$10.00). Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- n. **Resolution #2022-51. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Suspense List at the request of the Tax Collector in the amount of \$99,016.28 (ninety-nine thousand sixteen dollars and twenty-eight cents) dated the ninth day of May 2022. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: The Suspense List includes taxes that are still collectible, but have been deemed uncollectible. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- o. **Resolution #2022-52. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:15 PM for a Public Hearing at Montville Town Hall, Town Council Chambers regarding an ordinance titled “An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 2006-003, Establishing The Volunteer Firefighters’ Relief Program Of The Town Of Montville” (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Rix. Discussion: The amended Ordinance will raise the maximum allowable stipend/tax abatement amount for the Volunteer Firefighters. Roll Call vote, 5-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, and Yuchniuk. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor McNally. Resolution passed.

- p. **Resolution #2022-53. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to recognize Juneteenth on or near June 19th as an official Town holiday in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: The recognition would bring the Town in line with the State’s recent recognition of the same. Discussion ensued regarding whether the holiday would be a paid day off.

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor McNally, to amend the motion as follows:

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to recognize Juneteenth on or near June 19th as an official *paid* Town holiday in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States. (Councilor McNally)

Discussion: Discussion continued regarding what deeming the holiday as a paid day off involves, including discussions with the unions and the additional expenses. Roll Call vote, 0-6. Voting in Favor: None. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Resolution failed.

Discussion continued regarding the original Resolution. Mayor McDaniel expressed his support, adding that the Town Council’s support would also provide him with a solid position during the employee contract negotiations. Councilor Yuchniuk concurred. Roll Call vote, 6-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- q. **Resolution #2022-54. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to consummate the sale of 00 Bridge Street, Montville, CT, to Karen Fritzler by Virtue of a Quit Claim deed for \$10,000 per the purchase and sales agreement, dated May 3, 2022. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The property is an undeveloped corner lot located on Bridge Street at Maple Avenue; the transaction is cash sale with no contingencies. Roll Call vote, 5-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, and Yuchniuk. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor McNally. Resolution passed.

- r. **Resolution #2022-55. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to consummate the sale of 309 Route 163, Montville, CT to AFG Properties by Virtue of a Quit Claim deed for \$20,000 per the purchase and sales agreement, dated April 29, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: The transaction of the property is a cash sale with no contingencies. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in

favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- s. **Resolution #2022-56. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to hold a public hearing pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 13a-49 to consider the discontinuance of Fort Shantok Road (east), Sunny Hill Drive and portion of Shantok Heights Road and to Quit Claim said roads to Mohegan Tribe to be held July 19th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Montville, CT. (Mayor McDaniel)
- Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: A Town Meeting will be held following the Public Hearing to further discuss and vote on the discontinuance of the roads. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Rix, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

Florence Turner, 204 Route 163, Uncasville, spoke as a parent of a Tyl Middle School student. She urged the Town Council to support the proposed BOE budget and the funding for the high school tennis courts repairs. She stated the importance of supporting the students who have struggled immensely due to the pandemic; any cuts to their budget would further exacerbate the negative effects. The proposed repairs to the tennis courts would benefit all of the Town's students who would participate in and enjoy the sport through their physical education classes, youth services programs, and summer program(s).

Matt Suarez, 18 Cranberry Drive, Uncasville, spoke with respect to the Route 32 Sidewalk Project. He requested that the current Ordinance regarding the clearing of sidewalks be reviewed and updated to include all of the Town's sidewalks. He enjoyed the presence of some of the Town's youth at this evening's meeting and hopes they will continue to attend.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Mayor McDaniel thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting during which many items were discussed. He reported that the Town was able to secure a Special ARPA Grant of \$500,000.00 from the State and encouraged the Town Council to review the overall tennis court project, including such details as the netting and lighting, to ensure that it is properly accomplished. He also expressed his full support of devising a Capital Plan for school improvements. Recent legislative bills will mandate the Town to conduct HVAC and Quality of Air Studies which will require funding. He added that his proposed budget includes considerations related to the Town's Minimum Budget Requirements (MBR). He looks forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at the Old Town Hall, 12:00 p.m.

Councilor Bunnell reiterated his comments regarding the tennis courts, stating that the public comments portion of the meetings is a very integral part of their government. It is very important for residents to have the opportunity to voice their comments. He felt that the Ad Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee's Special Meeting Agenda lacked the necessary clarity and transparency that would afford the citizens to speak regarding the tennis courts. He hopes that going forward, they will ensure that the public will be provided with the necessary information upon which they could comment. He extended his congratulations to Senior & Social Services Director Doherty-Peck for being recognized, adding that she is a definite asset to the Town and its residents. He also spoke in support of reviewing and updating the Town's Sidewalk Ordinance and reminisced about the previous discussions regarding the Ordinance. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Councilor May thanked his colleagues for their hard work dealing with the issues of the Housing Authority. He felt that the newly appointed members will be beneficial for its residents. He commented that the plans for the tennis/pickleball courts have undergone a series of transformations and felt that the Town's infrastructure should be reviewed and fixed.

He also hoped that the Town will consider funding the project should additional funds become available. He also wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day holiday.

Councilor McNally thanked the public, especially the members of the tennis team, for attending the meeting. He stated that the Town is investigating the possibility of taking out a bond to repair any of the schools' neglected items, including the tennis courts.

Councilor Mandler also thanked the public for attending the meeting. He stated that he votes with his conscience based on the input he receives and with the younger generation in mind. Sometimes, the decisions they make are not popular with everyone. He was pleased that the Town Council voted to support the allocation of \$200,000.00 to the Board of Education to help offset their budget. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Councilor Yuchniuk clarified that \$600,000.00 in funding remains available for the repairs/construction of the Camp Oakdale Tennis Courts and saw no reason to delay the project. He expressed his support to move the allocation of \$200,000.00 from the tennis court project to the BOE budget which, he felt, would positively affect a wider range of residents.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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