

**Town of Montville Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 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 7:06 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call  
Present were Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Absent were Councilors May and Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda  
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Caron, to make the following amendments to the Agenda:
  - 14(d) To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Public Works Director John Carlson to fill an alternate vacancy to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) with a term to expire on November 14, ~~2022~~ 2025.
  - 14(l) To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Ronald McDaniel to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) with a term to expire on November 14, ~~2022~~ 2025.Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
  - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022
  - b. The Special Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Mandler, to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022. 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 discussion of potential settlement of CHRO Case No. 2240223. Discussion to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Attorney Michael Oleyer.  
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:16 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  
VFW Post 10060 Commander David Lamirande, 18 McCulley Place, Uncasville, spoke with respect to Item 16(n). He provided a brief history of the 174-year-old building – one of the oldest buildings in the Town of Montville. Located on Raymond Hill Road, the VFW building requires major repairs and updates, including an HVAC System, broken windows, flooring, entrance/exit stairway, tiling, outdoor lighting, and doors. He is requesting

\$89,600.00 from the Town's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to help fund these items. The VFW is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that serves and supports, not only the veterans of the town, but also many of the town's organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Marine Corps League, Groton Sea Cadets, and American Legion. They are active members of the community, hosting Celebration of Life ceremonies free of charge, annual flag retirement ceremonies, Veterans Day Luminaries, Placement of Flags on the graves of Veterans, Annual Memorial Day parade, Montville Cheerleading and Football Banquets, etc. Many baby showers, birthday parties, and weddings are also held in the hall. In addition, the hall and kitchens are offered to those in need. The organization supports itself through the revenue received from its canteen sales and hall rentals. Those who work at the VFW Post are volunteers. He reiterated the need and implored the Councilors to fully fund the much-needed repairs and updates that would allow them to continue serving the town.

Namie Tedford, 494 Kitemaug Road, Uncasville, expressed her support for the VFW and its Commander. As a sister of a Veteran, she stated the importance of providing the country's veterans with a place to call their own, a place where they could feel comfortable with those who understand the sacrifices they made together. She reiterated the organizations and individuals the VFW supports, including the town's events, including the Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies and events. The building is more than a social gathering place. Without the funding for the renovations, the building will fall into further disrepair and become unsafe and would no longer be able to support the town, its organizations, and its residents. She expressed her disappointment and sadness that individuals such as herself need to plea for financial help for their veterans. She implored them to do the right thing.

Patricia Kovalik, 351 Gay Hill Road, Uncasville, spoke on behalf of Joan Kovalik, President of the American Legion Auxiliary, who was unable to attend the meeting. She spoke in support of the VFW's request for funding to repair and restore the building and provide a safe environment for the town's veterans and their families. The veterans have served their time to protect us and their country and it is now their turn to support them. She commended VFW Post Commander Lamirande for his hard work and efforts to support the community with minimal funds. They have and will continue to host the town's Memorial Day Parade and American Legions Auxiliary Luminary Celebration. She implored the Town Council to take care of the Veterans defended the country with pride in this time of need.

Chris Lawton, 10 Carolina Drive, Oakdale, spoke in support of item 16(n). An active member of the community, Mr. Lawton serves as a soccer coach, Troop 67 Scout Master, and is the former Chairman of the Dog Park Committee. He commended VFW Commander Lamirande for his hospitality and openness. He felt that it was unfair for the veterans who have served our community to fight for much-needed help. As a volunteer, he, too, has given to the town and never asked for anything in return, but he stands before them this evening to ask that the Town Council support those who support him and the youth of the town.

Gary Murphy, 55 Laurel Point Drive, Oakdale, also spoke in favor of item 16(n). The brother of Bob Murphy, a fierce fighter for the veterans, felt that the Town should support the VFW. Speaking on behalf of his brother, he relayed his brother's joy when the VFW supported the young marines when their post in Norwich was closed.

Ellen Desjardins, 513 Raymond Hill Road, Uncasville, wished to compare the funding the Town has approved for the new dog pound and the VFW's request. As a long-time owner of a boarding camp for dogs, she agreed that the current animal control facility requires repairs and updates and invited them to visit her kennel. She felt that the support the town receives from the VFW does not compare to the number of dogs the facility serves. She

urged them to think twice before spending \$800,000.00 for the new Animal Control Facility and invest those funds to support the VFW instead.

William Jorgenson, who represents the Navy Sea Cadet Corps., expressed his support for the VFW's request for funding. The VFW provided a campsite for the Corps, who, as a gesture of appreciation, cleared approximately two acres of the land for campsites. Though he has been a member of the organization for a short period, he has witnessed the members help several veterans and individuals in need. He stated that, without question, the organization is worthy of the money they are requesting.

Nage Wong, 39 Dydo Drive, Uncasville, a member of the VFW, requested the help of the town to help fund the repairs for the building. He explained the negative effects of the pandemic which forced them to temporarily close their doors and personally support the organization. The organization helps and supports not only the veterans of the town, but also the community. He requested that the Town help and support them in return.

Travis Troop, 127 Massapeag Road, spoke in support of the VFW's request. He stated that many of its current members are not yet of age to become active members of the organization as they are working to support and raise their families.

Kimberly Dole, 19 Sharp Hill Road, Uncasville, also spoke in support of the VFW's request for funding. A lifelong child in a family of veterans, she stated that the VFW provides support and a community for fellow veterans and builds personal, emotional, and physical comradeships. Without the support, the younger generation will not be able to benefit from the sense of community and self-preservation they provide as they build their history by sharing of their stories.

Jerry Brown, 1207 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale, spoke in support of item 16(n) on the agenda. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he stated that the VFW supported and took him in when the towns of New London and Waterford would not. The VFW is his home and would not like to see it die.

John Desjardins, also spoke in support of item 16(n). The past District and Local Commander of the VFW, he now serves as the Quartermaster or Treasurer. He provided a brief history of the building and the land. All of the funds that are raised are invested into the building and support their many projects. The hall rental is very inexpensive and is open to the community and its residents. The VFW is requesting a small amount of money and could be forced to close should the funding not be provided. Should the VFW close, the town would be losing a real asset to the town.

Daphne Doran, Division 1 Commander, Young Marine Program, spoke in support of the VFW's request. Unlike any other community, the organization supports the country's youth and veterans. The time they spend volunteering is invaluable. The programs they organize and the individuals they support need to stand for something and are more than deserving of their support.

Chairman McNally asked three times if there were any additional member from the public who would like to speak. There being none, he proposed moving item 16(n) as the next item on the agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Caron, to move item 16(n) to precede item 9, Communications, on the agenda. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- 16(n) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 (thirty-five thousand dollars) of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Montville VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee. (Councilor Mandler)

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

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate an amount not to exceed ~~\$35,000.00 (thirty five thousand dollars)~~ *\$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars)* of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Montville VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee. (Councilor Mandler)

Discussion: Councilor Mandler stated that he spent countless hours speaking with the Commander and researching the request and expressed his support for the Resolution, based on all of the support the VFW has provided to the town, its citizens, and its youth. Councilor Bunnell also expressed his support and stated the benefits of the VFW as it was demonstrated by this evening's comments. He felt that the allocation of funding would be appropriate as it would support an organization that was severely impacted by the pandemic. Councilor Caron stated that, due to a conflict, he will be abstaining from voting on the Resolution, but expressed his full support. Councilor Yuchniuk, whose father served in WWII and, himself, regrets not serving in the military, proudly supported the Resolution. Mayor McDaniel also expressed his full support and recited a letter submitted by Councilor May expressing his support. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Resolution amended.

**Resolution #2022-101. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars) of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Montville VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee. (Councilor Mandler)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

*A short recess was taken at 8:05 p.m. Councilor McNally resumed the meeting at 8:07 p.m.*

VFW Commander Lamirande thanked the Town Council for their support.

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the August 2022 Financial Reports from Pamela Bonanno, Town Treasurer
- b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of June 2022
- c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of July 2022
- d. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of July 2022
- e. Copy of a letter regarding an Unfavorable §8-24 Review from the Planning & Zoning Commission for the property located at 141 Lake Drive East, Oakdale, CT (M/B/L 108/051/000)
- f. Copy of a letter from Councilor Tim May regarding his support of the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Montville VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 10060 to repair and update their facility

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred

The Town is in the process of closing on one of its properties this week.

11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred

Mayor McDaniel reported that a pre-construction meeting was held with Gateway and a meeting with Frontier Communications regarding their fiber expansion was held. They are in the process of administering the grants they received. A REPT4 (Region 4 Emergency Management Planning Team) meeting was held to discuss the funding for FY2022/23.

Public Works Director John Carlson spoke concerning the need to update the HVAC system in the Public Safety Building (item 16(b)). He is requesting that they waive the bid and hire the same company that currently maintains the system.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure

Councilor Yuchniuk reported that the Committee continued their discussions regarding the blight ordinance. The Town Attorney will be contacted regarding the appropriate verbiage for the placement of the donation boxes. Also discussed was the Ordinance regarding the establishment of an Independent Police Department, which is on this evening's agenda.

b. Finance – *no report; items on the agenda*

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal

Councilor McNally stated that the Committee is continuing to work on a long list of items; items are also on this evening's agenda.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

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

Library Committee continues to make progress on the projects for which they received ARPA Funding. The electrical upgrade has been completed and the installation of the new HVAC system has begun. A contractor is reviewing the restroom upgrades and installation of the new ceiling and lighting for the building. Additional contractors will be reviewing and providing a bid on the project.

Fire Fighters' Relief Fund – *no meeting; no report*

The Parks & Recreation Commission will be visiting and reviewing their facilities. Discussions continue regarding the projects for which they received ARPA Funding. The Public Works Department will be working on installing the signage. Additional projects include an ice rink, bus trips, and future programs, including outdoor volleyball, horseshoe pits, cornhole tournaments, and establishing a kickball league.

Chairman McNally added that a bid for \$530,000.00 for the tennis courts, plus \$14,000.00 for pickleball lining, was received. For separate pickleball courts, the estimate is \$300,000.00 and \$26,000.00 for a practice wall. The total for the entire project would cost \$869,500.00. The Commission is reviewing the bid and discussing the possibility of scaling down the project to fit within the parameters of the allotted budget.

d. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Social Services, Non-Profit Organizations

A letter will be mailed to the Non-Profit Organizations. Additional funding to some of the organizations was approved.

Social Services recently received and quickly dispersed three pallets of food to those in need by Social Services. The organization is seeking 501(c)(3) status.

The Senior Center is hosting two more trips, which are offered free of charge to the town's seniors. They are investigating the possibility of purchasing a new van. He recognized Ms. Desjardins who was featured in the *Montville Times*. He thanked her for all of her time and efforts maintaining the town's gardens and all of her input. He invited everyone to visit the Senior Center.

e. Councilor Mandler: Water Pollution Control Authority, Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee

WPCA – *no meeting; no report*

Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee – Two items are on this evening’s agenda for approval (Montville VFW and Montville High School Booster Club). Tomorrow evening’s meeting is canceled due to conflicting engagements. A very informative tour of the Avalonia property was held. He requested that Department Heads provide a status report on the expenditure of the funds that have been allocated.

d. Councilor May: Conservation Commission – *not present; no report*

e. Councilor Rix: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission

BOE Chairman Wills Pike reported that the following projects for which they received ARPA Funding are complete: sidewalk from bus garage to Tyl Middle School, PA System, and Tyl Middle School time clock system. The bid for the bus garage generator is out. The five school buses were delivered. All of the “Indian” signage has been removed, with the exception of one scoreboard. A letter of request was submitted to the Town Council for the allocation of \$507,000.00 from the BOE’s 2% Fund due to an increase in SPED (Special Education) students. An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Montville Police Department regarding the School Resource Officers (SROs) and armed security guards and a policy has been drafted and sent to their attorney for review. There are currently two SROs in the school system and will be dispatched, first and foremost, to the town’s elementary schools.

Informational Meetings regarding the proposed \$8 million Bond (Councilor Caron) – An information meeting hosted by the BOE will not be held. It is the BOE’s feeling that the bond is under the jurisdiction of the town and it would be inappropriate for the BOE to advocate for the bond.

Revenue received from the five discontinued buses (Councilor Caron) – BOE Chairman Pike confirmed that the revenue received from the buses will be returned to the town.

Councilor Bunnell added that the Farmers Market has been having a very successful year. A Car Show will be held during one of this month’s Farmers Market events.

f. Councilor Yuchniuk: Economic Development Commission, Public Safety Commission, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board

Economic Development Commission – no report

Public Safety Commission – It was reported by Montville Police Lt. Dave Radford that they received 976 Calls for Service in the month of August. Letters of Commendation were received for Officers Witt, Stuart, and Fazzino for their apprehension of an individual brandishing a firearm and Officers Shepard and Spring for their assistance with the retrieval of a rabbit brought home by their pet cat.

It was reported by Fire Marshal Paul Barnes that they received 242 Calls for Service. He recognized Firefighters Doyle and Ruff for administering life-saving CPR and AED to an individual.

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Councilors are available twice a week through the Youth Services Bureau via Project Courage, at Tyl Middle School and Montville High School. To date, 112 individuals in the community have been trained to administer NARCAN.

#### 14. Appointments and Resignations

a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint John Guetens to fill a vacancy as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the interview for appointments, Rule 14B of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA).  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. 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 Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA).  
Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Public Works Director John Carlson to fill an alternate vacancy to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) with a term to expire on November 14, 2025.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Deborah Schober to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 8, 2026.  
Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Noah Carver to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 8, 2026.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- g. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Susan Rickards to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on November 8, 2024.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- h. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Kate Johnson to the Gardner Lake Authority with a term to expire on November 11, 2025.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- i. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Bonnie Bacon to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2024.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- j. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Denise Gladue to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2026.  
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- k. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint William Bauer to the Public Safety Commission with a term to expire on November 14, 2025.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- l. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Ronald McDaniel to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) with a term to expire on November 14, 2025.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2022-102. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$5,155.95 (five thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars and ninety-five cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2022-103. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the purchase and installation of new A/C heads as it is in the best interest of the Town. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: It was noted that the A/C heads will be for the Public Safety Building and will be conducted by the contractor who currently maintains the town's HVAC systems. The item was discussed by the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee and it was agreed that the job should be conducted as swiftly as possible. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2022-104. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$7,246.00 (seven thousand two hundred forty-six dollars) to Part-time Youth Service Workers (Line Item 10750-51073) from the General Fund Balance. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: It was noted that the funds will be deriving from a grant they received. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2022-105. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate \$4,364.00 (four thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars) to Bus Leasing Principal (Line Item 10450-52112) and \$1,729.00 (one thousand seven hundred twenty-nine dollars) to Bus Leasing Interest (Line Item 10460-52113) from the General Fund Balance. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2022-106. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$353.00 (three hundred fifty-three dollars) from the Brownfield Fund (14) to the General Fund balance to close out the Brownfield Fund. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The funds derive from the Bridge Street project. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2022-107. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the year-end transfers as requested by the Treasurer and as depicted on Schedule A. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler,



Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2022-108. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled “An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Fort Shantok Road (East), Sunny Hill Drive and a Portion of Shantok Heights Road” on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Caron reported that the gate will not be installed at this time. Chairman McNally stated that the Public Hearing will be followed by a Town Council Special Meeting where the Ordinance will be approved. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2022-109. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ronald McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to settle the CHRO Case No. 2240223 for the sum of \$4,700.00. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- i. **Resolution #2022-110. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to consummate the sale of 230B Maple Ave, Uncasville, CT to Soraya Aubele for a sum of \$16,500 (No contingency) by virtue of a quit claim deed per the purchase and sale agreement. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: Other offers were received; the highest offer was read into the record for approval. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2022-111. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to consummate the sale of 300E Maple Avenue, Uncasville, CT to Sungryong Jung for a sum of \$45,000 (Subject to inspection), or MMRE Management for a sum of \$34,500 (Subject to inspection) by virtue of a quit claim deed for per the purchase and sales agreement. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: The property will be offered to highest bidder. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **Resolution #2022-112. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ronald McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 420 units of medical visit service for seniors totaling \$11,999.40 (Eleven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the grant is received annually for the medical services at the Senior Center. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

1. **Resolution #2022-113. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ronald McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 1,620 units of medical transportation service for seniors totaling \$21,395.52 (Twenty-one thousand three hundred ninety-five dollars and fifty-two cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Caron stated that this and the previous item provide very services to the seniors of the town. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- m. **Resolution #2022-114. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to the Montville High School Booster Club for a new popcorn machine. (Councilor Mandler)

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Councilor Bunnell expressed his support for the Booster Club, which greatly contributes to the town and were negatively impacted by the pandemic. Councilor Caron stated that he has requested that the Booster Clubs former popcorn machine be donated to the Senior Center. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

VFW Commander David Lamirande thanked the Town Council for their support. He also spoke in support of an independent police department.

Ellen Desjardins, 513 Raymond Hill Road, felt that the funding allocated to the new Animal Control Facility is too high and should be allocated to other items. The facility could serve as an apartment for the Animal Control Officer.

*Chairman McNally stated that the plans are in the process of being drafted and there are many regulations and requirements for an animal control facility justifying the costs.*

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Mayor McDaniel thanked the public for attending this evening's meeting, which was very productive.

Councilor Bunnell also thanked the public for attending the meeting and providing their input. He especially expressed his appreciation to the members of the VFW who continue to provide invaluable support to the community and its residents. Their contributions are undeniable. He also corrected Mr. Beetham's comment during the Public Hearing, stating that, while there was a reduction in cost this year, the Resident State Trooper Program would never be offered at a zero cost to the towns they serve.

Councilor Caron also thanked the public, especially the members of the police department, for attending this evening's meeting. He also expressed his appreciation to the Councilors for listening to and supporting the VFW's request for funding and his strong support for the town's veterans. He further commended and stated his appreciation for the town's First Responders, who do a fantastic job. The town is indebted to all of its members.

Councilor McNally also thanked the public for attending the meeting and reminded them that the Town Council will be holding a Public Hearing on the discontinuance of roads to the Mohegan Tribe next Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be followed by a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. He clarified that the Town Council was never

opposed to funding the VFW in full but were concerned with the optics of providing funding to a private organization.

Councilor Yuchniuk corrected Ms. Desjardins, stating that the proposed Animal Control Facility is not an apartment for the Animal Control Officers.

Councilor Mandler thanked the public for attending this evening's meeting. He felt that the Town Council voted with their conscience and accomplished many positive things this evening in a bipartisan manner.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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