

**Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Council Chambers**

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 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Absent were Councilors Caron and Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
5. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, without prejudice to the Council's right to discuss the same in private pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(2). Discussion to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Ronald McDaniel, and Attorney Eileen Duggan.

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 6:43 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.
6. New Business
 - a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the funds necessary to implement the written agreement, and the terms of the written agreement, between the Town of Montville and Montville Fire Fighters Association of Management, Local 3386, IAFF for the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025. (Mayor McDaniel)
Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 0-5, all opposed. Voting in Favor: None. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Resolution failed.
 - b. **Resolution #2022-127. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Town Council Chairman Tom McNally to extend a Conditional Offer of Employment to one of the candidates for the position of Finance Director with a starting pay of \$110,000.00. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilors Mandler and May felt that all of the candidates that were interviewed were outstanding. Councilor May added that the selected candidate would be a good fit for the Town of Montville. Councilor Bunnell stated he was pleased with the speed upon which they were able to go through the process for such an essential position. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
 - c. **Resolution #2022-128. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the favorable §8-24 Review for the proposed site improvements to the Town Boat Launch and construction of a new Fishing Pier & associated site improvements at 55 Dock Road (M/B/L 071-008-000), Uncasville, CT. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Town Planner Liz Burdick provided a brief presentation and a summary of the (estimated) \$885,000.00 project. \$663,750.00 in funding for the project was received from CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) and the Town's matching fund is 25% or \$221,250.00. Should the Town decline the funding, the boat launch would need to be repaired for \$745,000.00. Some of the site improvements for the parking areas were rolled into the Fishing Pier Grant, reducing the estimated cost for the boat launch by \$200,000.00. The old piers will be removed and lighting will be added to improve the safety of the area. Mayor McDaniel added that the Town also plans to apply for the Build Back Better Grant to further offset the costs. The area is heavily used and is a great asset to the Town. Councilor May stated the importance of a 24/7 Boat Launch area that is accessible by the U.S. Navy, the Town's emergency personnel, and the Water Pollution Control Authority. Councilor Bunnell stated that the Boat Launch and Fishing Pier improvements were part of former Town Planner Marcia Vlaun's dream and goal for countless years. He expressed his happiness that the project will finally be realized and congratulated and thanked Town Planner Burdick for her hard work and efforts. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2022-129. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the transfer of \$748,000.00 from the General Surplus Account to fund a portion of the Boat Launch and Fishing Pier Project and authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to execute any and all documents related thereto. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Councilor Bunnell stated that they are fortunate to have the funding; he is happy to be a part of the project. Councilor May reiterated that the project would benefit the Town's citizens and public safety and will be a great asset to the town. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2022-130. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices at noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2021 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday for non-essential personnel and to award four (4) hours paid time off for Essential Personnel who must remain on the job to be used by the end of the calendar year. (Councilor McNally)

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

7. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit – *none*

8. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor May thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work in the search for a new Finance Director.

Chairman McNally wished everyone a nice weekend and reminded everyone that the Social Services Department is seeking donations for their Annual Holiday Baskets

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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