

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

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, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Absent was Councilor Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron, to remove the following item on the Agenda:
16(a) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$___ (___) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)
Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to add the following item to the Agenda:
16(k) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$60,000.00 (sixty thousand dollars) of the State LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) funds for the exterior repairs to the Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion. (Councilor Caron)
Discussion: Councilor Caron stated that he wished to begin securing funding for the project, which includes upgrading the roof, fascia, lighting, ceiling, and stairs. The repairs and upgrades are estimated to cost approximately \$85,000.00 to \$90,000.00. The Town Council previously approved the funding for the column footings. The facility, which is utilized for public and private events, is an important part of the community. 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 June 12, 2023
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session – *none*
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Kate Southard, 89 Wildwood Lane, Chairperson, Parks & Recreation (P&R) Commission, expressed her concerns regarding the possible loss of scheduling abilities and use for their current and future programs and Carnival that might accompany the renaming of the Montville Community Center to Montville Youth Services (Item 16(c)). She also noted the new playground was recently installed at the facility. She stated her support for items 16(e) – the basketball court reconstruction; 16(f) – Desjardins Park upgrades, and; 16(k) – the Pavilion upgrades. She thanked Councilors for approving the funding of many of their projects, adding that the Commission’s goal is to repair their current facilities rather than build anew. She thanked them for their consideration.

Jon Chase, 1011 Route 163, Member, P&R Commission, spoke in favor of items 16(e) and (f), concurring with P&R Commission Chairperson Southard’s remarks and confirming the

Commission's recognition of the importance of maintaining their current facilities. He requested that the Commission be provided with the necessary tools to complete the job(s) at hand and quoted Sir Winston Churchill who stated that "... the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down. Give us the tools, and we will finish the job." Concerning item 16(c), he cited §283-2 (Definitions. Recreational Property) of an existing Ordinance and requested the Councilors rethink the proposed resolution.

Micah Messer, Chief, of Oakdale Fire Company, thanked the Finance Committee for introducing item 16(d), regarding the State Radio System. Its approval will prove to be a valuable action for the town. He also hopes that the Councilors will approve the additional funding next year to continue and complete the transfer to the State Radio System. He also spoke in favor of items 16(g), regarding the funding for the SCBA Washer which will remove the contaminants from their emergency gear, and 16(h) regarding the repairs to the M43 Tanker which would add approximately 15 to 20 years to the life of an apparatus that supplies water to those areas that lack fire hydrants.

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, Oakdale, spoke concerning item 16(c), stating that the Board of Education's Safety Plan requires that the building remain locked. He felt that the name of the facility is unimportant as long as its current functions, which he supports, continue to be maintained.

Timothy Congdon, Waterford, Montville Professional Firefighters Union, stated the importance of the State Radio System upgrade, especially in relation to mutual aid calls; the SCBA Washer, which would eliminate any carcinogenic chemicals from their gear, and; the Oakdale Volunteer Fire Company's M43 Tanker repairs, which would be a sound investment considering the cost of a new Tanker.

9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the June 2023 Financial Reports from Finance Director Barbara Griffin
 - b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of May 2023
 - c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of May 2023
 - d. Copy of a letter from the Public Works Employees Local 1303-051 regarding the inappropriate actions of an elected official

The claim(s), which is a personnel issue, is currently under investigation by the Mayor's and Human Resources offices.

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *none*
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred

Mayor McDaniel reported that the Governor vetoed Senate Bill 1213, which was unanimously passed in both the House of Representatives and Senate and supported by CCM (Connecticut Council of Municipalities) and COST (Connecticut Council of Small Towns). The Bill would have provided additional funding to municipalities through the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund. A letter requesting a special session was sent to the Leadership from himself, the SCCOG (Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments), and the delegation. The Personal Services Agreement (PSA) for the Fishing Pier was signed and returned to the state; it is hoped that the bidding for the project can begin very soon. He met with the Land Use & Development Director and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to discuss new mapping for Flood Zones and mitigation areas. A Pre-Construction Meeting regarding the Route 163 Construction Project, which is behind schedule due to inclement weather, was held; the project is slated for completion this week. The Building Official Services Contract with SCCOG was signed and the individual has begun working in the Building Department.

Effect of Governor's SB1213 Veto (Councilor May) – While it is unknown as to the exact allocation of funding the town was slated to receive, the funds were to derive from the Casinos' slot machine income and would have tripled the Pequot-Mohegan Funds, which is distributed to the municipalities. Councilor Caron felt that, as a host town, Montville does not receive enough funds for the impact the casinos incur. He encouraged the Councilors to also draft a letter, adding that he has left messages with both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor voicing his dismay.

Land Use & Development Director Liz Burdick reported that, as noted by the Mayor, the PSA was executed and sent to the state for the Attorney General's signature. The Town Engineer will be providing a letter stating the next steps for the project. They are hoping to start the project to repair the Boat Launch and construct the new Fishing Pier in the Fall. The Planning & Zoning Commission recently approved the expansion of an existing stable on Fitch Hill Road, granted an extension for a proposed gas station/convenience store on Route 32, and postponed a site development application with multiple warehouse/office spaces on Fitch Hill Road and an application for a proposed site development of a Ground-Mounted Solar Array on Route 163. The Commission also directed the Land Use Department to draft a regulation amendment to prohibit any new retail cannabis establishments. Once completed, a copy of the draft regulation will be sent to the Town Council for review and comment. The tax benefits of allowing cultivators and micro-cultivator cannabis establishments and the possibility of approving such establishments through a Special Permit are being investigated.

Route 32 Project Status (Councilor Caron) – The project appears to be stalled due, possibly, to issues related to the stormwater system and permitting.

Deinstallation of Flags (Councilor Caron) – Due to a complaint, local businesses were requested to deinstall their flags. The SCCOG has been contracted to clarify and draft sign regulations that balance the needs of both the town and its businesses. A consultant was also hired to work with the Economic Development Commission to draft a Strategic Economic Development Plan to connect the Town and establish a Town Center.

Routes 163/82 Gas Station (Councilor May) – An As-Built Plan was submitted and an inspection of the property has been scheduled.

Finance Director Barbara Griffin provided a brief report regarding the LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) Funds and FY2022/23 budget highlights. The Housing Authority, which had fallen behind on its payments, is now back on track. The Police Private Duty expenses were offset by their revenue. Many of the salary line items are over budget due to the ratification of the Union Contract after the start of the fiscal year and will require year-end transfers. Because most of the contracts are slated for certification at the end of FY2023/24, she plans to suggest that additional funding be allocated to the Contingency Account. While many of the utility line items and departments were over budget, workers' compensation was under-budget.

LoCIP Funds (Chairman McNally) – The LoCIP Funds will be verified.

Remaining ARPA Funds & Unassigned Fund Balance (Councilor Caron) – The remaining ARPA Funds and Unassigned Fund Balance amounts will be provided.

Mayor McDaniel clarified that the overbudgeting of the salaries due to contract negotiations is typical and is part of the purpose of the Town's Contingency Account.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure

Councilor Yuchniuk reported that the Committee met with the Land Use & Development Director who proposed updates to the Position Descriptions for the Director of Land Use & Development, Assistant Town Planner, and Zoning/Wetlands

Enforcement Officer. The changes will be made by the Human Resources Department and returned to the Committee for review.

b. Finance

Chairman McNally stated that the items discussed by the Committee are on this evening's Agenda for approval.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal

Chairman McNally reported that the Committee discussed the future of the Raymond Hill Church as part of the Library; funding is being sought for the necessary renovations. The Road Improvement Program is coming to a close as Chesterfield and Chapel Hill Roads have been paved and Moxley and Maple Roads are scheduled for paving. The members engaged in a tour of the Old Town Hall/Social Services Building renovations; the building is slated for completion over the coming months. The Community Center bathrooms project is slated to go out to bid. Work on the Moxley Road Bridge project is scheduled to begin in approximately two (2) weeks, the school bus was removed from Schofield Pond and the area will be cleaned and prepared for fire training exercises. Minor items on the football field will be addressed, compromised trees were removed on Turner Road and will be removed on Fire Street, the tennis court bathrooms are in the process of being painted, and they are awaiting the receipt of camera footage of the drainage pipes on Orchard Drive to determine its condition. The Committee also discussed the handicapped parking spaces, the use of the access road, and the large pavilion at Camp Oakdale.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

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

Fire Fighters' Relief Fund – *no meeting*

Library Committee – *no meeting*; awaiting the receipt of an additional bid for the ramp.

Parks & Recreation (P&R) Commission – During their recent meeting, a representative from the Football League spoke concerning the items that require completion, including moving the bleachers, fencing, lighting, branch cutting, insulation, speakers, use of the access road, and bathroom access. The Soccer League and numerous residents also spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of the football field, which would infringe upon one of the soccer fields. P&R Director Bushway provided the Commission with a brief report regarding the completion of the playground, the Tag Sale, Carnival, Summer Camp, Farmers Market, and Concert Series. The Commissioners discussed the handicapped parking spaces and the access road at Camp Oakdale. The MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) regarding the use of the access road will be reviewed and revised. The issues surrounding the recent Carnival, including inclement weather, the moving of the fireworks, lack of staffing, the condition of the rides, and the lack of fried dough will be addressed for next year's event. The Community Center Plan Committee reviewed New London's plan for a 35,000-square-foot Community Center. Disappointment regarding the lack of Capital Improvement items for FY2023/24 was expressed; some of the items are included in this evening's agenda. Funding for the bounce-back wall has been obtained and its location will be determined. Councilor Bunnell commended Eagle Scout Lawton on the trail located behind the Public Safety Building, which he created as his Eagle Scout Project.

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

Non-Profit Organizations – Concerns raised by two of the Non-Profit Organizations were forwarded to the P&R Department.

Social Services – The building renovation project continues to progress and is on budget. The building will be used and visited by the Town's veterans and seniors as

well as those in need of assistance. Having visited other food banks, Councilor Caron commented on the town's outstanding food bank.

Commission on Aging – The senior trips and classes are growing in popularity as the community comes out of the pandemic. Councilor Caron expressed his pride in the Senior Center whose membership continues to increase and attracts many members from other towns. The Center is investigating the possibility of hosting computer classes. He expressed his appreciation to the Councilors for their support for the initiatives he has brought forward.

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

Water Pollution Control Authority – Due to structural damage to the Stony Creek overpass, the Commission agreed to allocate \$400,000.00 to repair the bridge, which is quickly and substantially deteriorating. Delays should be expected while the repairs are being conducted.

Ad-Hoc Covid-19 Impact Study Committee – *Item included on this evening's Agenda.*

- d. Councilor May: Conservation Commission

Due to the holiday, the Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening. Much interest was gained in the Commission's activities on Community Night at the recent Farmers Market event.

- e. Councilor Rix: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission – *not present; no report*

Chairman McNally reminded everyone that the Farmers Market is held every Tuesday evening.

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

Economic Development Commission – *no report*

Public Safety Commission – The Police Department reported 899 Calls for Service and 144 Citations. The Fire Marshal reported that 58 inspections and 2 fire investigations were conducted. The Montville Fire Company responded to 67 EMS (Emergency Medical Services) calls, 3 Fire Calls, 9 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls, and 16 other calls. The Mohegan Fire Company reported 65 EMS Calls, 2 Fire Calls, 11 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls, and 10 Other Calls. The Oakdale Fire Company reported 38 EMS Calls, 2 Fire Calls, 6 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls, and 4 Other Calls. The Chesterfield Fire Company had 13 EMS Calls, 2 Fire Calls, 4 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls, and 6 Other Calls. As the Mayor reported, the Building Official contracted through SCCOG has started working for the town. A successful swearing-in ceremony was held for the new Police Chief and the creation of an independent Police Department. As the Chairman of the Event Committee, he stated that the event came in \$3.39 under budget.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Serg St. Felix as an Alternate Member of the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on July 10, 2027.

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

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to waive the interview, Rule 14B of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Water & Sewer Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Frank Miceli to fill a vacancy on the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire on January 14, 2025.
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Vince Attwater-Young from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately.
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint John Plikus to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on November 13, 2023.
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$ ____ (____) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor McNally)
Removed from Agenda.
- b. **Resolution #2023-70. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate \$90,084.00 (ninety thousand eighty-four dollars) in unanticipated ECS (Education Cost Sharing) Funds to the Board of Education Budget. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated the appropriateness of allocating the designated funds to the Board of Education (BOE). Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to rename the Montville Community Center, located at 836 Chesterfield Road, and advertised as Home of Montville Parks & Recreation & Montville Youth Services as Montville Youth Services. (Councilor Mandler)
Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: The item is included on the Agenda due to an accident that involved damage to the existing sign and the feeling that it is not a “true” community center. There is no intention to change its use or functions. In light of Mr. Chase’s comment and suggestion, Councilor McNally recommended they table the item.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor May, to table the resolution to rename the Montville Community Center, located at 836 Chesterfield Road, and advertised as Home of Montville Parks & Recreation & Montville Youth Services as Montville Youth Services to the August Town Council Regular Meeting. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None.
- d. **Resolution #2023-71. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$350,000.00 (three hundred fifty thousand dollars) of the State LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) funds for the State Radio System. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilor May was pleased with the review of the necessary funding for the State Radio System. Chairman McNally stated that the total amount for the System is approximately

\$800,000.00 and grants would be sought to help fund the remaining amount. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2023-72. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$300,000.00 (three hundred thousand dollars) of the State LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) funds for basketball court reconstruction. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: Per the Purchasing Policy, three (3) bids will be obtained for the project. P&R Director Bushway stated that the estimated amount derives from the original pricing for the tennis/pickleball courts and explained the scope of the project. Councilor Caron referred him to the Norwich Parks & Recreation Department which recently renovated three (3) of their courts. Councilor Bunnell stated that the renovation is much-needed. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- f. **Resolution #2023-73. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) of the State LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) funds for Desjardins Park upgrades. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Having reviewed the Park, Councilor Bunnell stated that the upgrades are long overdue. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- g. **Resolution #2023-74. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars) of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for SCBA (Self-contained Breathing Apparatus) washer. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Yuchniuk, seconded by Councilor Mandler. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- h. **Resolution #2023-75. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$325,000.00 (three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars) of the General Fund Reserve for Oakdale Volunteer Fire Company's M43 Tanker repairs. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Bunnell stated that he was pleased to see the item on the Agenda, stating the importance of having an adequate amount of tankers at their disposal and the considerable savings that would result from the repairs versus purchasing a new tanker. Roll Call vote, 5-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, and Yuchniuk. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor McNally. Resolution passed.
- i. **Resolution #2023-76. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to allocate \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars) of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to complete the Walk-in Refrigerator/Freezer for the Department of Social Services. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: Chairman McNally stated that the money would fund the second and final part of the project and noted that the original pricing had increased. Councilor Caron stated that the Department currently houses a minimum of ten refrigerators. A backup generator will keep the refrigerator running during power outages. Councilor Mandler added that

the item will be fully assembled. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2023-77. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the salary for the Blight Officer to \$18.45 (eighteen dollars and forty-five cents) per hour, effective July 1, 2023. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: The increase, which was inadvertently excluded in their previous vote to approve the proposed increase for non-Union employees, will constitute a 2.5% increase. Councilor Mandler commended the Blight Officer who, he stated, is doing a great job. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- k. **Resolution #2023-78. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$60,000.00 (sixty thousand dollars) of the State LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program) funds for the exterior repairs to the Camp Oakdale Large Pavilion. (Councilor Caron)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Caron stated that the facility, which now dons new lighting and fencing, is often used to host public and private events. The funds would allow the Town to continue making repairs to the Pavilion. Councilor Mandler concurred, stating his concerns for the health and safety of the public due to bird feces during the Farmers' Market and Concert events. Chairman McNally, who was not opposed to funding the repairs, felt that the Pavilion's structural integrity should be addressed before any cosmetic repairs are conducted. He felt that the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee, Public Works Department, and P&R Commission should generate a list and cost analysis of the items in need of attention. Councilor May felt that there would be no harm in allocating the funds this evening, adding that additional LoCIP Funds might be available. Councilor Bunnell expressed his concerns regarding the rising cost of the repairs over time. Roll Call vote, 4-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Yuchniuk and McNally. Resolution passed.

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

Gary Murphy, 55-F Laurel Point Drive, commended the town on the quality of the paving of the roads in the Montville Manor area and credited the Town for engaging in the \$10 million Road Paving Bond. He also commented on the Council's approval to fund the State Radio System, the continuously increasing costs of the radios due to technological advances, and his recollections of the old radio system.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Mayor McDaniel congratulated newly appointed Police Chief Willard Blanchette and commended the Transition Committee on the planning, hosting, and execution of the Ceremony.

Councilor Bunnell echoed Mr. Murphy's comments regarding the old radio system, adding that the new radio system is long overdue. He also congratulated and thanked Councilor Yuchniuk for Chairing the Transition Committee and commended them for planning and hosting a thorough and seamless event. He expressed his gratitude for having been part of the effort to form an Independent Police Department since it was first proposed in 2002. He congratulated the new Police Chief and wished him luck.

Councilor Caron also echoed the previous comments and expressed his pride in Police Chief Blanchette, a family man, and the Montville Police Department. He commended Councilor Yuchniuk and the Committee on an awesome job.

Councilor May expressed his regrets for missing the event and his pride in being a part of the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee. He is also very proud to help provide funding to the Fire Department to purchase the necessary equipment to keep them safe.

Chairman McNally concurred with the previous remarks, adding that the Transition Committee did a flawless job. He encouraged those with questions to contact them at any time, adding that they were not aware of their intent to take away part of the soccer field. He reminded everyone of the Concert this Thursday at the Pavilion.

Councilor Yuchniuk thanked the Councilors for their kind words and recognized Councilor Bunnell, Mike Butterworth, Tiffany Williams, and Sgt. Ryan Springs who worked hard to help host a wonderful and memorable event. With respect to item 16(c), he encouraged all of the Community Center's related parties to pull their ideas together and select a name that is agreeable to all. He noted that, as a former student, he favored the Fair Oaks name.

Councilor Mandler thanked the Councilors for approving the funding for the State Radio System, M43 Tanker, and SCBA Washer. He also thanked the Fire Chiefs for thinking ahead and requesting that the items be approved to increase the safety of their teams. He also thanked Councilor Yuchniuk and the Committee for their attention to detail and hosting a flawless event.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Caron. to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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