

Town of Montville
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairman May 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 Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

a. Good Times Motoring Club

On behalf of the Good Times Motoring Club, Club President Tom Howard and Treasurer Carol Howard presented Montville Police Chief Wilfred Blanchette, III, and Lt. David Radford, II, with a \$1,000.00 check for the Montville K-9 Unit and, on behalf of themselves, presented an additional \$250.00 check. The Good Times Motoring Club of Colchester, Connecticut, is a group of automotive enthusiasts that hosts monthly Car Shows on the Colchester Town Green from April through September. In June, the Club's Car Cruise welcomed 176 vehicles and raised funds to benefit the Montville and Colchester K-9 Units. She thanked the sponsors of the Car Show whose support helped fund the trophies and subsidize the donations: Daniels & Sons Construction, LLC, Airtime Snow Plowing & Landscaping, T&S Lawn Care, LLC, Ron & Son Lawn Care, LLC, and JDB Lawn Care. The Club also donated a \$1,000.00 check to the Colchester K-9 Unit and looks forward to an even more successful event next year.

Chairman May thanked them for their kind support and donation, noting that this is the third year the Club raised funds for the Police Departments' K-9 Units.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to remove the following item from the Agenda, under Item 16, New Business:

16(e) **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 Authority to Declare Line of Duty Deaths of Firefighters" on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Mayor Bunnell)

Discussion: The item has been returned to the Town Attorney for clarification and further review. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. The Special Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2023 (Email Communication)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Chairman May stated that the Special Meeting Minutes relate to a meeting that was not noticed or open to the public by the previous Town Council, per the decision of the Freedom of Information Commission. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, 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 discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining

negotiations. This action is taken without prejudice to the Board's right to discuss these matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200 (2).

Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., and Town Labor Attorney Kristi Kelly.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 8:00 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
Ann Gaulin, 64 Damato Drive, Oakdale, reported that the Montville Animal Shelter Community Team collected over 1,200 lbs. of dog food for Social Services' Pet Pantry in July and raised approximately 200 lbs. of cat food and supplies so far this month for those in need of assistance to maintain their pets in their homes. They have also been raising funds at various events to benefit those animals taken to the Norwichtown Veterinary Hospital by the Town's Animal Control Officer.
9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the July 2024 Financial Reports from Finance Director Barbara Griffin
 - b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of June 2024
 - c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of June 2024
 - d. Copy of the Community Center Exploratory Building Committee Report
10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred
The draft Ordinance for the Declaration for the Fire Department, Solar Easement for the Transfer Station, and the Register of Voters Ordinance have been reviewed by the Town Attorney and are on this evening's Agenda for approval. Information clarifying the Public Act establishing a Property Tax Exemption for Veterans who have a Service-Connected Permanent and Total Disability Rating is being circulated to all of the Town Clerks of the State for consistency; the exemption will be effective for the 2024 Grand List.
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred
Mayor Bunnell is currently in discussions with Eversource regarding the \$389 million Federal Grant for offshore wind, which will benefit the Town of Montville and its tax base. The proposed Routes 161 and 85 Round-a-bout was canceled; the State will now re-align the section and widen sections of Route 85 to Horse Pond Road, Salem. The plans for the removal of the Trading Cove Dam are progressing; its removal should decrease the flooding on the New London Turnpike. The ATM has been installed in the Town Hall. A Project Manager for the Animal Control Facility has been appointed by the State and all necessary materials have been submitted to the State. The bid package verbiage is being reviewed by Silver Petrucelli + Associates to ensure that it meets the State's requirements. All of the requested information for the Fishing Pier has been submitted to CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) for the Fishing Pier Permit. The Town is investigating the wiring and cabling options for the installation of the security cameras.

Finance Director Barbara Griffin reported that the Department is working on closing out the fiscal year and finalizing the outstanding purchase orders before submitting any transfer requests. She also commented on the M-12 Pumper Truck, which is on this evening's agenda for approval. The Town Council approved the allocation of \$850,000.00 in the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); the cost of the vehicle, which will be equipped with a new 2027 Diesel-compliant EPA Motor, has since increased to \$1,044,407.00.
12. Reports from Standing Committees
 - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – *items included on this evening's agenda*

b. Finance – *items included on this evening’s agenda*

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal

While no meeting was held, Councilor Caron reported that the Pavilion Roof and new fascia are completed, the bids for the electrical upgrades and painting were received, and the siding has been ordered. New lighting will be added to the project and the bathrooms and small pavilion will be power-washed and painted. The Community Center (Fair Oaks) boiler is leaking and unrepairable and the piping has aged; the available options and accompanying costs are being investigated.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations, Social Services, Volunteer Firefighters’ Relief Fund

The Senior Center hosted a successful fundraising concert. They continue to partner with UCFS (United Community & Family Services) for mental health services and are awaiting the receipt of a new van and are slated to receive an additional van following the completion of its lease agreement. The Department was awarded the grants included on this evening’s agenda and is in the process of organizing a free bus trip. He thanked the Montville Police Department for providing the seniors with a tour of the Public Safety Building.

b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission

The Board of Education did not hold a meeting.

He was unable to attend the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting due to illness; he thanked them for all of their hard work and efforts for the Town.

c. Councilor Lathrop: Economic Development Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority

The Economic Development Commission continues to investigate ways for the Commission to benefit the Town and make changes, including seeking the input of members from other Boards and Commissions.

While the Water Pollution Control Authority encountered a delay in the steel necessary for the construction of the Cook Water Tower, the project is continuing to progress. The Plant is running efficiently and smoothly, and the staff is working well together.

d. Councilor Sabilia: Conservation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board

The Conservation Commission is working on an inventory of the Town’s open space, reviewing any possible connections and evaluating its use(s).

The Public Safety Commission discussed the M-12 Pumper Truck, which is on this evening’s agenda, and recognized Officer Bayron Mora-Serna, who is an ideal representative of the Town and a true asset to the community.

Councilor Sabilia recited the Youth Service Bureau’s farewell to Alicia Seltzer, one of its longtime staff members, from its recent newsletter.

e. Councilor Southard: Farmers Market Committee, Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission

The Farmers Market Committee will be hosting a Car Cruise night with music by Dan Watson tomorrow evening, followed by Back to School and Dog Days nights.

The Parks & Recreation Commission is hosting its final week of Summer Camp this week; all of the weeks were to capacity, with the exception of Fourth of July week. Due to inclement weather, the free pickleball lesson for residents was moved from last Saturday, August 10 to Sunday, August 11, resulting in decreased attendance. The

Commission selected blue siding for the Large Pavilion. The final two (2) Summer Concerts for the season and will be held on Thursday, August 15 and 22.

The Library Board held a Special Meeting to appoint two (2) new Committees to amend its by-laws and draft a Library Director Job Description. The Board also approved the Contract for a complete roof replacement.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Isaac Tait from the Planning & Zoning Commission, effective August 1, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Councilors Jaskiewicz and Sabilia expressed their regrets; Mr. Tait will be moving out of Town. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss the progress of the Animal Control Facility. (Councilor Yuchniuk)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor.

The State’s required verbiage includes items related to CHRO (Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities) and prevailing wages. It is hoped that significant progress will be made this coming month; attention is paid to the Facility daily.

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2024-53. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$5,713.38 (five thousand seven hundred thirteen dollars and thirty-eight cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2024-54. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the tax abatement of \$1,288.82 for Real Estate for the October 1, 2023 Grand List for Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: The property was recently purchased by the Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2024-55. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the “Policy and Procedure for Reporting Workplace Injuries”, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the Policy and Procedure, which is required for insurance purposes, was discussed with the Human Resources Director. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2024-56. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the position description for the Senior & Social Services Program

Coordinator, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the position description was recommended by the Human Resources Director. The much-needed part-time position will accommodate the Center's growing membership, which numbers over 3,000. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **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 Authority to Declare Line of Duty Deaths of Firefighters" on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Mayor Bunnell)

Item removed from the Agenda.

- f. **Resolution #2024-57. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the Desjardins Park Playground Equipment and associated Town Fees as it is in the best interest of the Town. (Councilor Southard)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Councilor Southard stated that the sealed bid requirement was also waived for the Fair Oaks Playground due to each vendor's specialization of equipment. Mayor Bunnell added that the site is in need of much attention due to its condition. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2024-58. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 420 units of foot care services 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 Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that the Grant, along with items 16(h), (i), and (j), is part of a \$202,264.00 Grant that the Senior & Social Services Director applies for and receives annually. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2024-59. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 1,680 units of medical transportation services for seniors totaling \$24,528.00 (Twenty-four thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars) 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 Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- i. **Resolution #2024-60. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 1,872 units of mental health counseling services for seniors totaling \$14,994.72 (fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-four dollars and seventy-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 Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2024-61. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 2,080 units of the homemaker services for seniors totaling \$33,592.00 (thirty-three thousand five hundred ninety-two dollars) 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 Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **Resolution #2024-62. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the resolution entitled “Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement to Acquire Equipment” a copy of which resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A: and to waive the reading of the entire resolution and to incorporate its full text into the minutes of the meeting. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: The equipment refers to the M-12 Pumper Truck for the Montville Fire Company. The funding for the Truck was approved by the previous Town Council. Due to a change in the requirements, the cost of the vehicle was increased. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- l. **Resolution #2024-63. 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 “Ordinance for the Conveyance of an Electrical Distribution Easement across Town Property for Eversource Energy Utility Installation” on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that a representative(s) from Verogy, who will be installing the solar panels, is present to respond to any questions the Councilors might have; the project was previously approved by the Town Council. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- m. **Resolution #2024-64. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the use of \$86,267.00 (eighty-six thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars) from the General Fund for upgrades to current public safety radio infrastructure to accommodate town wide public safety services as recommended by Police Chief Blanchette. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: Montville Police Lt. David Radford provided and recited an informational letter regarding the upgrades and associated costs. Chairman May stated that the proposal was introduced to the Finance Committee and felt that it would result in huge cost savings for the Town in comparison to their previous option. He commended the Lieutenant for his efforts. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron,

Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- n. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to add OMNIA Partners to the list of approved sources for purchasing without formal bidding procedures. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Councilor Caron made the following motion due to a lack of information:

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Lathrop, to send the request to add OMNIA Partners to the list of approved sources for purchasing without formal bidding procedures to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee for review. Discussion: Chairman May recommended that such requests be approved periodically. The WPCA was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mayor Bunnell stated that the WPCA Administrator felt that the item would provide the town departments with an additional opportunity to achieve better pricing through economies of scale purchasing. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- o. **Resolution #2024-65. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to pay the Deputy Registrar of Voters \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per hour for up to 20 (twenty) hours each fiscal year. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Though previously approved, the item formally addresses the pay wage for the Deputy Registrar of Voters. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- p. **Resolution #2024-66. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the funds necessary to implement the tentative agreement with the Local 1303-341 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (WPCA Employees), for the term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-474(b), by authorizing Mayor Leonard G. Bunnell Sr. to execute documents consistent with the terms of a tentative agreement. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- q. **Resolution #2024-67. 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 to Amend Ordinance No. 2017-003 Article I, “Registrars of Voters,” of Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances, “Officers and Employees” on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: Chairman May clarified that the job description for the position is established by Ordinance. As a result, a Public Hearing must be held. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- r. **Resolution #2024-68. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the establishment of a Community Center Building Committee. Its composition to be determined at the Town Council September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: The establishment of a Community Center Building Committee was requested by the

Parks & Recreation Commission's Community Center Exploratory Building Committee. Roll call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Lathrop thanked the Animal Shelter Committee for their efforts to support the animals in the community who are often overlooked and bring much happiness to those in need. He was also proud to report that he had received five (5) phone calls relaying positive messages regarding the Police Department and thanked them for their service.

Councilor Sabilia announced that he is collecting items, such as backpacks, lunch boxes, reusable water bottles, and the like, for Social Services' School Supply Drive. Items may be dropped off at the Social Services Department at any time or Raymond Hill Library on August 24, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Bunnell thanked the Good Times Motoring Club for their hard work and efforts in raising funds for the Montville & Colchester K-9 Units. He also congratulated Montville Police Chief Blanchette and the Montville Police Department on their first anniversary as an Independent Police Department. He felt that Councilor Lathrop's report of the positive comments he received echoes throughout the Town and recalled the complaints the Mayor's office would receive during his tenure as Lieutenant. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday.

Councilor Southard stated that many good things are happening in Montville and thanked Councilor Caron for his assistance in the renovations of the Pavilion, which is well-used by both the Town and the public. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Farmers Market events and Summer Concerts. She also thanked the Animal Shelter Committee.

Councilor Jaskiewicz commented on the Mayor and Town's efforts to move forward, including the Planning & Zoning and Economic Development Commissions. He thanked the Boards and Commissions on which he serves as a liaison for their patience as he recovers from his recent surgery.

Chairman May reiterated that the Town has many projects in progress – all of which are taking time. He reminded everyone to attend the Public Hearings and Special Meeting regarding the bonds for several items including a new roof and boiler for the Town Hall, Palmer School Roof, School Athletic Fields, and roads. He thanked and commended the Town Council for their hard work and efforts and the Police and Fire Departments for their service and support. He wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

AN AUDIO RECORD OF THE MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE LOCATED UNDER RESOURCES – MEETING RECORDINGS

ATTACHMENT A

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE
PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Montville, Connecticut (the “Town”), desires to enter into a lease purchase financing for the acquisition of a Ferrara Custom 1250 Gallon Pumper from Bulldog Fire Apparatus pursuant to a proposal from Bulldog Fire Apparatus dated July 16, 2024 in the amount of \$1,044,407.00 (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to acquire the Equipment and enter into a lease purchase agreement with a financial lending institution to be determined (the “Lessor”) to finance the acquisition of such Equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That (i) the Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to receive and review a proposal or proposals for the lease purchase financing of the Equipment, and make an award to the Lessor as the Mayor and the Director of Finance determine to be in the best interests of the Town, and (ii) the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the “Lease”) by and between the Town and the Lessor for the lease of the Equipment for a period of no more than ten (10) years, in such form and having such terms and details as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, subject to the following limitations. The amount to be financed under the Lease shall be no greater than \$1,044,407.00 and payable in installments of principal and interest, the frequency of which to be determined by the Mayor and Director of Finance. At the conclusion of the term of the Lease, provided all the payments required under the Lease, including payments of rent, have been made, the Lessor’s interest in the Equipment shall terminate. Payments in respect of the Lease shall be subject to annual appropriations of the Town. The Lease shall include a “non-appropriation of funds” clause allowing for termination in the event that sufficient funds are not appropriated to make payments of rent and other amounts each fiscal year.
2. That the Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to make such representations and covenants and to execute and deliver such contracts, financing statements, affidavits, agreements and documents, including but not limited to, an escrow agreement and a tax regulatory agreement, as are determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance to be necessary or desirable to evidence and secure the Town’s obligations pursuant to the Lease, to ensure the interest paid on the Lease is exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and to finance the purchase of the Equipment, and that the execution of such contracts, financing statements, affidavits, agreements and documents shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.

3. That the Mayor or the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to appoint a bank or trust company to act as escrow agent in connection with the foregoing lease purchase transaction and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to further the purposes of this resolution and the terms and obligations in respect of the Lease.

4. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the “Regulations”), to reimburse expenditures paid up to sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this Resolution in an amount not to exceed \$1,044,407.00 for the Equipment with the proceeds of the Lease. The Lease shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the purchase of the Equipment, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or her designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the execution of the Lease.

5. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Lease nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the Town as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the full faith and credit of the Town or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Lease or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the Town or any charge upon its full faith and credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Lease are special limited obligations of the Town as provided in the Lease.