Town Meeting Town of Montville – Montville High School Auditorium 800 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale, CT 06370 October 17, 2024 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A Town Meeting of the electors and qualified taxpayers of the Town of Montville was held at Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale, CT 06370 on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

The Chairman of the Town Council Timothy May called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and presided as Moderator. Town Clerk, Katie Haring, was present to record the minutes. Representing the Registrar of Voters Office was Jeffrey Rogers and Mary Hillman to check the names of those wishing to vote at the Town Meeting as well as Dawn Attardo, Assessor Clerk. The pledge of allegiance followed.

Moderator Timothy May informed voters that they may cast their vote at any time during the meeting and drop their ballot in the Ballot Box as they exit.

Town Clerk Katie Haring read the legal notice and return of posting and publication of the meeting.

NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING TOWN OF MONTVILLE

Pursuant to the Town Charter of the Town of Montville and the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given to the electors and eligible taxpayers of the Town of Montville qualified to vote that a Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. to be held at the Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale, CT 06370, for the purpose of approving or disapproving the following questions:

Shall the resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$100,000 For The Public Works Office Upgrades 2024 Project And The Financing of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000 Therefor" be approved? Yes No
Shall the resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$1,880,000 For The Town Hall Improvements 2024 Project And The Financing of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,880,000 Therefor" be approved? Yes No
Shall the resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$50,000 For The Senior Center Boiler 2024 Project And The Financing of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000 Therefor" be approved? Yes No
Shall the resolution entitled, Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$675,000 For The Palmer School Roof Replacement 2024 Project And The Financing of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$390,000 Therefor" be approved? Yes No
Shall the resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$363,200 For The Bus Garage Tank Replacement 2024 Project And The Financing of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$363,200 Therefor" be

approved? Yes ____ No ____

The full text of said resolutions are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Montville, Connecticut this 7th day of October, 2024

Katie Haring, Montville Town Clerk

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

I, KATIE HARING, Town Clerk of the Town of Montville, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the attached Notice of Town Meeting, bearing my written signature, to be posted on the Town's signpost in said Town on October 7, 2024 and that I caused a copy thereof to be published in The Day, a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Montville, in its issue of October 8, 2024.

Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 8th day of October 2024. Katie Haring, Montville Town Clerk

Moderator Timothy May read the following:

WHO MAY VOTE IN A TOWN MEETING

In accordance with Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, only an elector of the Town or citizen of the United States of the age eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town, or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran would be entitled to vote at the meeting.

Moderator Timothy May went on to appoint Registrar of Voters Jeffrey Rogers and Mary Hillman to act as checkers for the town meeting and confirmed that everyone was checked for their eligibility to vote and had received their ballot.

The Moderator asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. He instructed the speaker to state their name and address for the record.

Thomas McNally, 1017 East Lake Road, spoke in opposition of the resolutions. He stated that some of these items should have been capital improvement projects and should not be paid for through bonding. Some of these projects have been spoken about for years without action and timing of these bonds being issued will delay projects further. We need to be fiscally responsible and sort through current budget issues first. The towns current bonds have high balances and between that and many union negations that are not currently budgeted for, will result in a large tax impact for the town.

There was no one else in attendance wishing to speak. Moderator Timothy May then closed the discussion portion of the meeting and asked for a motion that the Town Meeting approve the 5 bond resolutions as described in Town Council Resolutions Numbered: 2024-77, 2024-78, 2024-79, 2024-80 and 2024-81 as adopted by the Town Council at its regular meeting on Monday September 9, 2024. Motion was made by Katie Haring and seconded by Joseph Jaskiewicz.

The Moderator then called for a vote by paper ballot.

The checker reported the results of the questions as follows:

SHALL THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE UPGRADES 2024 PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 THEREFOR" BE APPROVED?

YES	36	NO	61	
YES	36	NO	64	

SHALL THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,880,000 FOR THE TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS 2024 PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,880,000 THEREFOR" BE APPROVED?

YES 34 NO 67

SHALL THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FOR THE SENIOR CENTER BOILER 2024 PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 THEREFOR" BE APPROVED?

YES 44 NO 56

SHALL THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$675,000 FOR THE PALMER SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT 2024 PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$390,000 THEREFOR" BE APPROVED?

YES <u>44</u> NO <u>57</u>

SHALL THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$363,200 FOR THE BUS GARAGE TANK REPLACEMENT 2024 PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$363,200 THEREFOR" BE APPROVED?

YES <u>44</u> NO <u>57</u>

The Moderator declared MOTION CARRIED and ALL RESOLUTIONS REJECTED.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Katie Haring and seconded by Joseph Jaskiewicz and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Haring, Town Clerk