Town of Montville Town Council Special Meeting Minutes June 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order Chairperson May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Absent were Councilors Lathrop and Yuchniuk. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

2. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit Kimberly Dole, 19 Sharp Hill Road, Uncasville, spoke concerning Item 3(a), stating that it was her understanding that they would be discussing the Fire Chiefs, i.e., volunteers, would have oversight of the Town employees, which is generally not permissible in the State of Connecticut for several reasons, including the potential conflict(s) of interest and legal implications. She recognized that the fire chiefs have a special rank when called to a fire incident, and the highest-ranking officer, i.e., the Fire Chief, would command the scene. She cited the potential legal issues and expressed her wish to not pay for legal fees for, technically, unethical matters.

3. 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 Fire Fighter Contract talk and special rank for each Fire Chief. Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., and Town Attorney Michael Satti.
 Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to remove the item from the Agenda. Discussion: The motion was corrected to read: "discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to Fire Fighter Contract talk and special rank for each Fire Chief Firefighters." The Executive Session was not held due to the absence of the Town Attorney. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to the Transfer Station and Town Hall Teamsters Union Contracts. Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Leonard G. Bunnell, Sr., and Town Attorney Kristi Kelly.
 Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. Chairperson May resumed the meeting at 6:48 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

6. New Business

a. Resolution #2025-52. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES, that the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development has agreed pursuant to CGS 32-285a to extend to the Town of Montville financial assistance in the amount of up to \$250,000 in order for the Town of Montville to undertake the Route 32 Investment Plan Project, and, in furtherance thereof, The Town of Montville accepts such financial assistance and Mayor Leonard Bunnell is hereby authorized to execute an assistance agreement with the State of Connecticut for said financial assistance, to execute any related agreements, amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, to carry out the terms thereof including the expenditure of said financial assistance, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Montville in respect thereof. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that the Town Council approved a motion to authorize the Mayor to apply for the CIF (Community Investment Fund) Grant. The Assistance Agreement, which was delayed by over six (6) months, was recently received; the Resolution will authorize the Town Council to receive the Grant and the Mayor to execute the Agreement. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None.

- b. Resolution #2025-53. 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 Town Hall Employees Teamsters Local 493 for the period of July 1, 2024 June 30, 2027. (Mayor Bunnell)
 Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None.
- c. Resolution #2025-54. 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 Transfer Station Employees Teamsters Local 493 for the period of July 1, 2024 June 30, 2027. (Mayor Bunnell) Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None.
- 7. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit Kimberly Dole, 19 Sharp Hill Road, Uncasville, thanked the Councilors for clarifying Item 3(a).
- 8. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Mayor Bunnell apologized for the error in Item 3(a). He was pleased to finalize the Contracts for the Transfer Station and Town Hall Employees. He expressed his appreciation to the Transfer Station Employee Flo Turner for her hard work and the Town Council for their support.

Councilor Southard concurred, adding that Transfer Station Employee Turner is very deserving.

Councilor Jaskiewicz also apologized for the error and thanked the attendees for attending this evening's meeting.

Councilor Caron thanked the Collective Bargaining Units for their cooperation and hard work.

Chairperson May expressed his appreciation to Attorney Kelly and Mayor Bunnell for their hard work.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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