

Town of Montville
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson 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 Brian Baker, Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Rachael Novak, Nicholas Sabilia, and Kate Southard. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Sabilia, to add the following item to the Agenda:

Item 14, Appointments and Resignation

14(g) To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint John Carlson, Public Works Director; Florence Turner, Transfer Station Foreperson; one (1) member of the Town Council, and; one (1) member of the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee to the Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee.

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2026

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard, to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2026, with the following amendment:

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3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors...Tim May, ~~Rachael Novak~~, Nicholas Sabilia, and Kate Southard. Absent was Councilor Rachael Novak....

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 interviewing candidates for the Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee and Gardner Lake Authority. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: The following candidates were interviewed: John MacNeil, Gardner Lake Authority, and Laurence Eiden, Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 7:29 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining. Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., and Town Attorney Kristi Kelly.

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 8:19 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
Raymond Daniels, 87 Turner Road, Oakdale, commented on a message he received regarding a proposed four to six percent tax increase and requested that the Councilors provide an explanation.

Jean Collelo, a senior citizen, stated the ongoing financial difficulties and struggles of the Town's seniors, forcing them to sell their personal items to make ends meet. She felt that the Town Council should be held accountable for where and how the town's funds are allocated. She also commented on the revaluation process, resulting in tax increases for a higher amount than the amount their homes were originally purchased. Seniors, she felt, should not be paying taxes, and the Councilors should be voted out.

9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the months of December 2025 and January 2026
 - b. Copy of the legal bills from Atty. Michael E. Satti for the months of January and February 2026
 - c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of March 2026
 - d. Copy of a letter from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, regarding the year ending June 30, 2025 Audit

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *none*

11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred

Montville Police Lt. David Radford, II, provided a brief update on the K-9 Barrett Animal Control Facility Construction project. The cages are completed, the Public Works Crew is addressing additional minor items, and the state will be contacted to schedule a final inspection. The Building Department has issued a Certificate of Occupancy (C/O). A soft ribbon-cutting event is planned for the end of May/beginning of June, followed by a formal Grand Opening after the initial completion of the Memorial Garden and landscaping.

Fire Marshal John Meigel reported that the office has completed a total of 176 inspections and re-inspections. The Department received a \$500.00 grant for air respirators for investigative purposes. During the month of March, the department handled one (1) structure fire and one (1) windstorm. He congratulated Firefighters Mitchell Dole, Noah Dombrowski, and Joshua Braga for completing the course and receiving their Fire Instructor I Certification.

Public Works Director John Carlson reported that the bucket truck rental was returned after removing 160 trees in four (4) months. The Department is currently sweeping the roads and conducting work on the drainage system on East Lake Road. The Community Center bathrooms project will move forward following the approval of the LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Plan) Grant funding. The Fishing Dock and Pier project is progressing. Work on Butlertown Road from the Waterford Line and the wiring, bollards, and cement work for the Camp Oakdale Storage Building are scheduled. The Camp Oakdale Pavilion parking area will be ready for the Farmers' Market events and the fields are in the process of being prepared for the upcoming lacrosse and soccer seasons.

Finance Director Julie Chapman reported that the Finance and Mayor's office implemented a spending freeze for non-critical purchases. The Finance Committee met and reviewed the Town's current year's expenditures and determined that the Town would be facing a deficit

at the year's end, partially due to the underfunding of line items. The Mayor's proposed FY2026/27 budget includes no new programs, corrects the under-funded line items, and eliminates the use of Fund Balance as revenue. She recommended that everyone review the Budget Book, which will be available online, for further insight. On Thursday, April 16, the Finance Committee will begin meeting with departments. The Town Council will be holding its Budget Public Hearings on Wednesday, April 29 (BOE), and Thursday, April 30 (General Government). The Board will convene both meetings at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Auditorium.

Chairman May encouraged the public to attend the Finance Committee Meetings and Public Hearings and provide their comments.

Parks & Recreation Director Peter Bushway reported that summer camp registrations will open on the second Tuesday of May. The camp, which has 230 openings, is open to Montville residents only. The new Community Booklet will be available during the first week of May in *The Montville Times*. Interviews for summer staff began today and individuals who work well with children and are interested in working over the summer are invited to contact the department.

Mayor Bunnell reported that he continues to attend as many board/commission/committee meetings as possible. The Conservation Commission and Garden Club discussed preparations for the upcoming CT Trails Day event. The Opening for the Lafayette Trail Marker at Haughton Cove Trail will also be held in June. This year's parade will include a presentation to celebrate the America250 July 4 Anniversary; special thanks were extended to Elaine Hess, Andrea Perosa, and the Committee for their hard work and efforts to create a memorable event. He also attended a Millstone Briefing regarding the upcoming Drill. A job offer was made to one of the two (2) applicants interviewed for the Land Use & Development Administrative Assistant position. He also attended the Blue & Gold Arrow of Light Ceremony for Troops 60 and 67, Citizens' Police Graduation, and met with and heard the concerns of the career Firefighters. The Boat Launch & Pier Construction meetings, which will be held bi-weekly, were launched. The Building Department Administrative Assistant, Demetra Hines, was hired and began working this week. He also provided testimony in Hartford regarding Senate Bill 388 to restore Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Funding to its original level.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – *items included on the agenda*

b. Finance – *see item 11, Finance Director's Report*

Chairman May appreciated the public's concerns and assured them that they are reviewing all aspects of the budget, including the rising cost of utilities, oil, and unfunded state mandates, which affect all of the residents, including themselves.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal

Councilor Baker reported that the Committee's discussions included the Fair Oaks Restroom Renovations; bid preparations for the spring road improvement projects, and the Pavilion and Dog Park Master Plans. He also stated that the solar trash compacters were delivered, the Boat Launch/Pier Project remains on track for the July completion date, and two (2) pieces of equipment were sent to Petrowski Auctions. The Committee also held a Special Meeting to discuss the proposed revisions to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Baker: Public Safety Commission

The Commission held the Pinning Ceremonies for Deputy Fire Marshal Travis Roberts and Firefighter Collin Delmastro and recognized positive correspondence regarding the actions of four police officers. The Commission voted and approved to send the

proposed ATV Ordinance to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. The Public Safety Department, Building Department, and Capital budgets were reviewed and approved. The Fire Departments responded to 292 Calls for Service (average of 9.41 calls/day), and the Police Department responded to 938 Calls for Service (average of 30.25 calls/day).

- b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations, Social Services
A letter was sent to the Non-Profit Organizations requesting information for the FY2026/27 budget.

The Commission on Aging discussed affordable housing for seniors. The Mohegan Tribe will be sponsoring a free lunch for the seniors in celebration of Older Americans Month in May. Additionally, the Mohegan Tribe's Social Services Fundraiser raised \$8,100.00 to help those in need. He responded to Ms. Collelo's comments, stating that he hears her concerns and takes them to heart. The proposed budget will be carefully reviewed, taking the public's comments into consideration. He commended the Senior Center, which now boasts new carpeting and painting, new furniture, and a new large-screen television. Funding for the Senior Center, its programs and services, including the Med-ride program and shopping vans, derives from approximately \$12,000.00 of taxpayer funds, fundraising events, and membership fees.

- b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Planning & Zoning Commission
The Planning & Zoning Commission held a Special Meeting to discuss the Revive & Renew Routes 163/32 Project, which included a presentation by BGH Advisors, and a discussion and review of amendments to the Zoning Regulations. The Special Meeting also included a working session to discuss additional regulation amendments related to the Department of Housing Technical Assistance Grant and HB8002. The Commission's Regular Meeting included a review of an application for a zoning change on Cook Drive, CGS §8-24 Review for the discontinuance and sale of PTA Lane, and receipt and scheduling of a Public Hearing for a Regulation text amendment. For the month of March, 26 Zoning Permits were issued and 57 Permits were closed.

- c. Councilor Novak: Economic Development Commission, Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund
The Economic Development Commission is continuing to work on the Revive & Renew Routes 163/32 Project grants.

The Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund will be meeting on Monday, April 27.

- d. Councilor Sabilia: Conservation Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
The Conservation Commission hosted a clean-up event last Saturday and will be hosting a CT Trails Day event on Saturday, June 6, at Horton Cove.

Water Pollution Control Authority – see item 16(i)

The Youth Services Bureau encourages everyone to celebrate this year's Earth Day theme of "Our Power, Our Planet" by cleaning up a local public area, planting a tree, and making a difference. The Bureau's other programs and events include Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Montville Public Safety Building; Summer Center sign-ups which begin on Monday, May 4, 8:00 a.m., at the Fair Oaks Community Center, and; Penny Drive 2026 for winter kits for those in need (donations of Chapstick, socks, or \$5 Dunkin' gift cards also accepted).

- e. Councilor Southard: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission

The Board of Education's recent meetings included a presentation in honor of Board of Education Member Appreciation Month, a discussion and approval of a list of requests regarding the proposed abandonment of PTA Lane, the discussion and approval of the

Superintendent's proposed FY2026/27 Budget and the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan, a review of Finance & Operations Director's Report, the status of the HVAC project, the status of the Non-Lapsing Account, and a discussion regarding the status of the bus fleet. The Montville High School Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17; Palmer School, Tuesday, June 16, and; Tyl Middle School 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on Thursday, June 18.

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed its current year's budget, which remains on track. This year's summer camp will be held at Tyl Middle School. The Commission is investigating the possibility of installing cameras at the pickleball courts. Plans for this year's Carnival are proceeding.

The Farmers Market Committee The Farmers Market Committee will be hosting a Spring Pop-up event on Saturday, April 25, and has begun accepting vendor applications for its summer Markets. The theme for Opening Night on July 7 is Montville USA 250 Celebration Night.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Douglas Brush to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2030.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Sierra Davis to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on May 12, 2030.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Micah Messer to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on May 13, 2028.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Brianna Tobey from the Montville Farmers Market Committee, effective immediately.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- e. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- f. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Laurence Eiden to the Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee.
Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- g. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint John Carlson, Public Works Director; Florence Turner, Transfer Station Foreperson; one (1) member of the Town Council, and; one (1) member of the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee to the Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Chairman May nominated, and the Councilors agreed to, appoint Councilor Baker to represent the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee and Councilor Sabilia to represent the Town Council. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2026-20. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$13,741.67 (thirteen thousand seven hundred and forty-one dollars and sixty-seven 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 Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2026-21. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that the Town of Montville may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Leonard Bunnell Sr., as Mayor of Town of Montville, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Montville and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: The Resolution is approved annually for grant opportunities for the Offices of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2026-22. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the Drainage Easement for 257 Chesterfield Road to the Town of Montville, as required per Planning & Zoning Commission Application Number 25 SUB 4, approved on September 23, 2025, in accordance with a plan entitled “Desautel’s Resubdivision, 257 Chesterfield Road, Montville, Connecticut. Parcel ID: 029066000, dated June 10, 2024, and revised November 10, 2025”. (Councilor May)

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

- d. **Resolution #2026-23. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Use of Large or Small Pavilion Rules, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz reported that the Parks & Recreation Director and Liaison Councilor Southard attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Rules. The Parks & Recreation Director will oversee the Rules. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2026-24. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Suspense List at the request of the Tax Collector in the amount of \$107,302.16 (One hundred seven thousand three hundred two dollars and sixteen cents). (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: The Suspense List includes a list of uncollectible taxes for various reasons, including death and relocation. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2026-25. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the appropriation of \$178,850.00 (One hundred seventy-eight thousand eight hundred fifty dollars) from the Town of Montville's LoCIP account for the Community center bathroom modifications. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: The project to renovate the bathrooms has been delayed for several years, resulting in cost increases. The majority of the project will be funded through the Town's allocation of the state LoCIP (Local Capital Improvement Plan) Grant. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2026-26. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to receive the Mayor's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Chairman May stated that the Mayor, Finance Director, and BOE have worked hard and played a huge role in crafting the budgets. He encouraged and invited everyone to carefully review the proposed budget and attend and provide input during the upcoming Finance Committee and Public Hearing meetings. His ultimate goal is to either maintain or lower taxes. Mayor Bunnell stated that the proposed budget includes an increase in the General Government Budget and reiterated the Finance Director's report, stating that the budget includes no new programs or additions, but corrects the underfunding of critical line items. He cited the history of the town's mil rates in comparison to other towns and encouraged and invited the residents to attend the meetings and/or visit his office to discuss their concerns. He commended the Finance Director for her hard work and efforts. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2026-27. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the Board of Education proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27 at the Montville High School Auditorium and to set the date of Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the General Government proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27 at the Montville High School Auditorium. (Councilor May)

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

- i. **Resolution #2026-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the FY2026/27 Town of Montville Water Pollution Control Authority proposed water budget in the amount of \$1,609,808.00 (one million six hundred nine thousand eight hundred eight dollars). (Councilor Sabilia)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Water Pollution Control Authority Administrator Ron McDaniel reported that, due to a decrease in water usage, the proposed water budget reflects an overall decrease; the revenue should offset any potential increases in water usage. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2026-29. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the favorable §8-24 review for the discontinuance of PTA Lane as requested by Mayor Leonard Bunnell and Finance Director Julie Chapman, and described in correspondence from Montville 1, LLC, dated February 9, 2026, and as PTA Lane is so described upon the map titled Compilation Plan 87 PTA Lane (with note Legal Description – PTA Lane), dated January 20, 2025 with revision date January 8, 2026, and find that such discontinuance is consistent with the 2022 Plan of Conservation and Development and to include in the report the recommendations listed in the Staff Report prepared by Dennis Goderre, Director of Land Use and Development dated March 20, 2026. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Chairman May stated that the pertinent departments were consulted and expressed their approval for the discontinuance of the road. Mayor Bunnell added that the issues that were identified, including the relocation of the Playscape and the widening of Golden Road, will be addressed by the developer. The discontinuance of the road will improve the safety of the area and generate additional revenue for the town. Councilor Sabilia added that such commercial developments will help the Town maintain its costs and encouraged the public to support such items. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the Ordinance titled “Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Building Committee” as heard at a Public Hearing held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz proposed sending the Ordinance back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee to re-review the document and make any necessary amendments, based on the public’s comments. The Councilors concurred.

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to send the Ordinance titled “Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Building Committee” back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. Discussion: The Committee will consider the public’s comments and re-review the document. The Ordinance will, then, return to the Town Council to set a Public Hearing date. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

Fire Marshal Meigel encouraged everyone to exercise caution during campfire season. Burn Permits are available in the Fire Marshal’s office.

A new resident of the Town questioned the proposed building to be located on PTA Lane.

Mayor Bunnell stated that a commercial building, comparable in size to Montville Commons, is currently being proposed; the specifics have not yet been finalized. He invited the residents to visit his office with any questions they might have.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Novak thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and assured the public that they, as taxpayers themselves, will be carefully scrutinizing the budget. She encouraged the residents to continue attending their meetings and voicing their concerns, upon which their decisions are based.

Councilor Baker echoed Councilor Novak, thanking the public for attending the meeting, adding that he is pleased with such meetings that are attended by the public and listening to their concerns.

Councilor Sabilia also expressed his appreciation and stated that the Councilors will be considering holding Special Meetings for their Executive Sessions in the interest of the public's time. He also appreciated hearing their concerns and encouraged them to focus their energies on the state legislators who introduce and approve unfunded mandates and cuts that negatively affect the Town's budget and their respective mil rates.

Councilor Southard concurred with her colleagues, reiterating the importance of voicing their concerns to their legislators, who institute bills that negatively impact small towns. She encouraged the public to continue attending their meetings, encouraged them to attend the Finance Committee meetings, and to voice their concerns.

Councilor Jaskiewicz also echoed the previous comments, assuring the public that the Councilors will carefully review the budget and do their best to maintain or lower the taxpayers' impact. He, too, urged them to contact their legislators.

Councilor Caron also thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting, adding the importance of the public to voice their concerns.

Chairman May stated the negative effects of their investments due to national politics, rising prices, unfunded state mandates, and the difficulties in cutting services and dealing with economic constraints.

Mayor Bunnell commented on the issues created by the legislators who institute the unfunded state mandates, negatively affecting their taxes. He emphasized that the budget is a proposal and invited the public to visit his office and speak with him to address their concerns.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaksiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 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

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