

**Town of Montville**  
**Town Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 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

a. Recognition of Montville Police Officer Stephen Fazzino as the 2026 Police Officer of the Year

Mayor Bunnell expressed his appreciation to the New London Lodge of Elks for recognizing Montville Police Officer Fazzino as the 2026 Police Officer of the Year and for the honor of attending the event. While those involved in law enforcement do not do so for recognition, it is always nice to be acknowledged and appreciated for their exceptional service. He introduced Officer Fazzino, who is a credit to the Department and Town, as a whole, and presented and recited the proclamation from the Town of Montville and a Town of Montville lapel pin.

Montville Police Department Chief Wilfred Blanchette, III, added that when the New London Lodge of Elks approached him to nominate an officer, it was not a difficult choice. Officer Fazzino is currently assigned to the investigative division, handling all vice crimes, and is an excellent accident reconstructionist. He also trains not only the Department's recruits, but also the Connecticut State Police Academy and Municipal Police Academy recruits. He is a wealth of information and is always available with his trusty K-9 companion, Gage. He commended and thanked him for his dedication.

b. Presentation by Youth Services for Mental Health Awareness Month

Youth Services Coordinator Barbara Lockhart provided a brief history of the program and the "You Good, Bro?" campaign, which has been featured on Channel 3's Great Day program, received the 2025 Municipal Excellence Award, and led to the 988 Hotline sign on the Mohegan-Pequot Bridge. The campaign has also been advertised throughout the Town on yard signs, billboards, and other platforms and will, again, be featured on the Great Day program. While May is Mental Health Awareness Month, there is help every minute of every day – it's okay not to be okay.

Mayor Bunnell thanked and congratulated Youth Services Coordinator Lockhart and her staff for all of their hard work on the campaign, which has been recognized both locally and statewide. In appreciation for all of their efforts, he presented and recited a proclamation, which included the establishment of the third Friday of May as "You Good, Bro?" Day.

Youth Services Coordinator Lockhart announced that this Friday, May 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., a Mental Health Drive-up Event will be held for all Town employees. Vehicles will receive a green ribbon for their side mirror as well as other giveaways, resources, and information. She thanked everyone for their support, including Jack Lakowsky for his article in *The Day* newspaper regarding the campaign and drive-up event.

- c. Presentation by Land Use Director Dennis Goderre outlining the proposed Tax Increment Financing timeline

Land Use & Development Director Goderre provided a brief background and overview of Tax Increment Financing (TIF), an economic development tool. He presented the preliminary drafts of the Master Plan for the TIF District and Tax Increment Financing Policy. He also reviewed the proposed TIF District Maps, which were created in conjunction with the Planning & Zoning and Economic Development Commissions, and constitute approximately 9% of the total Grand List. He wished to discuss the timeline, the proposed TIF Districts, and gain their support to move forward with the proposal. Additionally, on behalf of the Economic Development Commission, he requested that the Commission be appointed as the Advisory Committee to TIF District(s), which would be charged with providing recommendations to the Town Council, who would manage the Districts.

In response to Chairperson May, he stated that the Advisory Committee may be established during the Town Council's June Regular Meeting. The Policies will be sent to and reviewed by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. His goal is to have the plan adopted by the end of the calendar year, aligning with the new Grand List. Goman + York Property Advisors, who will be developing the Town's Housing Plan, is scheduled to attend and provide a presentation to the Town Council during their July Regular Meeting.

In response to Councilor Baker, he stated that there are approximately 15 to 18 TIF Districts that have been established in the state.

Mayor Bunnell emphasized that the program is not a tax. Rather, it involves identifying a specific area(s) in the Town and using that area's growth to fund its development. The funding would also assist in the development of the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) to accommodate the expansion. He commended the Land Use & Development Director for his hard work and efforts.

5. Alterations to the Agenda – *none*

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

- a. The Public Hearing Minutes of April 13, 2026 (Permanent Building Committee Ordinance)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026

Motion made by Councilor Novak, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- c. The BOE Budget Public Hearing Minutes of April 29, 2026

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- d. The General Government Budget Public Hearing Minutes of April 30, 2026

Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. 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 Fire Fighter Contract talk.

Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., and Town Attorney Michael Satti and Attorney Elizabeth Hillmon.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: Town Attorney Satti and Attorney Hillmon were not present. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 8:07 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 interviewing a candidate for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: Candidate Bill Bauer was interviewed for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Roll Call vote, 4-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Sabilia, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 8:18 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  
Timothy Condon, 51 Gallup Lane, Waterford, President, Montville Firefighters Union, commented on item 16(f), regarding the union contract. He provided a brief history of their negotiations and informed the Council of the timeline, as outlined in C.G.S. §7-47(b). If an agreement is not reached within the timeline, the Collective Bargaining Agreement is automatically adopted. He welcomed any comments and thanked the Mayor, who was an excellent negotiating partner and well-represented by Atty. Satti. The Union is pleased with the Agreement, which prepares them for the future.

Vince Attwater-Young, 375 Chapel Hill Road, Oakdale, asked if the Town knew the precise dollar amount it would receive from the state and if that amount would lead to a reduction in the Town's mil rate.

*Mayor Bunnell stated that the state allocated just over \$2 million to the Town; no decisions related to the FY2026/27 Budget have been made.*

9. Communications
  - a. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of February 2026
  - b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of March 2026

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

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

Land Use & Development Director Goderre reported that a CIF (Community Investment Fund) Grant application will be submitted for Town Hall Improvements; the results from the needs assessment review, which is expected this week, will be included in the grant application packet. They are also in the process of completing the CIF Round 9 Planning Grant Application related to the Routes 163/32 Revive & Renew Program and a Long Island Sound Futures Fund Grant Application for Oxoboxo River. They are awaiting the receipt of the contract for the recently awarded Housing Plan Grant. The Routes 163/32 Revive & Renew team plans to present the final plan and recommendations to the Town Council in the near future. The Planning & Zoning Commission, which has been busy with regulation amendments, will hold a Public Hearing regarding the regulations related to the recently enacted Housing Bill (Public Act 25-1). An RFP (Request for Proposal) was issued for an elderly housing development on Route 32.

*Mayor Bunnell added that he is hoping to schedule a special meeting to discuss the results of the Town Hall Assessment Study and the cost of the necessary repairs.*

Finance Director Julie Chapman reported that the Finance Committee is continuing to meet to discuss the proposed FY2026/27 budget and provided the status of the current fiscal year's budget. The FY2025 Audit has begun. The Town is slated to receive \$2,602,527.00 in supplemental funding from the state to help offset its FY2026/27 budget.

Montville Police Lieutenant David Radford, II, reported that the remaining outstanding items for the Animal Control Facility are being addressed and the final state inspection is being scheduled. While the original plan was to host a two-part opening, it has been decided to host one large formal opening in June, following the completion of the Memorial Garden.

Parks & Recreation Director Peter Bushway reported that they are in the process of hiring summer staff. The Department is busy preparing for its summer events and activities, including the Food Truck Festival, Community Tag Sale, Summer Camp, Farmers Market events, and Summer Concerts. On this evening's agenda is the authorization for the Mayor to make an application for a CIF Grant for the Camp Oakdale Complex Improvements.

Public Works Director John Carlson reported that on the following items:

- Community Center Bathrooms – building permit issued; pre-construction meeting held
- Camp Oakdale Storage Building – near completion
- Butlertown Road Improvement –initial start-up meeting held with contractor
- Tennis Court Parking Lot – septic system and electrical system located
- Large Pavilion Parking – proposing gravel parking lot, with a small, paved area for handicapped parking, due to the wetlands
- East Lake Road Improvement – in progress; portion of the road might be widened
- Dock & Pier Project – moving forward, as scheduled
- CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) Industrial Wastewater Permit for Public Works and the Transfer Station – in progress
- Maple Avenue Road Improvement – addressing minor issues; bid for the remaining portion of the road is expected to be issued by the end of June
- Road Improvement Project – chip sealing plans in progress; countless potholes were created due to the hard winter, some creating extensive damage
- Camp Oakdale Parking Lot – survey in progress; hoping to add additional parking spaces
- Road Sweeping – in progress
- Mowing – to begin soon
- Fair Oaks Community Center Oil Tank – the de-installation of the underground oil tank and installation of an above-ground tank is in process

Mayor Bunnell reported that he continues to attend as many board/commission/committee meetings as possible. The newly-hired Building Official began working today. In addition to attending the New London Lodge of Elks' Officer of the Year event, he also attended Little League Opening Day and Lacrosse Opening Day, which was very well-attended. He also helped place the flags on the graves at the cemeteries. He reminded everyone to attend this Sunday's Memorial Day event with Grand Marshal Kathie Doherty-Peck.

#### 12. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – *item(s) included on the agenda*
- b. Finance – *see item 11, Finance Director's Report*  
Several meetings have been held to discuss the FY2026/27 Budget; additional meetings are scheduled for the same.
- c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – *see item 11, Public Works Director's Report*  
The Committee approved the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations, which is included on this evening's agenda.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Baker: Public Safety Commission

The Public Safety Commission nominated and elected Gary Murphy as Chairman and Stephen Stewart as Vice Chair. The Fire Departments responded to 265 Calls for Service (average of 8.83 calls/day), and the Police Department responded to 910 Calls for Service (average of 30.33 calls/day) for the month of April.

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

The Social Services Department is busy, as always, assisting approximately 1,200 residents every month with such items as the rental rebate program, food stamps, and Medicare. The Department, which works entirely on donations, with the exception of staff salaries, is currently working on securing additional donations.

The Senior Center is celebrating Older Americans Month, honoring the Town's seniors and their contributions with a celebration on May 22. The Community Room is 95% complete, thanks to the generous donations from the Mohegan Tribe. New programs are constantly being added. Similar to Social Services, the Center receives \$12,000.00 and donations to fund countless programs, events, and activities.

b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Planning & Zoning Commission

The Commission approved a modification of a modified site plan for a proposed condominium development on Route 32, the Mitigation Plan of the unpermitted removal of earth products on Noble Hill Road, and Pickleball Court Parking Lot Improvements on Meeting House Lane. The Zoning Department issued 41 permits and closed 35.

c. Councilor Novak: Economic Development Commission, Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund

The Land Use & Development Director provided a brief presentation to the Economic Development Commission during their recent meeting. The Commission is planning a breakfast with the local businesses to assess their needs.

The Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund approved the firefighters' quarterly stipends and tax abatements. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 27.

d. Councilor Sabilia: Conservation Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board

The Conservation Commission is hosting a CT Trails Day event on June 6, at 10:00 a.m., at Horton Cove Trail, as well as the following events as part of the Town's America250 Celebration:

June 6, 12:00 p.m., Horton Cove Trail Entrance – General Lafayette Sign Unveiling

Donation of a white oak tree by the state in commemoration of America250

July 8, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall – Reading of the Declaration of Independence

July 4, 2:00 p.m. – Ringing of the Church Bells

The Commissioners also held a workday at the Conservation Center and planted the Bulbs for Bella Garden at the Community Center.

The Water & Sewer Commission approved an increase in the sewer rates for the first time in over ten (10) years. The Commission is also seeking to obtain more accurate numbers on the current sewer capacity in light of the Town's recent developments.

The Youth Services Bureau, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, reminds everyone to check in on themselves and those they care about regularly. The Bureau will be hosting a drive-up/walk-through event for Town employees this Friday, registrations for the Summer Center Program are open, and registration for the Center's After-School Program for the next school year will begin June 1.

- e. Councilor Southard: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission
- The Board of Education's Director of Finance presented the FY2025/26 Financial Report, which is expected to end within budget. There remains \$64,407.00 in the BOE's Non-Lapsing Account. The installation of the HVAC System and stairs at Murphy Elementary School is complete. Concerns related to the supporting structure for the HVAC System at Oakdale Elementary School are being addressed. The electricians were on-site during spring break to prepare for the installation of the HVAC systems at Mohegan Elementary School and Montville High School. The vendor requested an extension for the completion date for the installation of the HVAC system at Tyl Middle School due to production delays. The pine trees located near the softball and baseball fields will be removed due to roots growing into the infield. Palmer School Graduation is scheduled for June 15, at 6:00 p.m., Montville High School Auditorium; Montville High School Graduation will be held on June 17, at 6:00 p.m., on the High School Football Field, and Tyl Middle School Promotion will be held on June 18 at 5:00 p.m. on the High School Football Field.
- Parks & Recreation Commission (see item 11, Parks & Recreation Director's Report) – One of the new basketball backboards at Desjardins Park was shattered due to vandalism – anyone with information related to the incident is encouraged to contact the Police Department. Summer Camp registration opens tomorrow, and the Farmers' Market Committee is seeking vendors and non-profit organizations to participate in the Town's first Farmers' Market event, themed Montville USA250, on July 7.
- This month's Raymond Hill Library Artist of the Month is Sophie Perkins. A Meet the Artist event will be held on May 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

#### 14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Magliano from the Gardner Lake Authority, 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.
- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint John MacNeil to fill a vacancy on the Gardner Lake Authority, with a term to expire on July 13, 2027.
- 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.
- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Mayor Leonard G. Bunnell Sr. and Finance Director Julie Chapman to the Ad-Hoc Sustainable Materials Management Committee as non-voting members.
- 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.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to remove Noah Carver from the Parks & Recreation Commission due to nonattendance, effective immediately.
- 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.

- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Wills Pike to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on June 6, 2030.  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Novak. 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 re-appoint Vouise M. Fonville, Sr., to the Youth Advisory Board, with a term to expire on June 10, 2028.  
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.
  - g. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Adam Heckle to the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire on June 11, 2028.  
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.
  - h. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Rich Kohlbrecher to the Economic Development Commission, with a term to expire on June 14, 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.
  - i. 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 Parks & Recreation Commission.  
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.
  - j. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Bill Bauer to fill a vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 8, 2026.  
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.
15. Unfinished Business – *none*
16. New Business
- a. **Resolution #2026-30. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$21,610.13 (twenty-one thousand six hundred ten dollars and thirteen 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 #2026-31. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the position description for the Wastewater Collection System Operator Training, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz reported that WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) Administrator Ron McDaniel attended the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee meeting to present the proposed position description, which would help establish a succession plan and training pipeline for certified operators. 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 #2026-32. 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 Establishing a Permanent Building Committee” on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)  
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.
- d. **Resolution #2026-33. 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 “All-Terrain Vehicles Ordinance” on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Novak. 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.
- e. **Resolution #2026-34. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to amend the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations, as recommended by the Public Works/Solid Waste Standing Committee and approved by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Baker)  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: Councilor Baker acknowledged the members of the Committee and Public Works Director Carlson and Transfer Station Foreperson Flo Turner for their hard work on the regulations, which will become effective July 1. Likewise, Councilor Caron commended and thanked Councilor Baker for his hard work and diligence. 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. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the funds necessary to implement the tentative agreement with the Montville Fire Fighters Local 3386 IAFF, for the term July 1, 2025 – 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 Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 0-7, all in opposition. Voting in Favor: None. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Sabilia, Southard, and May. Resolution failed.

- g. **Resolution #2026-35. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Leonard Bunnell to make application for a Community Investment Fund Planning Grant, Round Nine, in the amount of \$250,000.00 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) to fund the Montville Route 32/163 Intersection Improvement Project. The CIF (Community Investment Fund) offers Planning Grants for qualifying municipalities to promote economic or community development. If awarded, this Planning Grant will implement initial recommendations of the CIF Round 5 funded Revive & Renew Routes 163/32 which specifically identified deficiencies of the intersection which creates barriers to creating a safe, vibrant and pedestrian friendly Town Center. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that, as stated by the Land Use & Development Director, the grant application is a continuation of the Revive & Renew Routes 163/32 Project, which will prove beneficial in the future. 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 #2026-36. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Bunnell to make application for a Community Investment Fund Capital Grant, Round Nine, in the amount of \$2,662,800.00 (two million six hundred sixty-two thousand eight hundred dollars) to fund the Camp Oakdale Complex Improvements. The Community Investment Fund (CIF) offers Capital Grants for qualifying municipalities to promote improvements in their infrastructure. If awarded, this Capital Grant will fund many of the Parks and Recreation Department's capital improvement projects listed in our CIP plan as adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Novak. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that, if awarded, the grant would fund the remaining improvements at the Camp Oakdale facility, including the installation of security cameras and efficiency lighting, and drainage improvements, etc. The previous grant funded the parking lot improvements. 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

Timothy Condon, 51 Gallup Lane, Waterford, President, Montville Firefighters Union Local 3386, informed the Councilors of the recent passing of a bill (H.B. 5460) by the Senate and the House that will greatly affect the Town. If signed by the Governor, the Town would be required to report its data and information directly to the state within a set timeframe.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Novak thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting. She also wished to add to her report regarding the Economic Development Commission that the Town welcomed 12 (twelve) new businesses since January. She also congratulated Officer Fazzino and thanked him for his service.

Councilor Baker also thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and expressing their concerns. He, too, congratulated Officer Fazzino on an outstanding job. He looks forward to seeing everyone again next month.

Councilor Sabilia also expressed his appreciation to the public for attending and staying for the duration of the meeting. He enjoyed this evening's presentations and congratulated Officer Fazzino, commended the Youth Services Bureau and the success of its "You Good,

Bro?" campaign, and the Land Use & Development Director for his hard work. He looks forward to seeing everyone this Sunday, at 1:00 p.m., at the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilor Caron echoed the previous comments and thanked the Land Use & Development Director for moving forward with the establishment of providing housing for the Town's seniors. He also thanked the Commission on Aging Member Lyndsey O'Brien for raising nearly \$9,000.00 for the Senior Center.

Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked his fellow Councilors and everyone for attending the meeting, reminding them that they are always working for them.

Councilor Southard congratulated Officer Fazzino and was pleased with the near completion of the Animal Control Facility. She also commended the success of the Youth Service Bureau's "You Good, Bro?" campaign, stating that its importance cannot be emphasized enough.

Councilor May stated that they are continuing to review the budget. While recognizing the volatility of the fiscal climate, he continues to aim to maintain a low mil rate.

Mayor Bunnell reiterated his commendation of the Youth Services Coordinator and her staff on the success of the "You Good, Bro?" campaign and reiterated his commendation of Officer Fazzino. He thanked the America250 Committee Members for organizing the many events and activities and announced that a Calendar of Events to celebrate America250 will be posted on the Town website. The Celebration will also include the red, white, and blue on the Town Hall building and the addition of fireworks to this year's parade, compliments of the Mohegan Tribe and Sammy Petrowsky of Petrowsky Auctions.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaksiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 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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