

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 14, 2011
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jacobson called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of the Troops

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, Jacobson, McFee and Murphy. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz and Attorney Lisa Gladke sitting for Town Attorney Bruce Chudwick.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

- a. A presentation from Mr. Scott Bassett, McGladrey & Pullen regarding the annual town audit.

Mr. Scott Bassett, a partner with the auditing firm of McGladrey & Pullen, was present to discuss the Town's audit. His firm conducted the audit for the Town of Montville for the year ending June 30, 2010. The purpose of the audit was to give an opinion of the Town's financial statements and the Town received a clean, unqualified opinion, representing that the audit was done with generally accepted auditing standards and the financial statements as presented conformed with generally accepted accounting principals. He reviewed the highlights of the audit and answered questions from the Council members. A discussion was held regarding the Fund Balance and Councilor Beetham inquired if six percent is a comfortable number to maintain. Mr. Bassett stated it is lower than the town would like it to be but it is a functional number. Chairperson Jacobson thanked Mr. Bassett for his presentation.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Hillman, seconded Murphy to alter the agenda to reflect the following;

- a. 16 (l) To consider and act on a resolution to rescind Resolution #2011-003 that reads as follows; Resolution #2011-003. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize the Mayor to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to Palmertown Booster Pump station, and in furtherance of this resolution the Mayor is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Montville, Connecticut and is duly authorized to provide additional information and execute other documents as may be required by local, state or federal government with said contracts to execute amendments, rescissions and thereto; and
- b. 16 (m) To consider and act on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to Palmertown Booster Pump station, and in furtherance of this resolution the Mayor is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Montville, Connecticut and is duly authorized to provide additional information and execute other documents as may be required by local, state or federal government with said contracts to execute amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.
- c. 16 (n) To consider and act on a motion to send the salaries of the Town Council and the Mayor to the Administration and Finance Committees for review.
- d. Move item #8, Remarks from the Public after agenda item 6;

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- e. Move item 16 (i) to the beginning of New Business; and
- f. Remove agenda item 7 (b) from the agenda.

Roll call vote; 7-0, voting in favor were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy, and Jacobson. Voting in opposition, none, motion carried.

- 6. Motion made by Councilor Hillman, seconded by Councilor Murphy to approve the meeting minutes of;
 - a. January 10, 2011 regular meeting;
 - b. January 10, 2011 public hearing;
 - c. January 10, 2011 public hearing;
 - d. January 19, 2011 Special meeting.

Discussion; Councilor Buebendorf stated she received a note from Mr. John Geary regarding the minutes of the January 10, 2011 regular meeting, agenda item #8; stating he did not say that Mr. May was the Chairman of Planning & Zoning, he expressed as the Chairperson himself that he asked Mr. May to apply to the WPCA. Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Hillman to approve the amendment to the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2011. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried. Councilor Buebendorf requested future minutes reflect an easier way to record the voting on resolutions, requesting the votes reflect all who voted in favor and all who voted in opposition for clarity.

Voice vote: 7-0, all in favor, motion carried, meeting minutes approved as amended.

- 8. Remarks from the Public Relating to Matters on the agenda with a three minute limit.

Mr. Dave Rowley, 93 Driscoll Drive, spoke in favor of the appointment of Mr. William Wrobel to the Gardner Lake Authority, stating he has been an asset to the Commission over the years.

Mr. Gary Pike, 38 Bergman Drive, spoke regarding the sex offender facility, stating he has been involved in trying to get New London involved and so far it is going well. He discussed a proposed meeting with Senator Stillman and Representative Ritter regarding the sex offender facility to discuss ways to keep the facility out of the town.

- 7. Executive Session

- a. Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Hillman to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing the following person for Boards and Commission; Mr. William Wrobel to the Gardner Lake Authority. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Jaskiewicz. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried and invited parties left chambers for executive session at 7:28, returning at 7:43 p.m. Chairperson Jacobson resumed the meeting and indicated no formal votes were taken during executive session.

- b. To consider and act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions regarding litigation between the Town of Montville and the State of Connecticut. Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Jaskiewicz, Attorney Michael Carey. This item was removed from the agenda for discussion.

- c. Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Hillman to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the employment contracts of the WPCA to include Council members, Labor Attorney Eileen Duggan, Mayor Jaskiewicz, and Human Resources Specialist, Katherine Christopher. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried and invited parties left chambers for executive session at 7:43 p.m., returning at 8:56 p.m. Chairperson Jacobson resumed the meeting and indicated no formal votes were taken during executive session.

d. Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Buebendorf to enter into executive session for the purpose of reviewing employment contracts of the Montville Board of Education and the Montville Education Association to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Jaskiewicz, Superintendent of Schools, Pam Aubin, Chairman of the Board of Education, David Rowley and Board of Education Business Manager, Katherine Lamoureux. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried and invited parties left chambers for executive session at 8:57 p.m., returning at 9:17 p.m. Chairperson Jacobson resumed the meeting and indicated no formal votes were taken during executive session.

9. Communications

- a. A letter from the State of Connecticut General Assembly regarding proposed Bill No. 5784.
- b. A memo dated February 4, 2011 from State Representative Tom Reynolds.

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred.

Attorney Lisa Gladke addressed the question asked at the last Council meeting regarding membership on Town Boards and Commissions and stated her findings are included in the Council packet for review.

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

Mayor Jaskiewicz thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done during the recent storms, indicating he has received compliments from the public. He discussed a check the town received in the amount of \$2,546 to offset the retirement and differential in pay for a police officer who helped out in the clean up of the oil spill in Louisiana. Finance Director Hart explained why the town did not receive money for his salary. She stated the town did not actually lose any money, and the officers shifts were covered in overtime and that is the amount of money the town was reimbursed for. He indicated the Town received the FEMA money in the amount of \$213,184 for the damage done during last spring's floods. He indicated the town has requested federal funding for cleanup with the January 11th storm and he is anticipating receiving some assistance but this amount will be determined after there is an evaluation of the snow storm costs. He is working on the environmental and structural report for the Congregational Church. He discussed the probate office and new rules and regulations. He discussed a meeting with the town engineers regarding the Montville Road Bridge. He discussed the local bridge program and the amount of money the town may or may not be qualified for.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure

Councilor Hillman indicated meetings were cancelled due to weather and there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening. The meeting will start with a presentation from the Asian American Pacific Cultural Commission.

- b. Finance

Councilor Murphy stated the Finance Committee has not had a meeting in some time. There are no major issues to address.

- c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal

Councilor McFee indicated the bad weather has forced the cancellation of last months meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Planning & Zoning Commission – Councilor Beetham

Councilor Beetham indicated there have been three cancellations since December 1st.

b. Library Committee – Councilor Beetham

Councilor Beetham indicated the Library Committee meets two times a year and there was no meeting.

c. Parks & Recreation Commission – Councilor Buebendorf

Councilor Buebendorf discussed the basketball schedule and how rescheduling games has been effected by the weather. She discussed the draft tobacco free ordinance the commission is considering and submitted a copy of the draft ordinance for the Council to review. Their intention is to approve the ordinance and to send it to the Council for the March meeting. They are discussing and implementing new programs including dodge ball for adults and a trick or trunk event for Halloween. The commission is brainstorming to come up with programs for a wide variety of citizens.

d. Public Safety Commission – Councilor Buebendorf

Councilor Buebendorf stated the commission reviewed budgets at their last meeting. They have a special meeting scheduled for Thursday to review applications for the position of firefighter. The police department is currently fully staffed at twenty three officers. The dispatch committee visited the Tolland Regional Dispatch center to see how it functions to help with the planning of the potential regional dispatch center in Montville.

e. Commission on the Aging – Councilor Caron

Councilor Caron stated the Commission met and approved the Chicken Soup Program. The Guardian Angel program is up and running. The Commission is looking into Rules and Procedures.

f. Economic Development Commission – Councilor Caron

Councilor Caron indicated this commission did not have a quorum last month and did not hold a meeting.

g. Social Services – Councilor Caron

Councilor Caron indicated Social Services is in need of canned goods and would like to get the word out of the need. Donations can be dropped off at the Social Services building.

h. Youth Services Bureau & Advisory Board – Councilor Caron did not have a report.

i. Volunteer Fire Fighters Relief Fund – Councilor McFee did not report regarding the fund.

j. Community Center Building Committee – Councilor McFee

Councilor McFee stated this Committee met last month to discuss how to best utilize the \$200,000 allotted for the upgrade of the building.

k. Montville Fair – Councilor McFee

Councilor McFee discussed recent events published in the newspaper regarding funds stolen from the Montville Fair fund.

l. Regional Dispatch Committee – Councilor McFee

m. Board of Education – Councilor Murphy

Councilor Murphy indicated the Board of Education has not met for the past two months but there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening. He discussed the budget meeting held on Saturday and a meeting he had with the Superintendent. The regular meeting schedule will resume this month.

n. Water and Sewer Commission – Councilor Hillman

Councilor Hillman stated the WPCA met last month and the water pump booster station contract bids came in and the contract was awarded to the Nutmeg Company of Norwich. The pump station will be used to complete the water loop down Maple Avenue, around Rt. 163 and back to Pequot Avenue to provide drinking water and increase water pressure to the Hillcrest development. The bids came in lower than expected for the blowers at the treatment plant and the contract was awarded to Weston and Sampson Engineers of Peabody, Mass. The commissioners were given copies of the RFQ's for the new rate study.

o. Non-Profit Organizations – Councilor Hillman

Councilor Hillman indicated the paperwork is starting to come in and are being reviewed.

p. Public Safety Building Committee – Councilor Jacobson

Chairperson Jacobson indicated there is a packet from the Planning Department per the Charge that depicts the costs and design changes. There was a special meeting in February and the committee approved a final schematic design of the building. The committee is still in negotiations regarding the tower and the proposed height of the tower and they are preparing the RFP for the tower. They are discussing the exterior of the building and the entrance and egress of the building. They are discussing furniture layout and moving forward with contractors.

q. School Building Committee – Councilor Jacobson did not report on this committee.

14. Appointments and Resignations

a. To consider and act on a motion to fill a vacancy for a full voting member of the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire February 14, 2015. (Mr. Michael Whittaker, Ms. Mary Jurczuk and Mr. Cyril Longton have indicated they would like to be appointed and have been interviewed by the Council)

Councilor Caron nominated Mr. Longton. Councilor Buebendorf seconded the nomination. Councilor Beetham nominated Ms. Jurczuk. Councilor Murphy seconded the nomination. There being no more nominations, Chairperson Jacobson closed the nominations. Roll call vote; voting in favor of Mr. Cyril Longton were Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, McFee, and Murphy. Voting in favor of appointing Ms. Mari Jurczuk were Councilors Beetham, Hillman and Jacobson. 4-3 vote, Mr. Cyril Longton appointed to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire February 14, 2015.

b. To consider and act on a motion to waive Rule 14(a) of the Town Council Rules and Procedures to allow a non-resident appointment to a Board and Commission. (See attached legal opinion and Rules of Procedures)

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Murphy. Discussion, none, roll call vote 6-1, voting in favor of the motion were Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson. Voting in opposition was Councilor Beetham.

b. To consider and act on a motion to fill a vacancy for a full voting member of the Youth Advisory Board for the Town of Montville with a term to expire February 14, 2013. (Ms. Karen Moorehead has indicated she would like to be appointed and was interviewed on January 1, 2011).

Councilor Buebendorf nominated Ms. Karen Moorehead. Councilor Murphy seconded the nomination. There being no more nominations, Chairperson Jacobson closed the nominations. Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Murphy to appoint Ms. Karen Moorehead to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire February 13, 2013. Discussion, none, voice vote 6-1 (Councilor Beetham). Appointment made.

15. Unfinished Business – none.

16. New Business

i. Resolution #2011-006, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to accept the agreement reached negotiated between the Montville Board of Education and the Montville Education Association for the period of September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2015. Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Beetham. Discussion; Councilor Buebendorf stated she hopes the Council accepts this contract, it is a fair contract for the town and the teachers have given up a lot. Councilor Beetham stated this contract is the best contract negotiated with the teachers in the past thirty years. Councilor Caron stated it is a very fair contract. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

a. Resolution #2011-007, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$1,232.65 as requested by the Tax Collector and attached hereto as Schedule A. Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion, none, Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

b. Resolution #2011-008, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to transfer \$3,734.20 to Probate (line 10350-52137) from Contingency (line #10480-52164). Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion, Mayor Jaskiewicz stated all four towns had to come up with this amount of money for the transition of the probate office to the East Lyme office space. Next year the money will be figured into the budget. This amount is a one time cost for moving expenses and construction costs for retro fitting the new probate office. Councilor Buebendorf inquired regarding the amount of money in the Contingency account to date. Finance Director Hart indicated the town has used \$27,700 leaving a balance of \$22,300. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

c. Resolution #2011-009, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to transfer \$1,700 to Vet Expenses (line 10850-53062) from Contingency (line #10480-52164). Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion, Mayor Jaskiewicz discussed a hoarding case earlier in the year that required the Town to give basic animal care to forty animals. By law, if the town takes in an animal that requires care the town must provide basic care for the animals. He asked the Council to support this item as it is an exception rather than the rule. There have been an unusual number of animals coming in to the pound due in part to the tough economic times. Christian Martell, Animal Control Officer explained the need for the additional funding. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

d. To consider and act on a resolution to make the following additional appropriations from the General Fund; \$25,000 (10910-51110) overtime snowplowing; \$10,000 (10910-52008) street lighting repairs; \$15,000 (10910-3011) Vehicle expenses trucks; \$150,000 (10910-53018) sand and salt; \$5,000 (10910-53042) tree warden. Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Caron.

Discussion, Mr. Donald Bourdeau, discussed the need for the additional appropriations due to the unusually harsh weather this year. The tree issue comes from cutting down twelve trees at an average of approximately eight hundred dollars per tree. Public Works has cut down many trees on their own, but the trees in question are within ten feet of the power lines and trees that are too high to reach. Discussions were held regarding going out to bid for jobs over ten thousand dollars, street light repairs, sand and salt budget, truck repairs, and frost heave repairs. After lengthy discussions regarding estimating costs it was the consensus of the Council to run the items in the red until they can get a better estimation regarding actual costs to get a better determination regarding exact numbers to request for each line item. Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Caron to rescind the resolution. Discussion, none, Roll call vote, 6-1, voting in favor of rescinding the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, and Jacobson, voting in opposition was Councilor Murphy, resolution rescinded.

e. Resolution #2011-0010, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to approve the funding for and to authorize the Mayor to execute the employment agreement negotiated by the Mayor between the Town of Montville and Local 1303-341 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Water Pollution Control Authority) which shall be in effect July 2, 2010 – June 30, 2013. Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion; none. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

f. Resolution #2011-0011, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to approve the funding for and to authorize the Mayor to execute the employment contract for the WPCA Superintendent, Mr. Michael Didato as negotiated which shall be in effect July 1, 2010 – July 1, 2013. Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion, Councilor Hillman made a motion to amend the contract as follows; section #5 of the contract, the first sentence to read the employee will devote his entire professional time, attention and energy to the business of the Town, and the Town's WPCA; the last sentence should read after the comment which may interfere with his ability to discharge his responsibility to the Town and the Town's WPCA or which would breach the confidentiality of the Town and the Town's WPCA without written approval of the Town's WPCA; section 9 (b) sick leave, last sentence, accrued but unused sick leave shall not be paid at the time of separation from employment; and item 9 (f) leave without pay, requests for leaves of absence without pay for legitimate purposes may be granted by the WPCA and/or the Mayor upon written request of the employee; professional conference leave, remove the Chairperson and replace the wording with approval to the request to the WPCA and/or the Mayor's office; item #19, this agreement is the entire agreement of the Town and the Town's WPCA and the employee; a line will be added to the signature page for signature of the Chairman of the WPCA. Councilor Buebendorf seconded the motion to amend the contract. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the amendments to the contract were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, contract amended.

Roll call vote on the amended contract resolution, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

g. Resolution n#2011-0012, The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement for the Provision of Consolidated Probate Court Facilities and Services between the Towns of East Lyme, Montville, Old Lyme and Salem, Connecticut. Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham. Discussion, Mayor Jaskiewicz stated this is a five year deal that can be extended if it is approved. This is a portion of shared expenses with the other participating towns. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

h. Resolution #2011-0013, The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Montville for the construction, inspection and maintenance of the replacement of the Old Colchester Road Bridge (Bridge No. 085005) over Oxoboxo Lake utilizing Federal funds under the Urban Component of the Surface Transportation Program. Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion; Mayor Jaskiewicz stated this is the second portion of the STP grant agreement that needs to be signed and submitted to the State. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

j. Resolution #2011-0014, The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to transfer \$3,650.00 (three thousand six hundred fifty dollars) from Contingency (10480-52164) into Town Council Clerk (10330-51075). Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Beetham. Discussion, Finance Director Hart explained the secretarial support for sub-committees of the Town Council is taken out of the line item for Town Council because the sub-committees do not budget money for secretarial support. Chairperson Jacobson asked Councilors McFee, Buebendorf and Beetham if they would consider acting as the clerk for the Solid Waste/Public Works sub-committee. He declined to take the responsibility for filing and recording the minutes for this commission. Councilors Beetham and Buebendorf did not volunteer and agreed to transfer the money to cover the secretarial support. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

k. To consider and act on a motion to approve the distribution of a letter from the Town Council to surrounding municipalities requesting their support of proposed legislative bill #5911 (see attachment). Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor McFee. Discussion, Councilor Jacobson stated she drafted a letter regarding amending the siting evaluation for the sex offender facility. The letter is slated toward the legislative bodies of surrounding municipalities as well as their legislative representatives. Mayor Jaskiewicz stated he will present the letter asking for support from COGG. Councilor Buebendorf stated it is a great idea to get the surrounding town support but is concerned regarding the legality of the bill that is being proposed because the State has already signed a contract with the company and the bill is proposing making a law that precedes the date of that contract. She likes the idea of collecting the support of surrounding towns. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of sending the letter on behalf of the Town Council were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, motion carried.

l. Resolution #2011-0015, The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to rescind Resolution #2011-003 as follows;

Resolution #2011-003. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize the Mayor to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to Palmertown Booster Pump station, and in furtherance of this resolution the Mayor is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Montville, Connecticut and is duly authorized to provide additional information and execute other documents as may be required by local, state or federal government with said contracts to execute amendments, rescissions and thereto. Motion made by Councilor Hillman, seconded by Councilor Murphy. Discussion; Mayor Jaskiewicz stated the resolution is being rescinded because of the omission of one word. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

m. Resolution #2011-016, The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize the Mayor to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection pertaining to Palmertown Booster Pump station, and in furtherance of this resolution the Mayor is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Montville, Connecticut and is duly authorized to provide additional information and execute other documents as may be required by local, state or federal

government with said contracts to execute amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto. Motion made by Councilor Hillman, seconded by Councilor Beetham, Discussion, none, Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson, voting in opposition, none, resolution adopted.

n. To consider and act on a motion to forward a review of the salaries of the Town Council and the Mayor to the Administration and Finance Committees for review and to have a report back no later than April 15, 2011. Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Beetham. Discussion, none, Roll call vote, 6-1, voting in favor of forwarding this item were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, and Jacobson, voting in opposition was Councilor Murphy, motion carried.

17. Remarks from the Public – none.

18. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Buebendorf wished everyone a happy Valentines Day. She thanked the teachers and the Board of Education for hammering out a decent contract, it helps out the Town and the taxpayers of Montville, she complimented the Public Works department for a great job during the storms, stating the roads in Montville are in much better shape than surrounding towns, she complimented the school system maintenance crew for all the great work shoveling the roofs and school areas. She hopes the Council will consider holding special meetings in the future to deal with contract issues and litigation issues, it is disrespectful to the public for them to wait while the Council is in executive session. This meeting did not get started until 9:17 p.m. and it would be more responsible for the Council to hold special meetings so the people who take the time out in the evenings to attend a meeting do not have to sit for two hours waiting for a meeting to start.

Councilor McFee gave regards to the Mayor and thanked him for eight years of faithful service to the town as the Mayor. He congratulated Councilwoman Jacobson on her announcement to run for Mayor.

Councilor Beetham discussed the town engineer contract and requested an RFQ for engineering services.

Councilor Murphy informed the Council that he will be changing his party affiliation to Democrat tomorrow and is considering running for Mayor as an independent.

Councilor Caron thanked Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for a job well done working together during the storms, he thanked Mayor Jaskiewicz for his service to the town over the past eight years, he wished everyone a happy Valentines Day and wished Councilors Murphy and Jacobson the best in their pursuit of the Mayoral seat.

Mayor Jaskiewicz thanked the Council for supporting the probate court resolution and wished everyone a happy Valentines Day.

Councilor Hillman did not have comments.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Hillman to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville