

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 12, 2014
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order
Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after establishing a quorum.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
 - a. Presentation by Chris Lawton regarding a Dog Park
Mr. Lawton distributed a packet to the Councilors, thanked them, and introduced himself as the representative of a small group of members who have been working to create a Dog Park in Town. The idea has gained the support of the Parks & Recreation Commission. They have located a small parcel of land, which can be fenced in, located off of Route 163 across the street from the Oakdale Pavilion. The property was previously used as a dumping ground for fill material. Once the property has been properly prepared, the dog park may be closed and have multiple purposes, including those that have been previously proposed. Two separate areas will be designated to keep large and small dogs apart to avoid any incidents. The land is ideal in that the property has water on-site, lighting, restrooms, and access to hiking trails. Aside from the creation of a footpath to provide access to the area, very little work will be required to prepare the site. There will be no cost to the Town to establish the Dog Park. It will be a community project in which funds will be raised through fundraising and grants and will operate under the Parks & Recreation Commission. They propose the establishment of a sub-committee to oversee the operations and implementation and enforcement of the rules of the Dog Park. They have accumulated several hundred signatures and over 200 likes in Facebook in support of the Dog Park and have done their best to address any concerns including health issues and owner/dog behavior issues, as detailed in his report. He addressed Lt. Bunnell's budgetary concerns with regards to the number of calls they may receive. Currently, the towns of Waterford, Groton, Colchester, Norwich, and Killingly have dog parks, which have been reviewed favorably by the residents of the towns and have helped to keep dogs off of the prohibited areas and encourage people to utilize the existing hiking trails. He is open to having any additional discussions and/or answer any questions the Council might have.

In response to Chairman Jaskiewicz, Mr. Lawton stated that, while there is a stream nearby, there should be no adverse environmental issues resulting from the dogs' waste and a proper composting area or receptacle will be placed for their disposal. The group is not opposed to temporarily closing the Dog Park should there be an event at the Pavilion.

In response to Councilor Longton, Mr. Lawton stated that the Park would carry the Parks & Recreation's hours of operation.

Councilor Tanner enquired about the negative responses received from both the Lieutenant and Animal Control Officer. Mr. Lawton stated that, in response to the Animal Control Officer Christian Swanson, there would be age restrictions (any individual 17 and under will not be allowed). Due to her position being part-time, she was also concerned with receiving calls at odd hours of the day and suggested the Dog Park be located behind the Police Station for patrolling convenience. Lt. Bunnell raised concerns regarding the overall costs and budgetary restrictions of the department to answer any additional calls. The Lieutenant's concern regarding utilizing the property for previously proposed uses of the property was addressed by allowing the site to be multi-purpose.

In response to Councilor May, Mr. Lawton stated that the other towns he contacted were unable to quantify the police calls, which are very infrequent.

In response to Mayor McDaniel, Mr. Lawton confirmed that the group investigated the Dog Park Ordinances of other towns.

Councilor May, in relation to the Dog Park, announced that the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committee is also working on a Dog Ordinance with the Parks & Recreation Commission stating where dogs are allowed. The Park will provide an additional alternative.

Councilor Tanner thanked and commended Mr. Lawton and his group for their hard work.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally, to remove item 15(a) regarding the Ad Hoc Committee from the Agenda. Discussion: The item has been revised and is included on the Agenda as item 16(b). Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor.

6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:

a. The Vendors' Ordinance Public Hearing Meeting Minutes on April 14, 2014

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

b. The Regular Meeting Minutes on Monday, April 14, 2014

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

c. The General Government Budget Public Hearing Minutes on Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Longton. Motion carried.

d. The Board of Education Budget Public Hearing Minutes on Wednesday, April 23, 2014

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

e. The Gardner Lake No-Wake-Zone Public Hearing Meeting Minutes on May 1, 2014

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

f. The Gardner Lake No-Wake-Zone Special Meeting Minutes on May 1, 2014

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. 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 Boards and Commissions. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz announced that they will be conducting interviews for the Parks & Recreation, Planning & Zoning, and the Economic Development Commissions. Voice vote: 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:21 p.m., returning at 7:36 p.m. Vice-chairman Caron resumed the meeting. No formal votes were taken during executive session.

8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit

Tony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, commented on item 15(b) regarding the Senior Tax Relief Plan. He questioned the issue regarding liens from the Attorney's letter, which he did not fully understand, and disagreed with the need for a five (5) member Committee. The Plan has been

reviewed and approved by both the Finance Committee and the Economic Development Commission. While it will not save money in the very near future, it will, once implemented, provide tax relief for seniors while expanding the tax base by inviting seniors to live in the Town. He estimated that the construction of an additional 81 (eighty-one) homes would be necessary to offset the costs.

Lt. Leonard Bunnell, 5 Little John Drive, responded to item 4(a) regarding the Dog Park, stating that the Dog Park will not place a strain on the Department's budget, but will, conceivably, increase the number of calls for service as is the case anytime there is a gathering of people and, in this case, dogs. While he is opposed to the establishment of a Dog Park, should it be approved, they will make it work. With regards to item 16(b), he urged the Council to move the item forward as the process will take at least three to four months to form the committee, alone.

Barbara Lockhart, Director, Youth Services, spoke in support of item 16(g) stating that the part-time youth workers have not had a pay increase since 2008 and do not receive any vacation time, or paid sick or holiday time. These workers are responsible for providing academic and recreational assistance and social programs. An after-school program fee was established two years ago generating approximately \$6,000.00 of revenue, which she requests be used to help pay for the pay increase and which will be offset by the State Department of Education by approximately \$7,000.00 for the cost-sharing and enhancement grant they receive.

Christian Swanson, Animal Control Officer, spoke in support to item 16(f) regarding a wage increase for the Animal Control Officer Assistants stating that they have not received an increase since 2005 and that, with more rigorous training required by the State, their raise is long overdue.

Lynda Jean, 1583 Route 163, Lot Number 8, requested some explanation regarding item 16(c), Economic Development Commission's information sheet insert.

9. Communications

a. Copy of the May budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director

b. Copy of the Notice of Adoption of Ordinance to Provide Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans

Councilor Caron requested that the Notice, first introduced in 2012, be reviewed by the Finance Committee for possible revision(s). Finance Director Terry Hart stated that they are currently at the minimum rate of salary, adding that the State would allow an increase of as much as \$25,000.00.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor McNally, to send the Notice of Adoption of Ordinance to Provide Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans to the Finance Committee for review. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor May stated that he had not received the Attorney's review of the Senior Tax Relief Plan, which Mr. Siragusa kindly lent to him.

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred

Chairman Jaskiewicz reported that the Attorney's review of the Senior Tax Relief Plan was received.

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

Mayor McDaniel reported that he, along with the Town's Veterans Resource Officers Marcia Vlaun and Lisa Terry, attended a Forum sponsored by Senator Murphy on Veterans Employment issues and is currently waiting to receive a list of resources for employment. Representing the Town as a member of Executive Board of the Council Government, he attended and enjoyed an impressive performance of the Coast Guard Regimental Revue. He is continuing to have Community Conversations with parents and teachers. They plan to build a silent message for what they feel are Montville's values.

He also attended a Suicide Prevention Meeting with Youth Services Director Lockhart and Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini. They have completed their training and are currently in the midst of doing some outreach and media campaigns. The day was followed by National Prayer Day, which was celebrated in front of Town Hall and attended by former Mayor Howard Beetham. That evening, the launching of the Solarize Montville took place. He encouraged all interested residents to attend the next monthly Solarize Montville event on June 3. Councilor May added that approximately 30 (thirty) residents signed up for the program at the launching and six (6) have since been approved. The Mayor further added that the more people who sign up the less expensive the costs.

A pre-construction meeting for the Fox Brook Bridge was held. Detour signs and signs informing drivers that Pa's Pizza and the Post Office will remain open during the construction are being posted. He has been taking part in the Safety Plan meetings at the Schools as they prepare to compile them by the July deadline. He also attended the Transform CT meeting with the Department of Transportation, regarding the transportation needs of the region. Discussed were road and bridge improvements and the possibility of tying into the rail system and the Port Authority of New London. Lastly, he enjoyed a very fun-filled Read Along Day at the Mohegan School last Friday.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Longton

Councilor Longton reported that, working with the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Committee agreed upon the wording of the Dog Ordinance. The Ordinance will return to the Committee and be presented to the Mayor and Lt. Bunnell for their input, and, hopefully, presented to the Town Council in June.

b. Finance – Councilor Tanner

Councilor Tanner reported that discussions included the seven (7) items on this evening's Agenda and announced that the budget adoption meeting will be held on Wednesday.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton

Due to a scheduling conflict, Councilor Longton reported that the meeting was re-scheduled. Due to a lack of a quorum at the special meeting, an informal meeting was held. Discussed were updates on the road repairs, Maynard Road, and a new system for the Transfer Station. A bonus, unexpected, and very welcome occurrence was the attendance of two (2) residents who were interested in learning how Town meetings are run.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund

Councilor Caron reported that the Senior Center recently hosted an Art Show displaying the artworks of the Town's very talented seniors. The event was well attended, including the attendance of the Mayor and Chairman Jaskiewicz. He extended an invitation to the Councilors to the Center's Older Americans Month Celebration on May 30 at noon to thank all of the seniors for their service to the Town and their country. He also encouraged the everyone to visit the Senior Center to thank them for their service. He hopes to have an update regarding received grants at the next Council meeting.

Social Services was awarded with a plaque from the Gemma Moran United Way Food Center for providing 52,326 pounds/209,310 meals to the Town's residents-in-need. He congratulated and thanked the Director and her assistant for doing a fantastic job and urged the Councilors to visit the Center. A \$4,000.00 donation was received by the Mohegan Tribe and \$100 worth of food is received each month from the Montville Lions Club.

He is currently working with the Director to establish a Veterans Fund to help needy veterans, providing them with their immediate necessities. Computer classes are being held.

- b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education
Councilor Jaskiewicz reported on the Montville Marvels and an impressive new program being initiated by the Principal to get kids acclimated to high school.
 - c. Councilor Longton: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission
Councilor Longton reported that a very productive meeting was held by the Commission and, having forgotten his notes, urged everyone to review the minutes of the meeting online.
 - d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority
Councilor May reported that the headworks project is nearing completion, the new generator is being installed, and the water budget public hearing was held earlier this evening. In response to Chairman Jaskiewicz, he stated that they voted to return \$280,000.00 to the Town.
 - e. Councilor McNally: Economic Development Commission
Councilor McNally reported that the Commission is filled with new members and are working on an insert containing information listing the tasks of the EDC. They are continuing to work on their mission statement and website, and are planning to work with the Superintendent of Schools on the re-branding Montville and the possibility of using the slogan "Proud of Our Schools". They have also discussed the Town's blight issues to which the Mayor enquired as to whether the Commission might be interested in reviewing the State's current statutes and re-drafting the Ordinance so that they are in sync.
 - f. Councilor Pollard: Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
Councilor Pollard reported that the YSB held their Annual Fun Days from May 5-9. The week's events included a Chili's Cinco de Mayo Social, Ice Cream Social, Riverside Reptiles, and Derek the Magician. On May 23, they will be hosting Come Fly a Kite at Fort Shantok for the first 50 kids who sign up by May 15. The cost is \$5.00. She reminded everyone to honor the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom on May 26, Memorial Day.
 - g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Non-Profit Organizations
Councilor Tanner reminded everyone of the Annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, 1:00 p.m. The neighboring Church has started to clear out some of the brush to accommodate a sign posting their upcoming events. The Commission has been working closely with the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committee on the Dog Ordinance. They are also working on a policy for the field usage of in-season vs. out-of-season sports. The fences of the small field at Camp Oakdale have been removed and the area has been converted to an additional soccer/lacrosse field. She thanked the Senior Center for their donation of a truck full of arts & crafts for the Summer Camp program.

With regards to the Public Safety Commission, Molly, the Town's new police dog, and Officer Saffioti, her partner, has finished their training and will be graduating on June 12. She extended her apologies to Fire Marshal Occhialini for neglecting to include his hazardous material response and emergency response plans on this evening's Agenda.
14. Appointments and Resignations
- a. To Consider and Act on a motion to re-appoint Mr. Douglas Brush to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2018.
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Victoriano Alarcon to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on May 12, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business

- a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to form an ad-hoc committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing an organized police department. The charge of this committee will be to look into the cost and feasibility of changing from a resident trooper program to an independent organized police department. This committee shall consist of 9 members and the make-up will be as follows: (2) members from the Town Council, (2) members from the Public Safety Commission, (5) members at large having no ties to the current police force or other political organization within the town of Montville. Once established this committee will report back to the Town council within 90 days after their first meeting with their findings, cost estimates and other pertinent information. (Councilor Tanner)
Item was removed from the Agenda (item 5)

- b. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the senior tax relief plan, as proposed by Mr. Tony Siragusa. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked Mr. Siragusa for his time and hard work, adding that, while he felt that it was not a bad plan, he questioned the housing development's ability to produce 81 (eighty-one) homes and the Town's placement of \$200,000.00 to fund the plan. Councilor May questioned who, specifically, would be eligible for the plan. In response, Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that, in accordance with the Attorney's suggestions, the Council may vote to approve the formation of a five (5)-member committee, who can determine the eligibility. Councilor Longton agreed with the thoughts behind the plan, but could not see the Town's ability to afford the investment of funds at this particular time. Roll Call vote, 0-7. Voting in Favor: None. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Resolution failed.

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2014-36. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$471.13 (four-hundred seventy-one dollars and thirteen cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Caron. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2014-37. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to form an ad-hoc committee known as the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to investigate, document and report its finding to the Montville Town Council any and all advantages and/or disadvantages to the Town of Montville transitioning from the current Constabulary under the Connecticut State Police - Resident Trooper Program to a statutorily recognized organized Police Department with a Chief of Police. This Committee will consist of nine (9) members and the make-up will be as follows: two (2) members from the Town Council, two (2) members from the Public Safety Commission, and five (5) members at large. This Committee will report its findings in writing to the Town Council in six (6) month after their first meeting. Identifiable Topics to Report are current language of the Montville Town Charter Section 408. Public Safety Commission and all applicable town ordinances; Administration as it applies to agency organizational structure (i.e. reports and records); Organizational developments (i.e. staffing, support staff); Cost assessments (i.e. adding necessary divisions); Dispatch and

Communication needs (i.e. duties and responsibilities, staffing); comparable towns; department policy and procedure changes and overseeing authority. (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion:

Councilor Jaskiewicz re-stated that he felt that the make-up of the Committee should include one (1) member from the Town Council and one (1) member from the Public Safety Commission, rather than two (2) of each, bringing the total members to seven (7).

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to amend the resolution as follows:

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Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Pollard. Resolution passed.

Roll Call vote to accept the Resolution as amended, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Pollard. Resolution passed.

- c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to insert an information sheet to town businesses in the Montville tax bill. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor McNally stated that, because they are in the process of determining the most cost-effective manner of the distribution of the sheets, the Commission is, at this time, requesting approval of the contents included on the informational sheet.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner to amend the Resolution as follows:

Resolution #2014-38. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to authorize the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to insert an information sheet to town businesses by a method to be determined. (Councilor McNally)

Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz commended the EDC for their efforts. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

Roll Call vote to accept the Resolution as amended, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2014-39. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$95,000 from the Sidewalks at MHS and Tyl (30999-55005) and \$14,272 from the Security

Upgrades at MHS line (10960-54139) to the Police Car Replacement line (10960-54006).
(Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Finance Director Terry Hart stated that the three Police Cars are currently included in the Capital Plan and the re-allocation of funds will reduce the amount. They have since received grants for the Sidewalks and Security upgrades allowing them to re-allocate those funds to the Police Department's three vehicles. The final cost includes an approximately \$6,000.00 break on the vehicles, which will be fully equipped with the exception of the cameras and laptops. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2014-40. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the part time firefighters' and dispatchers' wages as follows: 7/1/14 - \$17.29/hr, 7/1/15 - \$18.00/hr, 7/1/16 - \$18.70/hr. (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Finance Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the wage increase is necessary as the rate of pay helps in the hiring and maintaining of the dispatchers, a problem which other Town's encounter. Mayor McDaniel added that the increase also helps backfill the full-time slots when they are not available, cutting down any overtime hours. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2014-41. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages for the Animal Control Officer Assistants to \$13.00/hour. (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: The pay is currently \$11.00/hour and the wage has not increased since 2005. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2014-42. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages of the part time youth workers as follows: Program Asst. I - \$12.25/hr, Program Asst. II - \$11.25/hr and Center Asst. - \$10.25/hr. (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Social Youth Services Director Lockhart stated that they have not had an increase since 2008 and this would provide them with a \$1.00/hour increase. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2014-43. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$12,000 from the Security Upgrades at MHS line (10960-54139) to the All-purpose Field at Camp Oakdale line (10960-54079). (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Similar to item 16(d), Finance Director Hart stated that a grant was received to cover the costs for the Security Upgrades allowing them to allocate those funds elsewhere, reducing the Capital budget. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- i. **Resolution #2014-44. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$18,000 from the Security Upgrades at MHS line (10960-54139) to the Pickup for Camp Oakdale line (10960-54089). (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that they are seeking to replace their current vehicle, a 1983 pick-up

truck. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2014-45. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new sound system for the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
- Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that this is in hopes of resolving the Chambers' ongoing sound issues. Mayor McDaniel stated that, based upon the dynamics of the room, improvements have been made, but feedback is often an issue. Councilor May felt that other systems exist with feedback reduction. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- k. **Resolution #2014-46. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to change the date of the August Regular Town Council Meeting from Monday, August 11, 2014 to Wednesday, August 13, 2014. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
- Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the date change is to accommodate a golf tournament supporting the Education Foundation. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Tanner. Resolution passed.
- l. **Resolution #2014-47. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to endorse the application for a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the purchase of a new Breathalyzer with a cost of approximately \$7,200.00 with 50% Town matching funds. (Mayor McDaniel)
- Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Lt. Bunnell confirmed that the Breathalyzer would be located in the detention area of the Police Department. Mayor McDaniel clarified that the amount will be 50% of \$7,200.00 or \$3,600.00. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- m. **Resolution #2014-48. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to hire an independent law firm to review and report on the ethics complaint filed on April 15, 2014. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
- Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the Town Attorney advised this resolution. In response to Councilor McNally, Mayor McDaniel stated that there is no regional Board of Ethics Committee and, when presented to the COG in years past, they decided to have no involvement and has heard that they do not wish to be voting on their peers. Councilor Pollard stated that, in speaking with Mr. Jim Andriote, he stated that, should one of the Councilors change their vote, he would rescind his complaint. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- n. **Resolution #2014-49. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to accept and sign the Network Access Service Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Montville. (Mayor McDaniel)
- Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel provided a handout explaining the incentive program through the State to connect to the fiber network allowing them to have access to Public Safety data and the Connecticut Education Network and get them off Metrocast for their internet services. They are hoping to have increased reliability and firmer costs over time. The Board of Education is already

hooked up to the fiber network as well as from the Police Department to Town Hall. In the event they are cut-off from the fiber network, the intranet system will allow them to continue their internal business. The Agreement will cost approximately \$6,000.00/month and save the Town \$2,300.00/month. In addition, a grant is expected covering the installation costs and the first year of operation. Roll Call vote, 7-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

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

Tony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, responded to Councilor May's question regarding item 15(b), stating that all individuals age 65 and over owning a premises would be eligible. His suggested amount to fund the project is to cover any costs for any problems that might arise within three years of its development. There is no other place in the country with such a plan. He has spoken with builders who felt that moving seniors into the Town is a good idea that would really help the Town increase its tax base. Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked him for his efforts.

18. Executive Session — none.

19. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor May expressed the need to establish a Commission/Board to handle such issues for any future complaints.

Councilor Tanner reminded everyone to come join the Parade this Sunday.

Councilor Pollard wished that the Mayor vetoed the Vendor's Ordinance, having had 13 people speaking in opposition and 6 in favor at the public hearing.

Councilor Longton stated that he really likes the Senior Tax Relief Plan, but, with respect to the current budgetary situation, could not support it.

Councilor Caron reminded the Councilors to attend the Senior Center's Older Americans Month Celebration on May 30 at noon and thanked them for sending the Tax Exemption Notice for Veterans to the Finance Committee for review and requested they return with their recommendations in June.

Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked the Councilors and reminded everyone to attend the Parade this Sunday.

Mayor McDaniel announced that Murphy's Mad Dash will take place this Saturday; Officer Kondash will be honored at the Officer of the Year Dinner on May 21, and; the passing of the Town's former Mayor's wife, Ms. Patricia Ann Dougherty. He also requested that Mr. Andriote be informed that he received numerous telephone calls and spoke to many people aside from those who spoke at the Vendor's Ordinance meeting.

20. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Longton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice Vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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