

Town of Montville Town Council  
**Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, July 14, 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. Business Recognition Award to B&D Autobody from the Economic Development Commission for cleaning up the blighted property and growing the existing business.  
Dustin White, Chairman, Economic Development Commission (EDC), introduced and presented the Business Recognition Award to Mr. Bob Mrowka, owner of B&D Autobody, located on Route 163, on behalf of the EDC and the Town Council for purchasing and cleaning up the blighted property as well as working with the Commission and the Town, as a whole, in the re-branding of the Montville. Mr. Mrowka was thanked by the Councilors for his efforts.
  - b. Introduction of new Resident Trooper John Smith by Lt. Leonard Bunnell.  
Lt. Bunnell introduced the Town's new Resident Trooper, Sgt. James Smith, who has nearly 20 years of experience with the State police and has extensive experience in computer crimes, joined the Town last week. In a short period of time, he has exhibited leadership qualities and will be a tremendous asset to the Department.  
Sgt. Smith provided some background information on himself, thanked everyone for the opportunity, and looks forward to serving and working with the Town and its residents, including resolving some outstanding issues between the Town and the State. He welcomed any questions anyone may have.  
Mayor McDaniel added that, while he has been working various shifts in an effort to familiarize himself with the Department and all of the officers, he will soon be settling into a regular schedule.  
Chairman Jaskiewicz thanked and welcomed Resident Trooper Smith to the Town.
5. Alterations to the Agenda  
Councilor Longton proposed the following addition to the Agenda:  
16(e) To Consider and Act on a Motion to send the Ordinance titled "An Ordinance Providing Property Tax Relief for Residence Property of the Elderly and Totally Disabled" to the Town Attorneys for review. (Councilor Longton)  
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. Item added the Agenda.
6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
  - a. The Special Meeting Minutes on Monday, June 9, 2014  
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Caron. 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 passed.
  - b. The Regular Meeting Minutes on Monday, June 9, 2014

Motion made by Councilor May, 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 passed.

7. Executive Session — none.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit — none.
9. Communications
  - a. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of April 2014
  - b. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of May 2014
  - c. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of June 2014
  - d. Letter from the State of Connecticut, Connecticut State Library, regarding the approval of a \$5,000.00 (five-thousand dollar) Historic Documents Preservation Grant
  - e. Letter from the State of Connecticut Worker's Compensation Commission regarding the Safety and Health Committee Audit
  - f. Letter from Mr. David Jetmore, Chairman, Public Safety Commission, requesting the removal and replacement of Mr. Steven Loiler (added by Chairman Jaskiewicz)
10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred  
Mayor McDaniel reported that, at the request of the Finance Committee, the Veterans' Exemption Ordinance is currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney.
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred  
Mayor McDaniel reported on the graduation of the Town's first canine, Molly, and her partner, Officer Addison Saffioti, from the training program, adding that, within 24 hours, they conducted their first "sniff and seizure", which has been followed by many arrests. On June 23, the Annual Hurricane Drill, instituted by the Government to ensure emergency readiness, took place with many glitches, which are in the process of being remedied. They have applied for a Brownfield Remediation Grant for the Bridge Street project. Included with their application is a letter of support from the CT delegation. They have also submitted an application for the COPFAST Grant. The Town received an Historic Preservation Grant and Med Ride Grant. Bids will close on July 23 for the Chesterfield Road Sidewalk project. As part of being on the Executive Board of the Council of Governments, he has been appointed to the Human Services Coordinating Council to help assist the region in trying to coordinate some of the Social Services Programs which has become all-encompassing program dealing with a number of issues including employment, veterans, and housing.

He is continuing to work on the Town's energy programs and invited the Councilors to visit the energizect.com website for additional information. The Town is currently in the SolarizeCT and the C-PACE Programs. He is seeking the Council's support in adopting the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge to demonstrate their support for energy efficiency and renewable energy for municipal buildings. Points are earned for the completion of each qualifying energy project. Once a certain number of points are accumulated, the Town would qualify for the receipt of clean energy systems and grants for energy-saving projects. To this end, a consultant has been hired to evaluate the possibility of the LED retrofitting of the Town's streetlights and alternative energy options including solar, cogen, fuel cell, and microgrid are being investigated. The formation of a Clean Energy Committee is also on the horizon. In response to Councilor May, who expressed the interest of the WPCA's involvement in the efforts, the Mayor stated that he would like to see not only the WPCA, but also the Board of Education and the Town working together to achieve their goal.

In response to Councilor McNally, the Mayor stated that there are currently 22 officers serving the Town. Interviews are being conducted for the lateral transfer of an officer to replace one who will be leaving in August.

Finance Director Terry Hart reported on the list of transfers that was included in the agenda packet. She stated that \$50,000.00 from the General Fund will be tapped into to cover the engineering costs for the Public Works Department, most of which is for unexpected repairs for Derry Hill Road. They are expecting to receive grant funds to cover some of these costs. She also reported that they have collected over \$1 million more than anticipated revenue to date.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.
  - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Longton — no report.
  - b. Finance – Councilor Tanner  
Councilor Tanner reported that, as stated earlier, the Veteran's Exemption Ordinance has been sent to the Town Attorney for review and the appointment of a liaison for those non-profit organizations receiving over \$1,000.00, in accordance to the Charter, was discussed.
  - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton — no report.
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 Director of the Senior Center was voted by her peers as the president of Connecticut Association of Municipal Agents for the Elderly (CAMAE) and encouraged the Councilors to visit the Senior Center to congratulate her. To date, she has applied for a total of approximately \$84,000.00 in grants.  
As always, the Department of Social Services is in need of both non-perishable and monetary donations as well as volunteers to help in their efforts. He encouraged the Councilors and residents to visit the Department and, possibly, volunteer. He is continuing to work with the Director to institute a Veteran's Fund in an effort to help the Town's veterans.  
The Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund will be meeting on August 12.
  - b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education  
Chairman Jaskiewicz reported that a glitch with the diplomas has been taken care of.
  - c. Councilor Longton: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission  
Councilor Longton reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing and granted the change of 96 Route 163 from a Residential 20 to a Commercial 2 building. The 8-24 Review of the Montville Road Bridge and the Chesterfield Road Sidewalk Replacement received positive recommendations. He also noted on Mr. Tony Siragusa's comment regarding the Town Council's recent appointments of new candidates as full members rather than, first, filling those seats with the alternates.
  - d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority  
No meeting was held. Councilor May requested the Chair obtain a consensus from the Councilors to allow the WPCA to engage in a public outreach campaign to inform the residents of the proposed water line installation. Voice vote, 7-0, all in Favor. Consensus reached.
  - e. Councilor McNally: Economic Development Commission  
Councilor McNally reported that the Commission is continuing to work on their upcoming Business Fair in August at the Mohegan Fire House, the re-branding of the Town, and the updating of their website. He also announced a recent vacancy on the Commission for any interested parties.
  - f. Councilor Pollard: Youth Services Bureau (YSB) and Advisory Board  
Councilor Pollard reported that the Youth Action Council presented two (2) iPads as well as stickers, stuffed animals and the like, purchased by the proceeds from the 2013-2013 Penny Drive, to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Unit. In partnership with the CT Youth Services Association, the YSB will receive a portion of a grant (\$17,000.00) from the CT Judicial Branch. In addition, with the CT Youth Service Association, MYSB will be applying for a \$1.9 million Grant to be received over three (3) years to support Juvenile Review Board Case Management Services. The Summer Center is currently full with 30 registered teens and

three (3) field trips have been successfully completed. Registration for the 2014-2015 After-School program is now full with 65 (sixty-five) registered students and a short waiting list. Their Distracted Driving, Suicide Prevention, and One Word, One Voice, One Life Campaigns are currently underway.

- g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Non-Profit Organizations

Councilor Tanner reported that Summer Camp is underway at Fair Oaks. They are hosting their free Summer Concerts on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Large Pavilion, Camp Oakdale. She expressed her appreciation to and commended the Public Works Director Don Bourdeau and John Neeley for beautifying the fields at Camp Oakdale and added that the entryway has been also been reworked. The Masters Race is scheduled for this Sunday, July 20. Any interested parties may contact the Parks & Recreation Department. The Commission is also discussing the possibility of creating an e-newsletter with announcement of their upcoming events.

The Public Safety Commission was able to witness Molly and Officer Saffioti in action. Two recommendations were provided to the Mayor for the lateral move of an officer. Fire Marshall Ray Occhialini reported that Regional Dispatch is in “90% forward progress”.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a motion to accept the removal of Mr. Edward Socha, Jr., from the Gardner Lake Authority effective July 14, 2014.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz confirmed that Mr. Socha did not wish to submit a resignation. Mayor McDaniel stated that he has served on the Board for a very long time and thanked him for his service. Chairman Jaskiewicz expressed their regret. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, May, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion passed.

- b. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the rule requiring an interview for Mr. Mike Magliano for the Gardner Lake Authority.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor McNally. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that Mr. Magliano is unable to attend Monday night meetings. Kate Johnson, who also serves on the Gardner Lake Authority on behalf of the Town, submitted a letter of support on behalf of the Board. He added that Mr. Magliano does have a vested interest in and does a lot of work for the Lake. Councilor Longton expressed his concern regarding the setting of a precedence of waiving interviews. 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 passed.

- c. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, to the Gardner Lake Authority.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. 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 passed.

- d. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Mike Magliano to the Gardner Lake Authority with a term to expire on April 9, 2015.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McNally. 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 passed.

15. Unfinished Business — none.

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2014-66. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES TO** refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$495.71 (four-hundred ninety-five dollars and seventy-one cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)  
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard. 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. Resolution adopted.
- b. **Resolution #2014-67. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES TO** authorize the year-end transfers as requested by the Finance Director and as depicted on schedule A. (Councilor Tanner)  
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. Resolution adopted.
- c. **Resolution #2014-68. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES TO** establish a Misc. State of Connecticut Grant fund (# 018). (Councilor Tanner)  
Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that, in accordance to the Government Accounting Standard Board, she is required to obtain the Council's approval for the establishment of a new fund. The new fund will include funds received from grants and help make them easier to track. 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 adopted.
- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to hire an independent law firm to review and report on the ethics complaint of Andriote v. May. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)  
Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0-1, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Longton, McNally, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor May. Resolution adopted.
- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to send the Ordinance titled "An Ordinance Providing Property Tax Relief for Residence Property of the Elderly and Totally Disabled" to the Town Attorney for review. (Councilor Longton)  
Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Councilor Longton explained that this tax relief bill will be available to those who qualify for the State of Connecticut Circuit Breaker Program. According to the Tax Collector, 227 residents would currently qualify for the program. Councilor McNally suggested sending the Ordinance to the Finance and Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committees for review prior to sending it to the Town Attorney. Finance Director Hart confirmed that the Ordinance had not yet come before the Finance Committee. Councilor Longton added that the Ordinance mirrors that of the town of Norwich and, as such, has been vetted by their attorneys and has been in effect for a number of years with no problems.  
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May, to withdraw the original motion.  
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to send the Ordinance to the Finance and Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committees for review.  
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. Resolution adopted.

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

Lynda Jean, 1583 Route 163, Lot 8, Maynard Road, thanked Councilor Longton, on behalf of the eight (8) families, for his persistence and support regarding Maynard Road. She also thanked the

Mayor and Councilors Jaskiewicz, Caron, and Tanner for their support at the public hearing and listening to their concerns, and thanked Councilors McNally, Pollard, and May, who did not attend the public hearing, but voted to send the Ordinance to a public hearing. She submitted a letter to the Chairman and Councilors.

18. Executive Session — none.

19. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor May reported that it was determined that no basis or probable cause of an ethics violation in the approval of the vendors' ordinance by the Councilors was found.

Councilors McNally and Pollard welcomed Sgt. Smith to the Town.

Councilor Caron also welcomed Sgt. Smith, congratulated Mr. Mrowka and his family, and commended the EDCs selection. He also thanked the Finance Committee for sending the abatement tax for the Veterans to the attorney for review.

Councilor Jaskiewicz also welcomed Sgt. Smith and thanked the Councilors for their hard work. He reminded everyone that the August meeting will be held on Wednesday.

Mayor McDaniel expressed his dismay with a recent article by Tess Townsend in the paper, which, he felt, impugns the integrity of his and the attorney's integrity. The article reported on his and his office's alleged complicity in the investigation of the ethics complaints. He stated that, while he did hire the attorney, who was recommended by other municipals, he has neither met nor spoken with him to date.

20. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 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

**AN AUDIO RECORD OF THE MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE MONTVILLE TOWN  
CLERK'S OFFICE**

2014 Year End Transfers

To Line Item	From Line Item	Date	Amount
10370-52000 Electricity	10480-52047 Litigation/Settlement	7/14/2014	15,500
10420-52025 Pension	10480-52047 Litigation/Settlement	7/14/2014	2,500
10425-52143 Insurance Reimbursement	10480-52164 Contingency	7/14/2014	6,300
10620-52184 PW Engineering	General Fund Balance	7/14/2014	50,500
10710-52091 St. Bernard Health Services	10840-51041 Police Private Duty	7/14/2014	6,000
10760-51016 P&R Commission Secretary	10730-51073 PT Recreation Programs	7/14/2014	500
10830-51006 Fire Marshal Salary	10480-52047 Litigation/Settlement	7/14/2014	400
10850-51017 ACO Asst Salary	10480-52164 Contingency	7/14/2014	650
10850-53062 Vet Fees	10480-52047 Litigation/Settlement	7/14/2014	450
10890-52000 PSB Electricity	10340-52044 Legal Tax/Assessment	7/14/2014	34,000
10910-52001 Street Lights	10480-52164 Contingency	7/14/2014	16,500
10910-53018 Sand and Salt	10480-52164 Contingency	7/14/2014	101,500
10910-53017 Plowing Supplies	10580-52037 Poll Workers	7/14/2014	10,500
10910-52013 Propane	10610-51016 P&Z Secretary	7/14/2014	10,700
10910-52004 Diesel Fuel	10340-52044 Legal Tax/Assessment	7/14/2014	12,000

2014 Year End Transfers

10910-53105 Maintenance-Town Hall	10840-51041 Police Private Duty	7/14/2014	22,000
10910-53101 Maintenance-Police Complex	10340-52041 Legal General	7/14/2014	11,000
10820-51040 Police Salaries	10460-52193 Debt Interest Rand Whitney	7/14/2014	7,500
10820-51100 Police Overtime	10460-52193 Debt Interest Rand Whitney	7/14/2014	68,000
10820-51105 Special Events	10340-52044 Legal Tax/Assessment	7/14/2014	3,000
10820-51106 Overtime-Grants	10340-52045 Legal Land Use	7/14/2014	38,000
10820-52132 Resident Trooper	10460-52193 Debt Interest Rand Whitney	7/14/2014	10,000