

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 8, 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 — none.
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Chairman Jaskiewicz proposed the following changes and additions to the agenda:
Addition: 16(f) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to rescind resolution 2014-72 appointing Joseph Jaskiewicz as representative from the Town Council to serve on the teachers negotiating committee as adopted by the Town Council at a special meeting held August 18, 2014. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)
Changes: 16(g) and 16(h) will become 16(h) and 16(i), respectively.
Addition: 16(j) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the ordinance titled “Ordinance Amending Chapter 345, Article VI, Ord. No. 2012-004, Ordinance to Provide Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans”, as read at the public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2014. (Councilor Caron)
Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. 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.
6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Special Meeting Minutes on Monday, August 18, 2014
Motion made by Councilor Tanner, 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.
7. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the Parks and Recreation Commission and Youth Advisory Board. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. Chairman Jaskiewicz resumed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. No formal votes were taken during executive session.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit — none.
9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the August budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - b. Mayor McDaniel confirmed that the Councilors received an e-mail from Town Planner Marcia Vlaun regarding the Veterans Parade on November 2, 2014

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred — none.
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred
Mayor McDaniel reported that the final Solarize workshop, which ends on September 23, was held on August 19. All residents who do not have a signed contract by the deadline will not be able to receive the full benefits from the State, which recently reduced their incentives.
Regional dispatch meetings are continuing and a special meeting may be scheduled to discuss the item. They are close to signing the contract to join into KX, which will enable them to apply for the already-approved \$250,000.00 grant funds. The program is a very dynamic model that is sure to benefit the Town's public safety services.
A very fun day was had by all at Welcome Back to School Day on September 21. The Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony is planned for next week.
Region 4 REPT Meeting was held to discuss the spending of some of the incoming FEMA funds. On September 4, Councilor Caron and he met with Mohegan Tribal Chairman Kevin Brown and Vice-Chairman James Gessner who kindly donated a whole pallet of food items as they all donned orange shirts in support of National Wear Orange for Hunger Day.
A full-house of attendees enjoyed the EDC's Business Expo on September 4. Presentations were made by the Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center, Community Economic Development Fund, Business Response Center, and SCORE. Hopefully, in the future, they will be able to invite CT PTAP (Procurement Technical Assistance Program) who assists small businesses in obtaining government contracts.
The Apraxia Walk was held at Camp Oakdale yesterday. It was a very well-attended event in which he was proud to commemorate the day as Montville Apraxia Day; the proclamation was read by Chairman Jaskiewicz.
Their second Millstone Drill, monitored by FEMA, is scheduled for tomorrow, September 9.
Finance Director Terry Hart reported that Phoenix Advisors was appointed as the Town's new financial advisor. New SEC regulations states that municipalities would no longer be allowed to carry the same institution for both their financial advising and banking services. The Mayor added that a competitive bid process held. In response to Councilor Caron, Ms. Hart stated that a cost of \$15,000.00 is applied only when bonds are issued and is paid for by the proceeds of the bonds and is not an annual payment.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
 - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Longton — none.
 - b. Finance – Councilor Tanner — none.
 - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton — none.
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 there are two (2) grants on the agenda for approval. Senior & Social Services Director Kathy Doherty-Peck has secured approximately \$101,000.00 in grants for 2014-2015. She has also been working with the new State Commissioner for Seniors discussing the needs of both the Town and the State. He expressed his appreciation to Mohegan Tribal Chairman Brown, Vice-Chairman Gessner, and Chief of Staff Chuck Bunnell for the Tribe's recent food donation. They also took an impressive tour of the Social Services Department and learned that Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center also donates vegetables from their vegetable garden. Pallets of toiletries were also donated. He encouraged everyone to take the tour and familiarize themselves with everything the Department does.
 - b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education
Councilor Jaskiewicz reported that an impressive presentation was given by Assistant Superintendent Laurie Pallin's regarding the positive impact of full-day kindergarten and proceeded to commend the Town Council for approving full-day kindergarten and Board of

Education Chairman David Rowley for helping improve their education system. An anticipated return of approximately \$47,366.39 to the Town is expected from the 2013-14 budget. They will also be seeking the approval of the Town Council to have an anticipated amount of approximately \$185,465.00 of the return placed in their 1% non-lapsing account.

- c. Councilor Longton: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission — none.
- d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority
Councilor May reported that last month was a month of water main breaks, including one large break in New London for which he commended the WPCA team for being able to provide them with much-needed assistance on quick notice.
He also reported on a successful first meeting for the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee. Mr. Wills Pike was elected as the Chairperson and Mr. William Bucko as the Vice-Chair. The Committee will be meeting tomorrow, September 9. He commended the Town Council on selecting what appears to be a very good team of members.
- e. Councilor McNally: Economic Development Commission
As reported by the Mayor, a very successful Business Expo was held on September 4.
- f. Councilor Pollard: Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
Councilor Pollard reported that the Bureau will be hosting a Grime Fighters Car Wash on September 20, 10am to 1pm, Fair Oaks School to raise funds for Social Services' holiday stockings. Two trips have been planned: (1) Preston Farms Corn Maze on September 19, 2-5pm. Only 50 spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Deadline to register is September 17. (2) Six Flags New England Fright Fest on October 11, 4-11pm. A minimum of 20 people must sign up for Fright Night. Deadline is October 1. Those with season passes may attend Fright Night at a reduced cost. The Parent Action Council will be meeting on September 9, 6-7pm. For additional information on any of the above, please contact Director Barbara Lockhart or Program Developer Kimberly Grant at the Youth Service Bureau.
- g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Non-Profit Organizations
No meeting was held for the Parks & Recreation Commission in August.
The Agility Test is scheduled for September 14 and interviews for the four (4) Officer openings will be conducted the following week. A DARE officer replacement is also being sought.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a motion to re-appoint Ms. Nancy Delacruz to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire November 8, 2018.
Motion made by Councilor McNally, 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.
- b. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the rule requiring an interview for Mr. Derek Wainwright for the Parks & Recreation Commission.
Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilor Tanner explained that Mr. Wainwright was recently appointed to fulfill Mr. Rick Geiler's position. 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 re-appoint Mr. Derek Wainwright to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire October 11, 2018.
Motion made by Councilor McNally, 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.

15. Unfinished Business — none.

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2014-76. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$25,236.61 (twenty-five thousand two hundred thirty-six dollars and sixty-one cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the bulk of the amount is due to the settlement with Hillcrest. 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.

- b. **Resolution #2014-77. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to negotiate and execute all a contract for 360 units of medical visit service for seniors totaling \$9,500.40 (Nine thousand dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that this and the following item are for the approval of medical visits as part of the annual Med-ride program. 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.

- c. **Resolution #2014-78. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that Mayor Ron McDaniel be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract for 1,620 units of medical transportation for seniors totaling \$16,394.40 (Sixteen thousand three hundred ninety four dollars and forty cents) between the Town of Montville and the Senior Resources Agency on Aging, Inc., and further, to approve the Mayor to execute any and all documents that may be necessary. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: As discussed above. Councilor Caron added that the program is well-used and much needed. In response to Councilor May, the Mayor responded that all units are used. 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.

- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the 8-24 review done by the Planning and Zoning Commission to convey property by Quit Claim Deed to The Meadows of Montville LLC, located at 91 Leffingwell Road, Montville, CT as shown on Assessors Map 62 Lot 23. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that this item will convey a narrow strip of land, approximately one-tenth of an acre, to The Meadows apartments so that they may have Yankee Gas run a pipeline to their property for service and will enable them to institute some energy conservation measures. Councilor Longton verified that the 8-24 review verifies that the job will be done in accordance to all State and Town laws. The Mayor added that the property was originally given to the Town by the State some years prior. 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.

- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to set the date of Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding an ordinance titled “An Ordinance regarding the Conveyance of Real Property Known as 91 Leffingwell Road”. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, 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.

- f. **Resolution #2014-79. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to rescind resolution 2014-72 appointing Joseph Jaskiewicz as representative from the Town Council to serve on the teachers negotiating committee as adopted by the Town Council at a special meeting held August 18, 2014.

Motion made by Councilor McNally, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that, because his daughter is employed by the Board of Education and to avoid any conflict of interest issues, he has decided to withdraw from his appointment. Councilor Caron accepted his withdrawal with regret. 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.

- g. **Resolution #2014-80. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to appoint a representative from the Town Council to serve on the upcoming teacher contract negotiating committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to nominate 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. Councilor McNally was appointed as the Town Council representative on the upcoming teacher contract negotiating committee.

- h. **Resolution #2014-81. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance titled "Ordinance Concerning THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14 BRIDGE STREET" on October 15, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

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

- i. **Resolution #2014-82. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Mayor to accept the Remedial Action and Redevelopment Municipal Grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$335,560 and to use these funds for the remediation of 14 Bridge Street.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that Finance Director Hart, who returned from her vacation, and their consultants and lessee, attended a presentation in Hartford to request additional funds. The first phase of the project was a combination loan/grant program; it is hoped that the additional funds will be sufficient enough to complete the project, which will be a viable commercial property for the Town. 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.

- j. **Resolution #2014-83. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the ordinance titled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 345, Article VI, Ord. No. 2012-004, Ordinance to Provide Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans", as read at the public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2014. (Councilor Caron)

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

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit — none.

18. Executive Session — none.

19. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Tanner thanked the Mayor and Councilors Jaskiewicz and May for attending the Apraxia Walk. 327 walkers and \$18,500.00 was raised at their inaugural event. Their donation website will remain up until the end of October. In addition, they will be hosting an event at Nino's Pizzeria in Uncasville on Sunday, September 28, 4-9pm. She gave her hats off to Lisa Maffeo and Heather Nenna and thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission and Public Safety for their efforts.

Councilor Longton thanked the Town Council and members of the Town for their expressions of concern of the passing of his parents within six-weeks of each other.

Councilor Caron will be announcing more details regarding the skybox donated by the Mohegan Tribe for the Veterans in Need Fund. Veterans have already visited Social Services seeking aid. With regards to Mr. Siragusa's comments and, with all due respect to the senior tax ordinance he introduced, he felt that one cannot compare the needs of the seniors with those who have offered to give their lives to their country. And added that he, too, would like to extend the support to all veterans and their families. He thanked the Councilors for their support.

Chairman Jaskiewicz reminded everyone that next month's Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15 due to the holiday.

Mayor McDaniel thanked everyone for a good month and hopes that they will be able to squeeze in a special meeting to discuss regional dispatch.

20. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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