# Town of Montville Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 9, 2015

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 Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Absent were Councilors Caron, due to death in the family, and McNally, due to a doctor's appointment. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

#### 4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

Councilor May congratulated and officially recognized the Montville High School Cheer Team, who placed second at the State Competition for Cheerleading at Hillhouse High School this past weekend. The team also placed first at the Grand Championship at the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) two weeks prior and will be competing at the New England Regionals.

#### 5. Alterations to the Agenda

The following alterations to the Agenda were proposed:

#### Removals:

- 16(a): regarding tax refunds. Due to illness, the Tax Collector was unable to provide the tax refunds. (proposed by Councilor Jaskiewicz)
- 16(b): regarding the removal of Board/Commission Members. (proposed by Councilor Longton)
- 16(d): regarding the waiving of the permit fees for Town organizations. (proposed by Councilor Longton)

#### **Revisions:**

- 16(c): **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the revised map for the Dog Ordinance. (Councilor Longton) (proposed by Councilor Longton)
- 16(m): **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to appoint Mr. Ron Steed to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center; Mr. Ken Ferbur to the American Legion Baseball League, and; Ms. Bonnie Wainwright to the Montville Little League as the Non-Profit Liaisons, per charter requirement. (Mayor McDaniel) (proposed by Councilor Tanner)

#### Addition:

16(o): THE TOWN OF MONTVILLLE HEREBY RESOLVES, pursuant to Montville Code of Ordinances § 188-6, to grant the written request received from the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., a non-stock corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of Connecticut with a principal place of business at 1606 Route 85, Oakdale, Connecticut, for a waiver of any fees as might become due under Code of Ordinances Chapter 188, Art. I, and Chapter A410, Art. I associated with work to be performed by and/or for the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., in connection with its construction of an additional bay on its firehouse at 1606 Route 85, Oakdale, Connecticut. This waiver shall be for fees to become due on account of the project to construct the additional bay only and for no other project or purpose, absent additional authorization by the Council. (Councilor Jaskiewicz) (proposed by Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- 6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
  - a. The Public Hearing Minutes on Monday, February 9, 2015 regarding the Community
     Development Grant

     Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Roll
    - Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 4-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Pollard. Motion carried.
  - b. The Special Meeting Minutes on Thursday, February 12, 2015
     Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- 7. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit Tony Siragusa, 39 Hillcrest Drive, spoke with regards to several items under item 16, which refer to policies that are not stated on the agenda, making it difficult for the public to comment upon. He hopes that the Town Council will agree to include the policies on future agendas.
- 8. Communications
  - a. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of January 2015
  - b. Copy of the February budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- 10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred
  Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that the only item received by the Town Attorney is item 16(o) on the
  Agenda. At Councilor Longton's request, Chairman Jaskiewicz will inquire as to the status of the
  Dog Ordinance.
- 11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred Though a short month, there have been significant snow events, one of which is the roof collapse at Mount View Apartments. Six (6) families have been relocated and the Town has expended \$7,250.00 resulting on the placement of a lien on the property to recoup those funds.

The SEAT Bus Study is continuing. He urged everyone to either visit the Town (<a href="www.townofmontville.org">www.townofmontville.org</a>), SEAT (seatbusstudy.com), or Southern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) (www.seccog.org) websites to provide input on the regional bus services in Southeastern Connecticut. Two Public Forums were held in February at Norwich and New London and a kiosk was set up at the Crystal Mall where representatives were available to provide information and answer questions.

At a recent Legislative Breakfast for the Council of Governments, the legislatures appeared to be very open and eager to listen to the concerns of the municipalities. The Mayor was assured that the Town's funding in the Governor's budget would not be cut to the extent that they were originally informed by the Office of Policy and Management. He departed early from the event to meet with 50 (fifty) second-grade students from Oakdale Elementary School at Town Hall and enjoy a presentation by Uncas Health District Director Patrick McCormack, Lt. Leonard Bunnell, and Officer Addison Saffioti with the Department's K-9, Molly.

During the month, three (3) police interviews were conducted and he has met with Town Assessor Lucy Beit and Finance Director Hart to discuss the re-evaluation process, develop a Request for Proposal (RFP), and determine its costs. Though unable to attend the event, the Mohegan Sun held an unveiling for their hotel expansion.

- 12. Reports from Standing Committees.
  - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure Councilor Longton Councilor Longton reported on a lively meeting discussing the following items:
    - Ordinance Providing Property Tax Relief for Residence Property of the Elderly and Totally Disabled, which is currently being reviewed by Legal;

- the procedure for the removal/replacement of members from Boards/Commission, which is included in the Town Charter, Section C-410, which states that the Chair of the Board/Commission may formally present the issue to the Town Council for action
- the map for the Dog Ordinance was reviewed by the Committee and is included in the agenda packet for approval by the Town Council;
- the fees for Town Organizations is part of Ordinance #2012-006 and, because policies cannot override ordinances, the Town Council has the power to waive any fees on a case-by-case basis with the submission of a formal, written request. Should there be continued interest on the matter, the Town Council can discuss re-visiting the Ordinance and revising the fee schedule;
- the possibility of having member(s) call in to attend a meeting is permitted by the State and the practice is allowed in other Towns. In addition, any such member can be counted to obtain a quorum as well as vote on any issues that come before the Board/Commission. Councilor Longton would like to have the issue return to the Committee for further review and revision of the language utilizing an example received by the Town of Ledyard;
- early closures for Town employees *practice*, which, in all due fairness to those who are unable to receive that paid time off, should be terminated. Employees may take that time off with approval and by utilizing their vacation time.
- a policy regarding the addition of items to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Agenda by the Mayor for time-sensitive issues.

Chairman Jaskiewicz commended the Committee and spoke in support of their policy regarding time-sensitive items.

#### b. Finance – Councilor Tanner

Councilor Tanner reported on a productive meeting and is seeking the Town Council's support for the three items included on this evening's agenda.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Longton

The scheduling of road repairs will need to be revisited following a review of the road conditions. Funding for the Maynard Road project is included in the upcoming CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) budget. They are working to ensure that vehicles will be able safely enter and exit the road and large trucks will be able to safely turn around.

The Transfer Station survey results were discussed and it was determined that the residents are receiving excellent service at a good price of approximately 0.31 cents per garbage bag and/or \$1.13 per trip, significantly less than other Towns. In addition, the Transfer Station has been presented as an example at the State level. Discussion ensued regarding the Transfer Station's current regulations for the punch card system when dealing with bulky waste for owners of a multi-family dwelling(s), trailer park(s), and the like.

Funding for electrical upgrades, necessary for safety reasons as well as to meet code, for the Public Safety Building and Camp Oakdale is included in the upcoming budget. A bid will be put out for the removal of asbestos of the old V&A/Social Services building. The removal will need to be completed whether the structure is demolished or renovated.

Social & Senior Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck provided an update of the Re-Use Room, reporting that, in 2014, the various charities and non-profit organizations have raised over \$20,000.00 in sales.

A STEAP Grant for Phase I of the safety upgrades to the Transfer Station has been submitted. If received, the upgrades, which will ensure a safe traffic flow pattern, will include work on the top section of the Transfer Station. Phase II of the project, which will, hopefully, also be funded by the receipt of a STEAP Grant, will include work on the bottom portion of the Station.

Councilor Longton commended and thanked PW Director Bourdeau and his crew for the plowing of the roads, having received positive comments from co-workers regarding the quality of the plowing on the back roads of Montville in comparison to the main roads of New London. Chairman Jaskiewicz congratulated and thanked PW Director Bourdeau.

- 13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
  - a. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging; Social Services; Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund

     not present
  - b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education
    The Board of Education (BOE) accepted their proposed budget with a 1.15% increase.
  - c. Councilor Longton: Library; Planning & Zoning Commission The Planning & Zoning Commission approved two projects:
    - 1) Special Permit application for the construction of a mixed-use project on Route 32
    - 2) Site Plan application for the construction of an automotive repair facility with associated parking on Route 163
  - d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority; Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee

Councilor May congratulated Administrator Brian Lynch and Superintendent Mike Didato on the passing of the annual inspection of the WPCA Treatment Plant by the CT DEEP with flying colors. The Inspector also commended them on and plant operations. The WPCA is in the process of finalizing a contract with Woodard & Curran for the construction of an anaerobic digester. Following the completion of the final draft, a Special Informational Meeting will be scheduled to which the Town Council is invited to attend. The engineering firm of Malone & MacBroom was hired to rewrite the Water Supply Plan, which is slated for completion in the summer. An RFQ (Request for Proposal) was sent out for engineering services and interviews are currently being conducted.

- e. Councilor McNally: Economic Development Commission not present
- f. Councilor Pollard: Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
  Everyone is invited to wear green and join them for Shamrock Shakes on St. Patrick's Day.
  They have partnered with SERAC (Southeastern Regional Action Council) in providing
  awareness about the effects of tobacco products on "Kick Butts Day" on March 19; their 12<sup>th</sup>
  Annual March Madness Tournament, which promotes healthy competition, builds self-esteem,
  and good sportsmanship, is scheduled for March 23, and; the Penny Drive will continue until
  May 1. Proceeds will help support Montville Animal Control.
- g. Councilor Tanner: Parks & Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Non-Profit Organizations

While Councilor Tanner was unable to attend the meeting, she reported that an Executive Session meeting with the Town Council to discuss the Fair Oaks Community Center will not be possible. As such, they would like to schedule a Special Joint Meeting with the Town Council. Also discussed was the upcoming Concert Series in July.

The Public Safety Commission is currently in the process of reviewing the Public Safety Plan conducted by Almont Associates, which has not yet been approved or recommended by the Commission.

A representative from the American Legion thanked them for their donation, stating that they would be unable to operate without their support.

#### 14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for Inland Wetlands Commission.
  - Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Ms. Eveliz Valentin to fulfill a vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire April 14, 2016.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to revise the motion to read as follows:

To Consider and Act on a motion to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Greiner to fulfill a vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire April 14, 2016.

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to accept the motion as amended. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

c. To Consider and Act on a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Gilbert J. Maffeo III from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective May 9, 2015.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz and Councilor Tanner expressed their regrets. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- 15. Unfinished Business none
- 16. New Business
  - a. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

The item was removed from the agenda.

b. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the policy regarding the removal of Board/Commission Members. (Councilor Longton)

The item was removed from the agenda.

c. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the <del>revised</del> map for the Dog Ordinance. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz suggested postponing the item until the Ordinance is returned to the Town Council from the Town Attorney and can be approved as a whole unit.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to postpone the item until it is returned to the Town Council by the Town Attorney and can be approved by the Town Council as a unit. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. *Item postponed*.

d. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the policy regarding the waiving of the permit fees for all Town organizations. (Councilor Longton)

The item was removed from the agenda.

e. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the policy regarding the allowance of having member(s) call in when they are physically unable to attend a meeting. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Longton suggested returning the item to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committee for further discussion and revision of the wording of the policy. Councilor May clarified that the policy would not apply to the following Boards/Commissions: Inland Wetlands Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Appeals. Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that, once appointed, members of all Boards/Commissions should be expected to attend the regularly scheduled meetings. As such, he felt that the policy is unnecessary. Councilor Longton agreed, but wished to recognize, as have other Towns, that occasional, extenuating circumstances occur during which a member(s) would like to, but are physically unable to participate in a meeting(s). Councilor May requested the receipt of the Councilors' thoughts regarding the issue. Councilor Tanner

provided a brief background, stating that the issue arose because one of the members on the Public Safety Commission, who would like to participate is, oftentimes, unable to physically attend their meetings due to his position as a Fire Chief.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May, to send the policy back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committee for further review and to revise the language. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 4-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, and Tanner. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Jaskiewicz. Motion carried.

f. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the policy regarding early closures for Town employees. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Councilor Longton stated that this policy was created in an effort to provide all employees with the same benefits. It was clarified that the Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Services are the only employees who do not benefit from the early closure. Chairman Jaskiewicz clarified that the early closures is a *practice* rather than a policy and, when relevant, is placed on the Town Council agenda for approval. Because two of the Councilors are absent, one of who originally raised the issue, it was felt that they should postpone the item.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to postpone the item until the entire Town Council is present. Roll Call vote, 5-0. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, and Tanner. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Jaskiewicz. *Item postponed*.

g. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the policy regarding the addition of items to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Agenda by the Mayor. (Councilor Longton)

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Councilor Longton recited the policy as follows:

The Town Council shall set the Agenda for the Town Administration/Rules & Procedure Standing Committee. For time-sensitive items, the Mayor may request the Chairman of the Town Council to direct the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee to include an item(s) on the agenda of their next regularly scheduled meeting for review.

Councilor Longton stated that the policy would help streamline the process and provide the Mayor with some flexibility. The Mayor added that, while it does not occur very often, he recommends codifying the policy. Chairman Jaskiewicz agreed and suggested, while he believed that authority may already be in existence, revising and codifying the rules and procedures of the Town Council.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton, to send the item back to the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Committee. Discussion: The item will be returned back to the Town Council next month. Councilor May requested the presence of the Chairman at the Committee's next meeting. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

h. **Resolution #2015-08.** THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the filing of an application in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 (four hundred thousand dollars) and to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to file an application for the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant and execute any documents as required. (Mayor McDaniel)

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the <u>Town of Montville</u> make application to the State for <u>\$400,000</u> in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement, therefore, should one be offered.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
- 2. That the filing of an application by the <u>Town of Montville</u> in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 is hereby approved, and that Ronald McDaniel, the Mayor, of the Town of Montville is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Montville.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that this particular resolution is part of the Small Cities Community Development Grant Application. As approved by the Town Council during their last meeting, the Grant Consultant has been hired and will be paid through the Grant, should they receive the funding. This Resolution, which must be certified by the Town Clerk, and the following Resolution, item 16(i) on the agenda, are two of the necessary steps in the application process. The Mayor felt that the Town of Montville should be a Fair Housing Community. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

i. Resolution #2015-09. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to designate Mayor Ronald McDaniel as the designated representative responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Montville and advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the appropriate government agencies or to seek assistance from a fair housing organization to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities. (Mayor McDaniel)

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Montville is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town of Montville hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the chief executive officer of the Town of Montville or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Montville and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel, unable to determine whether the Town already has such a policy, stated that it, nevertheless, should be codified and adopted. He fully endorses the policy and hopes the Town Council will join him in supporting it, adding that the residents of the Town should be ensured fair housing access and have the same rights and opportunities as others. Councilor May stated that, though it may appear obvious, he is pleased that this was introduced. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2015-10. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$28,500 (twenty eight thousand five hundred dollars) to the Four Wheel Drive Pickup line (#10960-54072) from contingency (#10480-52164). (Councilor Tanner)
  - Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Public Works Director Don Bourdeau stated that the funds are necessary for the replacement of a 1998(?) mason dump truck, which was totaled by the insurance company in a recent accident. The Finance Committee unanimously vetted the item. The insurance company paid approximately \$7,500.00 and there was a \$500.00 deductible on the vehicle. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- k. **Resolution #2015-11. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$98,442 (ninety eight thousand four hundred forty two dollars) to the Electrical Upgrades line (#10960-54099) from the LoCIP fund. (Councilor Tanner)
  - Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Tanner stated that the funds would be utilized for upgrades to the bathrooms at both Camp Oakdale and the Public Works garage. Public Works Director Bourdeau added that the upgrades are necessary to address the safety issues that have arose. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- 1. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the electrical upgrades to Camp Oakdale and the Public Works Garage. (Councilor Tanner)
  - Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion: Public Works Director Bourdeau estimated that 15% of the fees for the project would go towards the hiring of an electrical engineer to determine the specs in order for the project to go out to bid. He felt that it would be in the best interest of the Town to waive those fees. Bonner Electric, a local business that is familiar with the issue, is being considered for the project. Mayor McDaniel recommended adding in the motion that "it is in the best interest of the Town".

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

**Resolution #2015-12. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the electrical upgrades to Camp Oakdale and the Public Works Garage as it is in the best interest of the Town. (Councilor Tanner)

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton, to accept the motion as amended. Discussion: Councilor Tanner thanked PW Director Bourdeau for all of his hard work. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

m. Resolution #2015-13. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to appoint Mr. Ron Steed to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center; Mr. Ken Ferbur to the American Legion Baseball League, and; Ms. Bonnie Wainwright to the Montville Little League as the Non-Profit Liaisons, per charter requirement. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Tanner, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Councilor Tanner stated that the liaisons are required per charter. Without a liaison, any donations received by them could be affected. Mayor McDaniel stated that one additional liaison will be introduced next month. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

n. **Resolution #2015-14. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the General Government proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 at Montville High School Auditorium and to set the date of Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the Board of Education proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 at Montville High School Auditorium. (Councilor Tanner)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Longton. Discussion: Chairman Jaskiewicz noted that both meetings will be held at Montville High School, a larger and more comfortable venue. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

Montville Code of Ordinances § 188-6, to grant the written request received from the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., a non-stock corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of Connecticut with a principal place of business at 1606 Route 85, Oakdale, Connecticut, for a waiver of any fees as might become due under Code of Ordinances Chapter 188, Art. I, and Chapter A410, Art. I associated with work to be performed by and/or for the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., in connection with its construction of an additional bay on its firehouse at 1606 Route 85, Oakdale, Connecticut. This waiver shall be for fees to become due on account of the project to construct the additional bay only and for no other project or purpose, absent additional authorization by the Council.

Motion made by Councilor Longton, seconded by Councilor Tanner. Discussion. Chairman Jaskiewicz stated that he has received the letter from the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company, which he will bring in to the Town Clerk's office in the morning. This resolution refers only to the waiving of Town fees as State fees cannot be waived. Roll Call vote, 5-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Longton, May, Pollard, Tanner, and Jaskiewicz. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- 17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit *none*
- 18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor Councilor May extended his thoughts to Councilor Caron and his family for their recent loss.

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Councilor Tanner also sent her sentiments. She also thanked Public Works Director Bourdeau and concurred with the comments received by Councilor Longton regarding the plowing of the roads in Montville compared with those in New London.

Councilor Pollard offered her condolences and reported that Councilor Caron also recently lost his aunt and sister-in-law. She also thanked PW Director Bourdeau.

Councilor Longton also extended his thoughts to Councilor Caron and his family for their recent losses. He, again, commended the Public Works Department for their phenomenal job in plowing the roads this winter and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mayor McDaniel sent his prayers and thoughts to Councilor Caron and his family for their loss. While there have been some hiccups, he agreed that the Public Works crew has done a phenomenal job overall, having received fewer complaints than usual. He also recognized Sgt. James Smith, who has submitted his paperwork for retirement and will not longer be the Town's Resident State Trooper. He thanked him for his service to not only the Town, but also in his entire career.

Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked the Councilors for their patience, listening to him regarding some tricky issues on this month's agenda. He added that he has been around a long time and does have some words of wisdom. On behalf of the Town Council, he sends their prayers to Councilor Caron and his family.

#### 19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Tanner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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# Chesterfield Fire Company, Inc.

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March 8, 2015

Montville Town Council

Councilors, I am writing to you on behalf of our membership to request that you waive all town permit fees in conjunction with our current construction project that we are undertaking.

We will be constructing a 3-bay, single story apparatus building. This is to address current overcrowding of apparatus as well as our future needs.

Should you need further information, feel free to contact myself of Fire Chief Keith Truex. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Timothy S. Shanahan

President

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