

**Town of Montville Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2009  
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers  
Town Hall**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Buebendorf called the regular meeting of the Montville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Also present were Mayor Jaskiewicz and Town Attorney Bruce Chudwick.
4. Motion made by Councilor Geary, seconded by Councilor Radgowski to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2009, the Public Hearing meeting minutes of February 26, 2009, the February 26, 2009 Special Town Council Sub-Committee Meeting minutes of Charter Revision and the Special Meeting minutes of February 26, 2009. Discussion: Chairperson Buebendorf accepted documentation from Mr. Vincent Attwater-Young into the record regarding his request for correct spelling of his name on the February 9, 2009 meeting minutes under Remarks from the Public. Voice vote: 7-0, all in favor, **minutes approved as amended.**
5. **Executive Session** – none.
6. **Remarks from the Public regarding items on the agenda** – none.
7. **Communications** – none.
8. **Remarks from the Town Attorney on matters referred.**

Attorney Bruce Chudwick discussed projects he has been working on for the Town of Montville, including Charter Revision, sexual harassment training, and easement for Old Colchester Road roadwork and WPCA issues.

9. **Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads.**

Mayor Jaskiewicz stated the Annual Report has been completed. He discussed the Governor's decision to withdraw money to the towns for bonding and bridge programs. He discussed a meeting he attended with the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He stated Tri Town food store is anticipating their grand opening in May or June. He discussed the upcoming census, stating the census takers will be walking around neighborhoods verifying street addresses.

Terry Fafard, Finance Director, stated she is in the process of collecting information from various local banks in order to get the best rates and lowest fees for the Town. She will have a list of competitive banks for the Council to review at the next meeting. She discussed the budgets, stating she and the Mayor have been working on them. She discussed a possible .72 increase in the mill rate due to lower revenues this year and because funds were used from fund balance last year to lower the mill rate. She stated approximately 94% of taxes have been collected to date. Councilor Beetham requested documentation regarding the undesignated fund balance. He inquired regarding the cost of Charter Revision to date. It was determined the costs were between forty four and forty seven thousand dollars due partly to advertising costs.

10. **Reports from Standing Committees.**

- a. **Town Administration** – Councilor Jones stated she will address the blight ordinance under agenda item 13.
- b. **Finance** – Councilor Caron indicated the Finance Committee has given a favorable recommendation to the requests of the Finance Department for various transfers of money from contingency in the amount of \$46,089.43.
- c. **Rules and Procedures** – nothing to report.
- d. **Public Works** – Councilor Radgowski stated the committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday.
- e. **Solid Waste Disposal** – Councilor Radgowski stated the committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

11. **Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors.**

Councilor Geary presented a summary of electricity cost saving programs the Montville WPCA has instituted. This report was in response to the Mayor's memo with enclosed material from an electricity distributor entity. Geary started with a disclaimer that he had no real understanding of the complexities of

electricity costs. He stated the WPCA budget for electricity is \$1,100,000 or a little more than \$92,000 per month. In approximately 2006-7 the Authority entered into a contract with North East Energy Consolidation that locked into a relatively low price which expires in February 2012. The Superintendent anticipates a savings over \$4,000,000. A second program is known as Demand Direct which requires going off the grid upon short notice for several hours during peak time on weekdays. The treatment plant is able to comply because it has four emergency generators. This program saves \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year. In respect to the material in the packet, Geary said it appears to be a contract proposal from a distributor but what the town needs is an evaluation of options by an expert without a vested interest in selling a contract.

Councilor Jones discussed the Board of Education proposed budget, stating they are requesting a 3.81% increase over last year's budget. She stated she toured the Mohegan Elementary School and is planning on taking a tour of each of the schools prior to the end of the school year.

Councilor Beetham discussed the damage to the Raymond Library and hopes the Council approves their request to waive the Building Permit fees. He indicated he attended two Public Hearings for Planning & Zoning. He distributed copies of a LOSIP (Local Capital Improvement Program Guidelines) document dated March 2009 from Governor Jodi Rell, State of Connecticut, and discussed the possibility of adding the Palmer School sidewalk restoration and the repairs to the Montville Bridge to the agenda in the future.

Councilor Murphy attended the Montville Community Day at the Oakdale School where he called the meeting to order. The students are learning about Town Government and the meeting was attended by local business owners, firemen, police officers and parents.

Councilor Caron discussed his and the Mayor's visit to the Oakdale Student Council and indicated the students are most interested in when they are going to get a community center and a pool. He discussed "shovel ready" stimulus money.

Councilor Buebendorf discussed Parks & Recreation activities and a productive meeting of the Charter Revision Commission where they came to a consensus for the wording of the proposed referendum questions.

12. **Appointments and Resignations** – none.

13. **Old Business**

a. **To consider and act on a motion to discuss the proposed blight ordinance draft.**

Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Geary. Discussion: Councilor Jones distributed a revised copy of the proposed blight ordinance to the Council and requested they look over the document and submit any recommendations and comments prior to the April meeting. She hopes the ordinance will be reviewed by the attorney followed by a Public Hearing in May. Councilor Buebendorf thanked Councilor Jones for the time she has dedicated to drafting the wording for this ordinance over the past months.

14. **New Business**

a. Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Caron to hear a presentation from the Public Safety Building Subcommittee Chairman, Ray Occhialini. Discussion: Ray Occhialini discussed the Town of Montville Public Safety Building Adhoc Committee final report with the Council. He stated the Town Council passed a resolution to form an Adhoc Committee to investigate three charges relevant to the planning of a new Public Safety Building as follows: (1) identify available locations; (2) identify total cost of construction and relocation; and (3) identify funding sources and establish a time table for implementation. He discussed all three of these issues and stated it was the determination of the committee the best location for the proposed building would be on a town owned parcel of land located at 909 Route 32 behind Montville Hardware. He discussed costs of the proposed building and a timeline for construction and relocation. He would like to see this project become "shovel ready" in the case the Governor releases money to the towns for such projects. He indicated the \$800,000 anticipated from a grant is no longer available and this project will be funded mostly by taxpayers and some private donations. A discussion was held regarding regionalization of the 911 system. Councilor Murphy commended the committee for doing a great job and suggested an item on the April agenda that addresses the formation of a Building Committee for this project. Chairperson Buebendorf commended the committee for a very professional and impressive job. Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Geary to send a letter to each of the Adhoc Committee members acknowledging the great job they all did serving this committee. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 7-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Lt. Bunnell thanked the Council for their help in forming a professional committee with knowledgeable and committed members.

b. **Resolution #2009-016. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of eighteen thousand, two hundred and eighty six dollars and eighty seven cents (\$18,286.87) at the request of the Tax Collector and as outlined on Schedule A, hereto attached.** Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Radgowski. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors

Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

c. **Resolution #2009-017. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to waive the building permit fees as empowered by Section 188-6 of the Code of Ordinances for the Raymond Library Company associated with the interior repairs and renovations they must undertake due to flooding.** Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Radgowski. Discussion: Sherwin Raymond, President of the Board of Directors for the Raymond Library spoke to the Council and thanked them for their cooperation with this matter. He explained the loss to the library from the water damage and his hopes to re-open by the end of May. He stated the repairs are internal and costs are mostly covered by insurance. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

d. **Resolution #2009-018. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Forty Six Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Forty Three Cents (\$46,089.43) from the line “Contingency – 10480-52164”, to certain salary line items as listed on the chart provided by the Finance Director received on March 4, 2009; said list shall be made a part of these minutes.** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Terry Fafard explained the contracts were recently negotiated and this money will cover retroactive contractual agreements with the employees. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

e. **Resolution #2009-019. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Eleven Thousand Eight-Hundred Dollars (\$11,841.00) from line “Contingency 10480-52164” to line “Charter Revision Advertising 10320-53008” to provide for the cost of publication of the revisions.** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Geary. Discussion: Terry Fafard gave the Council an explanation for the transfer request. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

f. **Resolution #2009-020. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$16,200.00) from line “Contingency 10480-52164” to line “General Legal 10340-52041” to provide for legal fees associated with the Charter Revision proposition.** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Beetham. Discussion: Councilor Beetham indicated the Town Attorney did a great job with the project. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

g. **Resolution #2009-021. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from Fund Balance to line “Other Insurance 10425-52024”; said amount having been deposited into Fund Balance.** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Radgowski. Discussion: Terry Fafard explained the need for the transfer with the Council. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

h. **Resolution #2009-022. The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Fund Balance to line “Insurance Reimbursement 10425-52143”; said amount having been deposited into Fund Balance.** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Geary. Discussion: Terry Fafard indicated this is an insurance reimbursement deductible. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

i. **Resolution #2009-023. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from “Contingency 10480-52164” to “Public Works Engineering 10620-52184” for services related to the Old Colchester Road and the Montville Road bridges.** Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Radgowski. Discussion: Terry Fafard discussed the transfer request with the Council. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

j. **Resolution #2009-024. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to line “Replacement Gear/Equipment 10880-53086” from Fund Balance; said amount having been deposited into Fund Balance.** Discussion: Terry Fafard explained the reason for the transfer request with the Council. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

k.        **Resolution #2009-025. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to authorize an interdepartmental transfer of Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$3,370.00) to line “Millstone Drill 10810-52120” from Fund Balance; said amount having been deposited into Fund Balance.** Discussion: Terry Fafard explained the reason for the transfer request with the Council. Roll call vote: 7-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none, Resolution adopted.

15.        **Remarks from the Public**

Gary Pike, 38 Bergan Drive thanked the Council for considering a blight ordinance.

Dana McFee, Leffingwell Road, discussed the Montville Road Bridge repairs.

Kevin French, Morgan Street stated the minutes and agendas are not getting on the Town’s website in a timely fashion. He discussed implementing a line item for Charter Revision expenses. Mayor Jaskiewicz stated there is a line item for Charter Revision in the upcoming budget.

16.        **Remarks from the Councilors**

Councilor Beetham discussed Charter Revision, stating if the taxpayers were aware that it was going to cost \$50,000 they might have voted against it. He requested the Council bring in the three engineering firms for the next meeting for discussion.

Councilor Murphy apologized for missing meetings over the past month, he stated he was away on vacation.

Councilor Caron commended Public Works for a great job clearing the roads during the last storm.

Councilor Buebendorf thanked the Public Safety Building Adhoc Committee for a job well done and thanked the Public Works Department for a great job clearing the roads.

17.        **Adjournment** – Motion made by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Caron to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 7-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville