

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
 - a. Presentation of Business Award by the Economic Development Commission (EDC)
EDC Chairman Walter Hewitt and Liaison Councilor Jeff Rogers presented the Economic Development Business Excellence Award to Mr. Herb Plotnick, owner of *Herb's Deli*, for his service to the Town and community, creating a place where great conversation and food can be had, for the past 50 years. He was thanked for being part of the community and Councilor Rogers stated that he is truly one of the few icons in Town. Mr. Plotnick thanked everyone, adding that the award will be a nice addition to the plaques he has received from the Lions Club.
 - b. Reading of Proclamation for Retiring Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini
State Representatives Mike France and Kevin Ryan presented Retiring Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini with a Citation from the CT General Assembly, expressing their appreciation for his commitment to his duties and 31 years of service to the Town of Montville. They wished him well in his future endeavors and, while he would be a loss to Montville, were confident that he would be a great asset to the State.

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to take a ten minute recess at 7:09 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor McNally resumed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to amend the following item on the Agenda:
 - 16(h) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the report for an 8-24 review for the conveyance of property located at Oxoboxo ~~Dam~~ *Cross* Road and Oakland Drive to the Town of Montville. (Councilor Rogers)
6. To Consider and Act on a motion to approve:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m. (Gen'l Gov't Budget)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Special Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2018 (Carnival)
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0-2. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilors Rogers and Rogulski. Motion carried.

- d. The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2018, 6:45 p.m. (BOE Budget)
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 6-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor Pollard. Motion carried.

7. Executive Session

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidate for the Conservation Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. Chairman McNally resumed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

James Rondeau, 15 Mountain Laurel Ridge, Uncasville, thanked the Councilors for allowing him to speak and wished to bring to their attention a potential safety issue that would result due to the recent approval of a subdivision located on Old Colchester Road. He also commented on his letter regarding the FY2018/19 Board of Education (BOE) budget (item 9b), stating his amazement at the Town Council for not only replacing, but also adding to, the BOE's budget given the ongoing decrease in student population.

9. Communications

- a. Copy of the April 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
- b. Copy of a letter from James Rondeau regarding the budget for FY2018/19

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *none*

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

Recent news and events include the partnership between NasKart and the Mohegan Sun to create a new business model; a well-received Business Forum, sponsored by the EDC, was recently held at the Mohegan Firehouse, and; a Read Aloud was held at the Elementary Schools.

Projects that are currently in progress include the commencement of the new field construction at Camp Oakdale; the re-commencement of the construction at Black Ash Road, and; work at 14 Bridge Street has begun this week. In addition, the contract for the remodeling of the Transfer Station has been signed; they are currently working through issues chipping the brush at the Transfer Station due to a failure of SCRRRA's (Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority) tub grinder. Due to the lack of receiving a timely approval from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Old Colchester Road Culvert Project will be postponed to next year; they are hoping that the project will result in a road closure and detour rather than one-way traffic, which would extend the project by approximately six to eight weeks.

In response to Councilor Caron who questioned whether guardrails would be extended in the culvert area in the Black Ash Project, Mayor McDaniel stated that he would need to refer to the plans, but safety measures, including improved markings and a streetlight are planned.

Councilor Caron also inquired about a streetlight that is laying down along Route 32, near the old Beit Brothers. Councilor Rogers commented on the alignment of Black Ash and Old Colchester Roads, which, he felt, presents a safety issue. It was stated that the curvature may be due to the gas line. Nevertheless, the Mayor stated that he would discuss the matter with the Town Engineer.

Finance Director Hart reported that the Town has received \$14,900.00 from the sale of Town vehicles on Municibid.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz

Discussion included the position descriptions of the Fire Marshal and ZWEO (Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer); the job description for the Montville Police Department Captain position was removed from the Agenda. Councilor Jaskiewicz apologized for the misunderstanding regarding the need for a degree and/or experience for the ZWEO position. In response to Councilor Pike, the Mayor stated that the necessary trade certifications must be obtained within two years of employment.

b. Finance – Councilor Pike

A total of five (5) very productive meetings were held with some emphasis being placed upon the Town's Capital Plan. The BOE was requested to review their budget. The Finance and Public Works Directors are working on a long-range plan to improve the infrastructure of the Town and are investigating their options for the bonding of projects. The Committee is hoping to address the budget on May 23.

In response to Councilor Caron, Councilor Pike stated that the revenue earned from the selling of buses and its deposit into the Town's General Fund is being investigated.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally

Discussions included the establishment of a long-range plan for Silver Falls Bridge and the paving of various roads and other necessary infrastructure projects. Chairman McNally commended the Public Works Department for doing a great job cleaning up the Silver Falls Bridge, which has been closed for the past several years, since their discussion. The Committee is investigating the possibility of instituting a Pay Per Bag system at the Transfer Station.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education (BOE), Planning & Zoning Commission

A very well attended BOE meeting was recently held to discuss the recent events.

The pending lawsuit regarding an approved zone change on Oakland Drive was dropped and the §8-24 Review for the acceptance of a strip of land on Oxoboxo Cross Road and Oakland Drive, which is on this evening's agenda, was approved. The Commission discussed the establishment of a long-range plan for the development of property for housing. At the request of the Commission, Councilor Pike inquire as to the possibility of having allocating \$500,000.00/year to establish a long-range water plan.

In response to Councilor Caron, Councilor Pike stated that Town Planner Marcia Vlaun is currently working on a plan to encourage developers to propose elderly housing and/or assisted living developments in Town.

In response to Councilor Rogulski regarding the request for funds for a long-range water plan, Mayor McDaniel stated that, while the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) regulates the sewers, the Town regulates the water.

b. Councilor Pollard: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations

The Commission on Aging is continuing their work on the establishment of policies to ensure the safety of seniors who are receiving home healthcare. Funding for the State's MSP (Medicare Savings Program) for seniors will remain the same with the current income guidelines. *A Place Called Hope* provided a very successful presentation with over 100 attendees, an informative course on healthy brains was hosted by Windham Hospital and another course, entitled "Your Life, Your Legacy", hosted by Church & Allen, will be offered next week; the Annual Art Show Opening will be held on May 18, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will include a performance by a live guitar quartet; the Annual Older Americans Month Celebration will be held on May 22, 1:00 p.m. Through grant writing, fundraising, and donations, the Senior Center is able to provide free programs for Montville's senior citizens.

- c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission (EDC), Parks & Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)
The EDC recently hosted a well-attended and successful Business Forum. The Commission discussed and presented their budget to the Finance Committee.

The Parks & Recreation Newsletter is currently available online, Summer Camp hires have been finalized, the Dog Park Committee is in the process of finalizing the rules for the Park, the Summer Concert featuring a Beatles tribute band will be held on August 4 at Camp Oakdale, the Carnival will be held from June 21 to 24 at the Montville Community Center, a Family Fun Mud Run will be held on August 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilor Rogers congratulated Robert Yuchniuk for his recent election as the new Chairman for the Public Safety Commission.

The WPCA discussed the purchasing and bid procedures as well as the Charter requirements and the Superintendent is currently towards improving the Authority's transparency.

- d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
The Youth Services Bureau hosted a presentation regarding the opioid crisis and an additional presentation that is geared towards parents and their children will be held at the High School in the near future. As required, the Director is receiving training on the Ohio Scale System, which provides brief measures of outcome for youth receiving mental health services, as truancy cases will no longer be a part of the court system as of July 1, 2018. They have applied for the Montville Education Fund Grant for Technical Equipment, which would provide the Bureau with funding to create Public Service Announcement(s). Tickets for an upcoming country music concert at the Mohegan Sun on September 14 are currently available for \$125.00. Funds earned through their Sandy Hook Greenout event was presented to the School; the funds will be included as part of a scholarship. The Department raised \$600.00 during their Fill the Boot fundraiser at Stop and Shop, over \$1,000.00 for the Paint Drive for the Burn Camp, and received a \$2,0000.00 donation from the Corrigan Recreational Supervisor.
- e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services
Following a tour of the facilities, Councilor Caron and Senior and Social Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck created a wish list and will be meeting with area businesses to solicit donations and organize food drive events. He commended the Department on all of their efforts. The Rotary will be painting the facility. He urged the Councilors to visit Social Services.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Michael Hillsberg to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on June 9, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Christopher Napierski to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on June 14, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2018-25. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$2,232.25 (two thousand two

hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents) as requested by the Tax Collector.
(Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2018-26. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Suspense List at the request of the Tax Collector in the amount of \$66,719.69 (sixty-six thousand seven hundred nineteen dollars and sixty-nine cents) dated the fourteenth day of May 2018. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that the Suspense List includes those whose taxes have not been collected for a number of years and will, most likely, not be collected. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to introduce an ordinance titled "Ordinance Concerning the Conveyance of an Easement Located on the Northeasterly Side of Lake Drive to Susan C. Green" and to set the date of Monday, June 11, 2018, for a Public Hearing on same to begin at 6:30 PM and to be conducted in Council Chambers at Town Hall. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated that the conveyance of the easement is due to the need for a well that needs to be located on the other side of the road to have access to the waterline. The homeowner, who is requesting the conveyance of property, owns the property. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- d. **Resolution #2018-27. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the job description for the Zoning/Wetlands Officer as approved by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Subcommittee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2018-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the job description for the Fire Marshal as approved by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Subcommittee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2018-29. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to consummate the sale of 289 Route 32, Uncasville, CT to James and Rachel Monahan by virtue of a quit claim deed for \$100,000 per the purchase and sales agreement dated March 26, 2018 and amended April 3, 2018. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: The item refers to the old Youth Services Building and both Chairman McNally and the Mayor have agreed that the offer is fair. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2018-30. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to increase the wages for part-time employees by 2.5%, effective July 1, 2018. (Councilor Pike)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that the increase in wages was introduced last year during the budget process and suggested that a process be instituted by which the Town's part-time employees wages are increased after the Union contracts are finalized. The Union workers are also earning a 2.5% increase. Councilor Jaskiewicz felt that the matter should have been introduced and discussed by the Finance Committee prior to be introduced to the Town Council. Councilor Rogers stated that the pay rates are low and the increase would have minimal impact to the budget. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2018-31. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the report for an 8-24 review for the conveyance of property located at Oxoboxo Dam Road and Oakland Drive to the Town of Montville. (Councilor Rogers)
- Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. 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

Mayor McDaniel reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Service and Parade will be held this weekend and the Funeral Mass for former Mayor Patrick Dougherty will be held Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Church.

Councilor Caron stated that he was pleased with the outcome of the Medicare Savings Program, which he advocated in favor of with Senators Paul Formica and Cathy Osten, along with letters that were mailed by the Senior Center and a number of the area directors. The Program would have impacted approximately 400 Montville seniors. He also apologized to the Mayor regarding the foreclosure of a piece of property located in his neighborhood and thanked and commended him on a doing a good job resolving the issue. Rebuking him, Councilor Rogers stated that its final resolution was clearly due to Republican policy.

Councilor Jaskiewicz added that the property was in question for a number of years and the bottom line is that the issue was resolved.

Councilor Rogers announced that the an Eagle Scout will be redoing the garden boxes at the Senior Center this Saturday and wished to take a moment to recognize all of the veterans, police officers, firemen and women, and first responders, who risk lives for the betterment of all the citizens – the price of freedom, he added, is not free.

Chairman McNally announced that a tentative date of Wednesday, May 23, 2018 has been scheduled for a Special Meeting to approve the budget for FY 2018/19.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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