

Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes for October 10, 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. Special Presentation from the Montville Economic Development Commission (EDC)
EDC Chairman Walter Hewitt and Town Council Liaison Rogers presented an Award of Excellence to Don Chapman of Uncasville Quick Lube & Touch Free Car Wash in appreciation of their outstanding contribution, entrepreneurship, and support for the community for the past 27 years. Mr. Chapman was congratulated and thanked them for the recognition.
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to remove items 16(e) and (f) from the Agenda. Discussion: A red-lined version of the items will be presented at their November Meeting. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron, to amend the following item:
16(h) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to sell the existing M-32 Fire Truck *to New England Fire Apparatus for \$11,500.00 (eleven thousand five hundred dollars)*. (Councilor McNally)
Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2018 (Blight Ordinance)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2018
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session – *none*
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Howard R. Beetham, Jr., 60 Riverview Road, spoke with regards to the proposed \$10 million bond, stating that a Public Hearing should be held prior to the item going to referendum as he has many questions regarding the matter.

Sara Brickware, Cook Drive, stated her confusion between the *Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations* and the *Ordinance Concerning Solid Waste Bulk* regarding the cost of the punch card. Chairman McNally explained that the punch card is provided free of charge for a limited number of items; any items exceeding the amount will be charged a nominal fee.
9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the September 2018 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran Sage for the month of August 2018
 - c. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of August 2018
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 on a smooth closing of the Mostowy property on September 11.

The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Committee is continuing to meet. Two Federal Grants were received, one of which is primarily centered in Groton, focusing on the streamlining of their zoning regulations and transportation issues related to the expansion of Electric Boat and the Subase and the other of which is regional, dealing with the expanded housing and transportation needs due to the expected increased hiring. The contracts for the consultant work will soon be awarded through CCOG (Connecticut Council of Governments).

A Volunteer Firefighters Relief Fund meeting was held and the Fire Company Chiefs are in the process of reviewing the information provided by CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) regarding their available options to better compensate firefighters in an effort to retain and grow their staff. A Swearing In Ceremony was held for Stephen Fazzino, who is now attending the Academy. An extraordinary and very well-attended Fire Safety Day was held on Saturday, October 6.

Upcoming events include the Hidden Heroes Breakfast in support and appreciation of veteran caregivers on Saturday, October 13, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at the Senior Center and Youth Services Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 14, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Mohegan Fire House.

Finance Director Hart addressed the question regarding the bonding for the roads, stating that the item, along with the timeline, was reviewed and discussed by the Finance Committee and the Town Council. Explanatory text has been available at Town Hall, the Senior Center, in the Community Booklet, and on the Town website since July. She has confirmed and ensured that the Town has complied with all of the rules regarding the process through the Bond Attorney.

12. Reports from Standing Committees.

- a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz

The Committee approved the proposed Noise Ordinance; the item will be placed on the November Agenda. A brief discussion was held regarding a letter received from Youth Services Coordinator Barbara Lockhart.

- b. Finance – Councilor Pike – *no report*

- c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally

Discussion included plans for the Silver Falls pedestrian bridge, the road bond and upcoming road projects, the progress of the Transfer Station renovations, and the Transfer Station regulations.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

- a. Councilor Pike: Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission

The Board of Education (BOE) celebrated the 2019 Teacher of the Year recipient Nicole Stelik and 2019 Paraprofessional of the Year recipient LeeAnn Bigelow, both of whom were selected by their peers and staff. Senator Paul Formica, State Representatives Kevin Ryan and Kathleen McCarty as well as the Mayor and himself attended the event. New staffing was introduced and a lease agreement for eight (8) buses has been signed. 2,065 children are currently enrolled in the District, 328 (16%) of which are special education students. They will be meeting with representatives from the New England Accreditation of Schools and Colleges, who will be evaluating their schools, on October 21.

The Planning & Zoning Commission addressed questions, discussed, and approved the proposed changes to the Town's Zoning Regulations. A proposed zone change from an existing R-40 to R-20 was approved for a 20+ acre property located on Maple Avenue for a housing development. Also approved was a site plan application for water treatment facility improvements at the Norwich Public Utilities Stony Brook Water Treatment Plant.

On a separate note, he encouraged them to consider the purchase of idle property for possible development as a future revenue source for the Town. One such land is a 57-acre property, currently on the market for \$550,000.00, located at 320 Maple Avenue.

Both Councilors Jaskiewicz and Pollard also attended the BOE meeting/celebration.

In response to Councilor Caron, Councilor Pike confirmed that the revenue received from the buses would be returned to the Town.

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

Commission on Aging – As mentioned by the Mayor, the Hidden Heroes Breakfast will be held at the Senior Center this Saturday. The Annual Halloween celebration and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at noon; the event is being offered free of charge and those wishing to attend are requested to sign up at the Senior Center.

Non Profit Organizations – Safe Futures will be holding their Annual Safe Futures 4K Walk at the Crystal Mall in Waterford, CT on Sunday, October 14; registrations for interested participants are being accepted either online at www.safefuturesct.org or on the day of the event at 8:30 a.m.; the walk will commence at 9:15 a.m.

c. Councilor Rogers: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Public Safety Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

The Economic Development Commission discussed information received from the DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development) regarding a proposed Windmill Project which would require 50-acres of usable property with access to water and railways. Chairman Hewitt discussed the possibility of utilizing the property located at Depot Road with the Mayor for this purpose.

The Parks & Recreation (P&R) Commission formed a 2019 Carnival Subcommittee to help relieve some of the burden on the P&R Director. Discussion also included the possible development of a splash pad at Camp Oakdale, which is included in the Commission's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan. Upcoming events include:

October 20, 1 p.m.	Pumpkin Decorating Contest
October 27, 6 - 8 p.m.	Trick or Trunk
December 2, 5 p.m.	Holiday Parade
December 11, 3 p.m.	Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Contest Entry Deadline

The Public Safety Commission, along with himself, wished recently retired Montville Police Department Lt. Leonard Bunnell well. The Police Department currently has five openings and two Officers on light duty. Interviews for the now-vacant Lieutenant position and the hiring process for the new officers are underway. As noted by the Mayor, one officer is attending the Academy and one lateral transfer is in progress. The three new police vehicles have been delayed by two months due to recalls. The Impound Lot is slated for completion by the end of the December. Fourteen sets of body armor have been received. The Police Department is currently working with Dräger, who manufactures intoxilyzer devices, to evaluate a portable breath tester for a period of three months. On behalf of Resident State Trooper Mark Juhola and himself, Montville Police Department Dog Handler Officer Dan Witts was commended for seeking and receiving a grant enabling the purchase of a bullet-proof safety vest for K-9 Patrol Officer Barrett. One bid was received for the M-32 Fire Truck, which is on this evening's agenda for approval. The Commission also discussed the establishment of employment requirements for part-time firefighters.

The hiring process for the WPCA Superintendent is underway. They will be going out to bid for emergency contract work, from January 1 to December 31, 2019. The Authority authorized the Acting Superintendent to sign business checks, rather than the WPCA Chairman to ensure that a volunteer is not held liable. They also approved and awarded a \$70,669.00 bid to P&H Construction for the installation of a Pressure Reducing Valve at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Jerome Road.

- d. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board
As announced by the Mayor, Youth Services will be hosting its 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, October 14. Eighty percent of the available tickets were sold for the Mohegan Sun Benefit Concert. The Luminaries at the American Legion will be held on November 11; those who wish to have their family member honored with a luminary may contact the American Legion; a donation of \$10.00 per luminary is being requested.
 - e. Councilor Caron: Volunteer Fire Fighters' Relief Fund, Social Services
A delivery of approximately 1,000 lbs. of vegetables was recently received by Social Services and will be distributed to the seniors and those in need.
14. Appointments and Resignations
- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Jennifer Hajj to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on November 8, 2022.
Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint John Biederka to the Building Code Board of Appeals with a term to expire on November 11, 2023.
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Allyson Schmeizl from the Youth Advisory Board, effective immediately.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: Councilors Jaskiewicz and Rogers expressed their regrets. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Unfinished Business – *none*
16. New Business
- a. **Resolution #2018-69. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$2,884.56 (two thousand eight hundred eighty-four dollars and fifty-six cents) as requested by the Tax Collector.
(Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Pollard, Rogers, and Rogulski. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Councilor McNally. Resolution passed.
 - b. **Resolution #2018-70. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the ordinance titled “An Ordinance Regarding the Conveyance of Real Property Located at 916 Route 163” as heard at the public hearing held on October 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Pike)
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: It was confirmed that an §8-24 Review was completed on 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. Resolution passed.
 - c. **Resolution #2018-71. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for the Paver Placed Surface Treatment (PPST) of Meetinghouse Road by The Gorman Group. (Councilor McNally)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pike. Discussion: Chairman McNally reported that the item was requested by the Public Works Director to the Public Works/Solid Waste Subcommittee. The company, The Gorman Group, has paved roads in

25 other towns utilizing the same process and has guaranteed the same pricing that was offered to those towns. The goal is to complete the project before the year ends. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2018-72. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the 2019 regular monthly meeting dates of the Town Council on the second Monday of every month, excluding holidays that will be scheduled on the Wednesday of that week. The scheduled meeting dates are as follows: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 16 (Wednesday), November 13 (Wednesday), and December 9 to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rogers. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogers, Rogulski, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations, as recommended by the Public Works/Solid Waste Subcommittee. (Councilor McNally)

The item was removed from the Agenda.

- f. To Consider and Act on a Motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing regarding on an ordinance titled “Ordinance Concerning Solid Waste” on Wednesday, November 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor McNally)

The item was removed from the Agenda.

- g. **Resolution #2018-73. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Finance Director to purchase the new M-32 Fire Truck, per received bid. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Finance Director Hart reported on the receipt of one bid for \$385,119.00, which will be expended through the \$180,000.00 that was allocated in this year’s capital budget and the carryover funds of \$191,600.00 from the previous year. Following the sale of the old Fire Truck, they are estimating a deficit of \$2,019.00, which will derive from either the Town’s Contingency Fund or the following year’s rollover funds. Councilor Pike questioned why the Company they are purchasing the Truck from cannot yield on the deficit amount. Councilor Jaskiewicz expressed his surprise that only one bid was received. Councilor Rogers felt that the Town Council should respect the bid, stating that the purchase of the fire truck was discussed and agreed upon in conjunction with the other Fire Chiefs and adding that Chesterfield Fire House Chief Keith Truex did return to the bidder three times requesting the possibility of a better price to make up for the deficit. In response to Councilor Rogulski, who felt that it might behoove them to respect the bidding process and wait to receive an additional bid, Chairman McNally stated that each bidding process costs \$2,000.00. Chesterfield Fire House Chief Keith Truex stated that the Fire Truck is not a traditional tanker truck. It is a 2,600-gallon vacuum tanker truck, similar to that which the Oakdale Fire House is slated to receive. In comparison to a traditional tanker truck, the vacuum tanker truck would allow the Fire Company to access additional water sources, which would be significantly beneficial in emergency situations. Both the New England Fire Apparatus and Greenwood Companies were approached over 1-1/2 years ago regarding their interest in purchasing the truck and only the former responded and placed a bid. A \$3,600.00 hose storage rack, which was included in the bid specs, but not included in the Company’s bid price, was added free-of-charge. In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, he stated that the reliability of the trucks is good and much research was conducted. Because it is a newer

innovation and fire service tends to be slow to change, it is not yet a popular option in the New England area. The vacuum tanker also has the ability to be used as a traditional tanker truck. 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 #2018-74. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to sell the existing M-32 Fire Truck. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. 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

Chesterfield Fire Chief Truex thanked the Town Council for approving the bid for the purchase of the Tanker Truck, which will greatly improve the Town's firefighting capabilities by increasing its access to water.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked Chesterfield Fire Company Chief Truex for all of his efforts and hard work, adding that it is the Town Council's role to question such purchases. He agreed that such a truck would be beneficial for the area in which they cover and encouraged them to keep up the good work. He thanked the Councilors.

Councilor Rogulski congratulated Youth Services Coordinator Barbara Lockhart for her recent award and commended and thanked the Fire Chiefs for working together for the betterment of the Town.

Councilor Pollard echoed Councilor Rogulski's comments and agreed with Councilor Jaskiewicz' remarks regarding the benefits of such a truck.

Councilor Pike thanked Chesterfield Fire Chief Truex for his explanation. He also encouraged the Councilors to think about the future purchase of available open areas in the Town.

Councilor Rogers thanked Chesterfield Fire Chief Truex and his staff as well as the Finance Director for educating him on the bid process. He also thanked all of the individuals who were involved with the Town's Safety Day event. He commended Mark Waters, who started his firefighting career in Montville and was recently promoted to the rank of battalion chief for the New London Fire Department.

Chairman McNally thanked all of the Fire Departments for all of their hard work and commitment. He reiterated and encouraged everyone to review the explanatory text regarding the road bond. The \$10 million bond over the course of ten years involves the repaving, replacing and redoing of all of the drainage on approximately one-third of the Town's roads. He also thanked the Public Works Department for planting the recently donated Christmas Tree.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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