

**Town of Montville Town Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2019 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, Rogulski and Chairman McNally. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations –
  - a. The recipient was not present to receive recognition; however, however, the EDC Chairman read into the record that the EDC was recognizing Big Gary's Wine & Spirits for its dedication to the Town Montville; its great customer service; and active community service.
5. Alterations to the Agenda -
  - a. Motion made by Councilor Pike and seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz to remove item 16.c., under New Business, from the Agenda and bring it back to Finance. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0; all in favor. Motion Carried.
6. Special Meeting Minutes –
  - a. Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz to approve the Special Meeting minutes of 1/29/19 and seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0; all in favor. Motion Carried.
7. Executive Session – Not Applicable
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – None
9. Communications –
  - a. Copy of the January, 2019 budget report from Ms. Terry Hart, Finance Director
  - b. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of December, 2018.
  - c. Copy of the legal bill from Suisman Shapiro for the month of December, 2018.
  - d. Board of Education email that meetings have been changed to February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the High School.
10. Report from Town Attorney on Matters Referred – None
11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred –
  - a. Faria will finally be moved out by the end of the month and the property conversion will begin. Meeting with the contractor went well; very responsible firm; it will be a lot of work.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
  - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz - item on agenda to be voted on.
  - b. Finance – Councilor Pike – discussed general fund balance 15.3% (Financial Director says that's a good number and is where we should be). Bridge Street update; looked at building; beautiful building with tongue and groove floors and beautiful beams inside; a lot of brick, etc. The Town will make efforts as soon as possible to try to dispose of building Town also owns the house next door that is covered with weeds and bushes. Finance Director keeping track of costs. Tax foreclosure update: 45 tax collection accounts closed; arrangements made with citizens to bring taxes current. Discussed a Tax Deferral Program due to Federal Shut-Down.
  - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor McNally – Transfer Station upgrades almost done; Public Works Facility started; Silverfalls will be a walk-on bridge only and will work on that shortly; ADA compliant doors at Town Hall.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors –
- a. Councilor Pike: **Board of Education** – budget forum: common theme again was buses, field trips, Middle School activities. Another meeting held at MHS Library - school safety discussed a great length; school has applied for a grant for safety upgrades; Mrs. Palin reported she was working diligently on the Capital Plan.  
Councilor Pike: **Planning & Zoning** – Rand Whitney parking lot was approved (after the fact); 430 Chapel Hill Rd. – approval for 10 storage units standing behind building. 89 Cherry Lane (Getty Granite), renewal of their permit. Solar firm – presentation given by engineer and installer; however, Town Planner & Engineer made it very clear that it did not meet erosion and soil guidelines. Solar farm was denied.
  - b. Councilor Pollard: **Commission on Aging** – great meeting; Angel Wings speaker canceled due to illness; new Bill re: Act for persons who provide care to elderly. New programs include technological and writing classes (MHS will teach seniors) and a First Aid/CPR class. Floral design and cupcake decorating classes at Senior Center. Valentine’s Day Bingo & Lunch with Bingo prizes (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>; no cost). February National Hot Breakfast Month (Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 11am).
  - c. Councilor Rogers (Councilor Pike read report): **Economic Development Commission** – Commission happy to see Mayor McDaniel at meeting; 125 Depot Road a/k/a Rock Ten from Montville’s Port– 19 ft. deep slip does not seem enough to interest the Port Authority but may be enough for the State Department of Economic & Community Development and the plans for the Wind Farm Developer. Mayor McDaniel discussed the issues with the development of this area.  
Some of the Mayor’s responses to questions posed by the Commission included: (1) he felt the EDC is doing the job of recognizing the business potential to fill empty spaces on Route 32; (2) when asked how the EDC could assist in pushing forward the Infrastructure on Route 85 (water, sewer & gas) he said by determining how not to inhibit businesses and by supporting the Eastern Investment Board that is working on a study on how to get workforce housing. (3) Discussion on ECD Corporation for Town development purposes – Mayor McDaniel said that EDC’s are typically in urban areas not rural areas. (4) Regarding empty spaces on Route 32, the Mayor said he was working with the SECT Chamber of Commerce to find space with potential for growth. (5) Referencing the Mayor’s and his party’s relationship with the Tribe, the Commission asked whether he had discussion with the Tribe about its willingness to encourage businesses moving off casino premises and establishing relationships with the Town as well as increasing financial contribution due to financial hardships caused by the casino’s transient clientele. Mayor McDaniel advised that every CEO for the Town has had that discussion with the Tribe all have been ultimately told to go pound sand.  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**, 2019 Summer Concert – the band Fusion will play 7/29 – there is discussion about moving the concert to the High School from Camp Oakdale. Other events/programs discussed were: volleyball tournament, bus trip, women’s defense, and car show. Dog Park drain issue near main entrance gate - Public Works is working to correct it. Agility equipment to be built and/or bought; will consult with Waterford PD regarding its obstacles.  
**Public Safety Commission** - Congratulations to Lieutenant Radford on his promotion; Animal Control Facility feasibility subcommittee: proposed number of kennels is far less than that by Humane Society or ASPCA. Proposed facility is based on a 50-year plan. Fire Departments– annual budget of \$91k/each department will be submitted to Town Council; Building Department – there were 4 blight enforcement complaints; discussion regarding the fact there is no blight hearing officer; reported by Mayor McDaniel that a representative of the Town cannot go on to a property without reasonable cause. There was discussion about sending letters to blight offenders and Mayor McDaniel advised the blight ordinance was rewritten and that a new blight officer was in place and he indicated that many problems stem from absent landlords who do not care.  
**Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)** – Councilor Rogers was elected Chairperson; Tony Siragusa was elected Vice Chair. New members: Chuck Longton; Shawn Jinkerson. RFP emergency work; only 1 bid package was received and, therefore, it will be put back out for bid. Approved purchase of camera in trailer (up to \$200k) and approved position of maintainer at Plant.
  - d. Councilor Rogulski: **Library Committee Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board** – No meetings held
  - e. Councilor Caron: **Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Relief Fund**- meeting scheduled on 2/20/19  
**Social Services** – there were 350 food baskets at Thanksgiving; 375 for Christmas; and 550 toy baskets for children; we are planning a thank you for our First Responders – details will be provided next month – date to be confirmed; we received a check from COFCU of \$2,500 for our food bank – the Veterans and Hidden Heroes fund helps with

rental costs, heating bills, etc. and is working great – additionally, Kathy is working on the Prom Program and is putting together a fashion show with teachers at the HS, which will help with donations for teens that might not otherwise attend prom – the fashion show is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at Oakdale Fire Dept.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Karl R. Butzgy as a member of the Economic Development Commission, effective immediately. Motion made by Councilor Caron with regret and seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.

15. Unfinished Business – None

16. New Business

- a. **RESOLUTION # 2019-09 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the Ordinance entitled “Ordinance To Provide An Exemption From Property Tax For Gold Star Parents And Spouses Pursuant To The Provisions Of Public Act No. 17- 65” as heard at the Public Hearing held on February 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor McNally)  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz and seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None; Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.
- b. **RESOLUTON # 2019-10 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer \$8,500 to the IT Hardware line (10440-52054) from Contingency (10480-52164). (Councilor Pike)  
Motion made by Councilor Pike and seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz asked for reminder of resolution; Councilor Pike stated that the Finance Director reported that a purchase was made last fiscal year; the PO was closed but not paid. Voice Vote 6-0. Motion Carried.

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

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor –

- a. Mayor McDaniel congratulated Lieutenant Radford and made the following clarifications to Councilor Rogers’ report:
  - (1) there is a new blight hearing officer not a new blight enforcement officer; anyone who disputes their fines can now appeal them;
  - (2) with regard to characterization of the words “pound sand”; those were not my words, they were someone else’s words.
- b. Councilor Rogers – Congratulations to Lieutenant Radford
- c. Councilor Pollard - Congratulations to Lieutenant Radford and Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone.
- d. Councilor Pike – one thing I forgot to mention was that the Superintendent’s assistant will now be emailing pdf copies of all correspondence to the Councilors; the Chairman will still receive a hard copy. And, it’s budget season; I look forward to working with everyone.

19. Adjournment – Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz and seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None; Voice-Vote 6-0, all in favor. Motion Carried. 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Mari E. Evans, Recording Clerk for the Town of Montville

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