

**Town of Montville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order
Chairman May 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 Leonard Bunnell, Sr., Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Kathleen Pollard, Colleen Rix, and Joseph Rogulski. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Rix, to amend the following item:
16(h) THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of *\$19,920,655.00 (nineteen million nine hundred twenty and six hundred fifty-five dollars) \$500,000.00 (five hundred thousand dollars)*. (Councilor May)

Discussion: The amount was corrected to include the proposed allocation of funds for the Capital Improvement Plan for all five-years, rather than the funds proposed to be allocated for

FY2020/21. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2020
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Public Hearing Minutes of April 13, 2020 (Noise Ordinance)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Special Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2020 (Fire Street Sale)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Public Hearing Meeting of April 22, 2020 (General Government Budget)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. The Public Hearing Meeting of April 23, 2020 (Board of Education Budget)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. The Special Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2020 (Fire Street Ordinance)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rix. 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
Board of Education (BOE) Chairperson Sandra Berardy spoke with regards to the BOE budget. The BOE members, as residents of the town, are very cognizant of the unprecedented times in which they are currently living and the difficulty in addressing any budgetary issues due to the resulting numerous unknown factors. However, it is their responsibility to provide the best possible education for their schoolchildren. Because their fiscal future remains unknown, they must devise a budget that allows for some flexibility and enables our children to be successful however they might be educated. The Finance Committee has worked very hard to draft a budget that increased the BOE budget by 1.5% over the previous year. Unfortunately, the increase does not meet their educational needs. Realizing that these are tough times, she requested and expressed her gratefulness to the Councilors should they consider adopting the budget as proposed by the BOE.

Montville Public Schools Superintendent Laurie Pallin also spoke with regards to the proposed BOE budget. She expressed her appreciation to the Finance Committee for their hard work in reviewing the budget requests and making their recommendations to the Town Council during these challenging times. She recognized the difficulty in developing a budget and their concerns regarding losses in revenues and the ability of taxpayers to meet their needs. At the same time, the BOE and staff are committed to providing services and excellence for all students while, at the same time, ensuring that the impact of the school closures and whatever comes in the fall is mitigated. For these reasons, she is hesitant to cut the teaching staff and/or eliminate their request for an additional Social Worker. There are no contingencies included in the budget and it will be difficult to make the necessary cuts. She is grateful for the Councilors' support at a recent Finance Committee meeting to fund any necessary unanticipated expenses that might arise. She knows that they have the student's academic, physical, social, and emotional well-being at the forefront of their priorities and is confident that an open line of communication addressing their needs and concerns will be established and they will work together as they head into a year of many unknowns. She thanked them for their time and consideration.

9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the April 2020 Budget Report from Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - b. Copy of the April 2020 Financial Report from Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - c. Copy of the legal bills from Halloran & Sage for the month of March 2020
 - d. Copy of the legal bills from Suisman-Shapiro for the month of March 2020
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 that the month has been, again, heavily devoted to the COVID-19 responses with weekly meetings with the SECCOG (Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments), Region 4 EMS (Emergency Medical Services), and the Governor and his staff. As of today, there are, cumulatively, 97 confirmed cases of COVID-19 that originated in the Town of Montville, 71 of which are of individuals housed in the Corrigan-Radgowski Correction Center. Overall, the town is doing okay – a testament to the residents who continue to practice the recommended safety protocols.

A Census meeting was held with Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz. The current response rate for the Town of Montville is 67%, which is above both the National (58.5%) and State (62.1%) averages. He encouraged everyone to participate in the survey as their responses are directly related to the amount of funding the town will receive. A meeting was also held with Congressman Joe Courtney who discussed the Federal efforts to provide funding for states and municipalities.

A very experienced WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) Accountant was recently hired. He continued to review the staffing situation at Town Hall during this period:

Planning Department – Town Planner & Assistant Planner are primarily working remotely. They are continuing to conduct inspections and are making office visits, as necessary, to review plans and sign permits. They are working on the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) for which a request has been sent to the State for a grace period, citing the unavailability of necessary information due to the pandemic. The Assistant Planner is also continuing to work on the GIS (Geographic Information System) project in conjunction with the Assessor's office. The Administrative Assistant has continued to work in the office full-time and is the staff liaison to the Inland Wetlands Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals while the Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer's position remains vacant.

Building Department – The Administrative Assistant is working remotely and the permitting paperwork is delivered to her for processing. The Building Official and Assistant Building Official continue to work in the office and are conducting both on-site and virtual inspections.

Fire Marshal's Office – All three (3) full-time employees continue to work at the office.

IT Department – Both employees continue to work in the office.

Town Clerk's Office – The Town Clerk is working in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays while the Assistant Town Clerk is working in the office on Mondays and Fridays; they are, otherwise, working remotely and inputting information to digitize the Land Records. Marriage Licenses and Death Certificates are being conducted by appointment only or electronically, if possible. Real estate transactions, land records, and title searches are being conducted electronically. DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) License renewals and Real Estate closings have come to a standstill.

Assessor's Office – Staffed with three (3) employees, at least one individual is working in the office at all times. They are handling special projects as well as their usual duties, including property transfers, elderly applications, DMV records, revaluation bids, etc.

Finance Department – The Finance staff is primarily alternating their workdays in the office in an effort to minimize physical contact. They are working on insurance issues, payroll, preparing for the implementation of the Firefighters' contract, etc.

Parks & Recreation Department – The Director and Administrative Assistant are alternating their workdays in the office. While continuing to prepare for the Summer Camp, they are unsure whether it will be held and are waiting to receive the updated guidelines from the state. They are also investigating other options, including virtual classes.

Tax Collectors Office – Both the Tax Collector and Assistant Tax Collector are, for the most part, working in the office.

Mayor's Office – The Mayor is working in the office daily while the Administrative Assistant comes into the office once or twice a week.

It is unknown as to when the Town Hall will be open to the public. His original plan was to have a soft opening on June 1. Plexiglas partitions have been ordered for all of the offices and six-foot markings will be placed as a guide for those who come in to conduct business.

In response to Councilor Caron, Mayor McDaniel clarified that the directive to allow for employees to work remotely derived from one of the Governor's Executive Orders which requires that employees work from home whenever possible.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz

The Standing Committee has not held a meeting since the Noise Ordinance. They will be meeting in the near future to discuss a couple of items that have arisen.

b. Finance – Councilor Jaskiewicz

The Finance Committee meetings have centered around the FY2020/21 budget, which is on the agenda this evening for approval and adoption. He thanked the Finance Committee and Finance Director Hart for all of their hard work on the budget.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Caron

No meetings have been held since the pandemic. The docks were installed last Tuesday and the boat launch ramps and the parking lot are slated for discussion in the near future.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Bunnell: Public Safety Commission, Youth Services Bureau

No meeting was held for the Public Safety Commission. The Youth Services Bureau will be hosting a Blood Drive at the Community Center on Wednesday, May 13, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Youth Services Coordinator Barbara Lockhart is doing her best to work with the families and following up and dealing with both previous and new JRB (Juvenile Review Board) cases.

In response to Councilor Caron, Councilor Bunnell reported that the status of the Youth Services' Camp is unknown. Mayor McDaniel added that, because the Youth Services' Camp is comprised of a smaller number of participants and the Community Center houses a number of rooms, it would be easier to isolate the children.

b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Social Services

The Senior and Social Services Department has been extremely busy due to the pandemic. An outdoor food bank has been established and the Center is distributing over 800 meals weekly to those in need. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation to all of the generous businesses and individuals who have donated funds and food items, including *Charter Oak Credit Union*, who has donated over \$5,000.00; *4-H Club*, who donated half-gallons of milk and ice cream; *Hillcrest Community*, who hosted a food collection and donated \$2,000.00, and; *Uncasville Diner*, who has been cooking meals for homebound residents. The Senior lunches are continuing and the deadline for the energy program has been extended. The Department is actively seeking donations of diapers, work attire, and *Ensure*. Director Kathie Doherty-Peck has completed Phase I and has been approved for Phase II of the United Way COVID-19 Grant. He expressed his appreciation to and commended *Critical*

Signs for creating the signage posted at various businesses and residences along Route 32 and throughout the town and raising over \$5,000.00.

- c. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education
Councilor Jaskiewicz commended the BOE and staff, who are continuing to provide distance learning to their students, for all of their hard work.
- d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority, Conservation Commission
While meetings for both the WPCA and Conservation Commission were canceled, Councilor May reported that the April 2020 water bill for the Mohegan Sun was \$10,000.00, compared to \$70,000.00 in April 2019. A new utility truck with a crane was recently purchased; their previous truck was donated to the Public Works Department. The Plant's new contact chlorinator is continuing to do a great job disinfecting the water before it is distributed.
- e. Councilor Pollard: Non-Profit Organizations – *no report*
- e. Councilor Rix: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission
The Parks & Recreation Commission's Carnival has been canceled.

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing for a proposed addition to provide workforce housing for the *Nature's Art Village*.
- f. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Fire Fighters Relief Fund – *no report*

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Bethany Caron from the Montville Youth Advisory Board, effective immediately.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Carl Freeman as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on November 8, 2021.
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2020-30. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$2,419.83 (two thousand four hundred nineteen dollars and eighty-three cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor May)
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- b. **Resolution #2020-31. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Town of Montville Water Pollution Control Authority proposed sewer budget in the amount \$4,403,840.00 (four million, four hundred three thousand, eight hundred forty dollars). (Councilor May)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: There proposed sewer budget includes no increases. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
- c. **Resolution #2020-32. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve and adopt the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Regarding The Sale and

Conveyance of Real Property Located at 0 and 735 Fire Street” as heard at the Public Hearing held on May 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Montville Town Hall. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

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

- d. **Resolution #2020-33. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Suspense List at the request of the Tax Collector in the amount of \$142,940.12 (one hundred forty-two thousand nine hundred forty dollars and twelve cents) dated the eleventh day of May 2020. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that the Suspense List is a list of those taxes that, while still collectible, have been deemed as uncollectible by the Tax Collector and removed from consideration as assets to the town. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2020-34. TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer the balance of \$16,000.00 (sixteen thousand dollars) in the Undercarriage Wash Equipment account (30999-54046) to the General Fund. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel explained that the Undercarriage Wash Equipment and the Heating Units for the Vault (Item 16F) are items that were included in the Capital Plan, but, because both projects were canceled, the allocated funds were not expended. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2020-35. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to transfer the balance of \$12,287.00 (twelve thousand two hundred eighty-seven dollars) in the Heating Units for Vault account (30999-54138) to the General Fund. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

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

- g. **Resolution #2020-36. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to utilize \$9,500.00 (nine thousand five hundred dollars) in the Roll-off Truck Tarping System account (30999-54047) for the purchase of a Roll-off Flat Bed and to transfer the balance of \$1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to the General Fund. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

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

- h. **Resolution #2020-37. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to adopt the Town’s five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of \$19,920,655.

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

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to amend the capital improvement plan line item by line item. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to move the funding for the Knox Box Replacement in the amount of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00) to the 2021-22 fiscal year in the Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to reduce the funding for Public Safety Access Control by twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500.00) in the Capital Improvement Plan using Fund Balance. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to move the funding for the Oakdale Parking Lot in the amount of two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$255,000.00) to the 2021-22 fiscal year in the Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion: Councilor Rix expressed her disappointment that the parking lot, which desperately needs to be upgraded, will not be completed in the near future. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to move the funding for the Replacement of the Southeast Entrance to the Montville High School in the amount of fifty-two thousand dollars (\$52,000.00) to the 2021-22 fiscal year in the Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to move the funding for the BOE Maintenance Van in the amount of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000.00) to the 2021-22 fiscal year in the Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to approve all amendments to the main motion and to adopt the Town's five-year capital improvement plan in the total amount of \$19,920,655.00 (nineteen million nine hundred twenty-six hundred fifty-five dollars). Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

i. **Resolution #2020-38. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to adopt the fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget.**

Whereas, the Mayor has presented the budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has presented a budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Town Council has caused to be published in a newspaper having circulation in the Town, a Notice of Public Hearings and a summary of the proposed budget estimates; and

Whereas, the Town Council held Public Hearings of the Board of Education proposed budget on April 23, 2020, and the General Government proposed budget on April 22, 2020, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Charter of the Town of Montville.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the following budget on the estimated cost of current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, to be adopted as follows:

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| General Government | \$ 23,467,704 |
| Board of Education | \$ 39,744,736 |
| Capital Improvement | <u>\$ 500,000</u> |
| | \$ 63,712,440 |

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to amend the budget line item by line item. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to decrease the Mayor's Administrative Assistant line (10310-51050) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to amend the motion to decrease the Mayor's Administrative Assistant line (10310-51050) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Discussion: Councilor Caron felt that a salary adjustment might be more appropriate during these trying times. While he believes these positions are not worthy of a smaller decrease, he felt that such decisions should be made during their contract negotiations. Councilor Bunnell felt that the position is worthy of, at least, a portion of the increase the Mayor has proposed. Being on the lower end of the average salary for the position, he felt that a \$2,000.00 salary increase is minimal for the job that the individual performs. Councilor Caron clarified that he is, in no way, referring to the worthiness of the individual or the position, but is merely stating that, per the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), the position should receive a salary increase equitable to the Union employees. Councilor Bunnell agreed and understood his argument, but felt that the amount was minimal and affordable. Roll Call vote, 2-5. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, and Rogulski. Motion failed.

Vote on the original motion to decrease Mayor's Administrative Assistant line (10310-51050) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Roll Call vote, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to decrease the Finance Director line (10410-51002) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one thousand eight hundred nine (\$1,809) dollars.

Motion made by Councilor Caron to amend the motion to decrease the Finance Director line (10410-51002) in the Mayor's proposed budget by three thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$3,809). Discussion: For the same reasons as the previous motion, Councilor Caron was wished to amend the motion. The motion was not seconded. Motion failed.

Vote on the original motion to decrease the Finance Director line (10410-51002) in the Mayor's proposed budget by one thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$1,809.00).

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to decrease Medical Insurance line (10420-52020) in the Mayor's proposed budget by fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rix, to decrease the Contingency line (10480-52164) in the Mayor's proposed budget by two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000.00). Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to decrease Police Overtime (10820-51100) in the Mayor's proposed budget by fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to decrease the SCRRA (Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority) Tipping Fees (10940-52124) in the Mayor's proposed budget by fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). Discussion: In response to Councilor Caron, Mayor McDaniel stated that the cost of the Tipping Fees is dependent upon the amount of garbage that is generated. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to decrease Board of Education (10950-53051) in the Mayor's proposed budget by four hundred seventy-two thousand nine hundred thirty-two dollars (\$472,932.00). Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-2, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Caron and Rix. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to fund Revaluation in the amount two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00) using fund balance. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to approve all amendments to the main motion and to adopt the 2020-2021 budget as follows:

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| General Government | \$ 23,098,895.00 |
| Board of Education | \$ 39,271,804.00 |
| Capital Improvement | <u>\$ 500,000.00</u> |
| | \$ 62,870,699.00 |

Discussion: Councilor Caron requested the mil rate prior to voting on the item. Roll Call vote, 6-1, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Caron. Motion carried.

- j. **Resolution #2020-39. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the mill rate for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at 32.38 mills using at collection rate of 98%.

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

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit

Donna Geary, 11 Depot Road, Uncasville, expressed her hope that the Town will continue to improve the webinar format. The panelists must familiarize themselves with the proper protocol for attending and taking part in the virtual meetings, including the necessity to eliminate any background conversations, noise, and activity, which she found disconcerting. She thanked them for their hard work and wished them all good luck in the future.

Timothy Shanahan, 12 Dubois Road, Uncasville, requested the mil rate difference from the current year. In response, Chairman May stated that the mil rate is a decrease is 0.13.

BOE Chairman Berardy thanked the Councilors for all of their hard work. While the BOE did not receive their requested amount, they will try to work within the provided parameters and warned them that the BOE may need to come before the Council in the future to request an additional appropriation of funds.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Caron thanked the Finance Committee and Finance Director for their hard work on the budget. He expects that the Town and its residents will be faced with two or more years of trying times during which they will all need to “tighten their belts” even more. He aims to further review their budget in an effort to provide more savings to the taxpayers. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for their kind and heartfelt donations to Social & Senior Services.

Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked the Finance Committee and the Town Council for their support on the budget. Tough decisions were made, but, by working together, they were able to do, what he feels, is the right thing for the Town. He expressed his appreciation to Finance Director Hart and the Finance Department for all of their hard work. He noted that it is important to understand that the mil rate will not decrease every year.

Councilor Pollard concurred with Councilor Jaskiewicz and thanked the Finance Director and all of those who worked on the budget. She wished everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Councilor Rix also thanked the Finance Committee and Finance Director for all of the hard work on the budget as well as the First Responders and the Mayor. She wished everyone to stay safe and stay healthy.

Councilor Rogulski also thanked the Finance Committee, stating that it was a difficult year during which some difficult cuts were made. He questioned the BOE holdback amount and urged them to utilize those funds to help offset the costs of their Capital projects. In light of the state’s deficit due to the pandemic, he is afraid of the possibility that next year’s budget will prove more difficult as their efforts to balance the budget will trickle down and result in cuts to the municipalities. He thanked everyone and the First Responders.

Mayor McDaniel thanked the Town Council for their hard work, adding that things have drastically changed since the budget process began in February/March. He thanked the First Responders, health care professionals, and the public for doing a good job following the recommended protocols and keeping their townspeople well and healthy. He reported that the Governor has rejected their proposal to open restaurants to 50% capacity and expressed his hope that they will be able to open up their businesses soon. He also reported on a nice ceremony that was held in celebration of resident Irene Daniels’ 100th birthday.

Chairman May stated that many individuals invested their time and efforts into the budget and reviewed a variety of ways in which they would be able to help the taxpayers. In speaking with their representatives, it is his understanding that while the budget for this year has been bad, the following years will be exponentially worse due to decreased revenues. The plans they have instilled for the FY2020/21 budget will prepare them for the future. He thanked the Mayor, Finance Director, Finance Committee, and Councilors for all of their hard work on the budget.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 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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