

Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall, Town Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order
Chairman May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military.
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Kathleen Pollard, and Joseph Rogulski. Absent were Councilors Leonard Bunnell, Sr., and Colleen Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
5. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidates for the Parks & Recreation Commission, Farmers Market Committee, and Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
The candidates opted to be interviewed in public.

Jon Chase, Parks & Recreation Commission, stated that he applied to serve on the Commission several months ago, but there were no vacancies at that time. He expressed his interest in serving on the Commission, recalling his time as a youngster employed at Camp Oakdale. As an attorney, he finds the recent media reports regarding the role of the Commission an interesting discussion and hopes that his background might serve as a positive addition to the Commission during this time of transition. He also serves as the town's Municipal Historian. In response to Mayor McDaniel, he stated that he is currently not serving on any other boards or commissions.

Noah Carver, Parks & Recreation Commission, is currently a student of Political Science/ International Relations at Three Rivers Community College. He expressed his interest in becoming more directly involved with the town and hopes to play an active role on the Commission by enhancing their current offerings, including increasing their outdoor spaces and trails. He hopes that his lack of experience will be balanced out by his youthful vigor.

Sara Lundy, Planning & Zoning Commission, a business owner, resident, homeowner, and Community Re-investment Officer for Chelsea Groton Bank, briefly discussed her background and relevant experience as well as her love for the Town of Montville.

Karen Orbe and Reginald (Pete) Orbe, Farmers Market Committee, are long-time residents of the town and are parents of the owner of the Orbe's Heritage Farm. They spoke of their wish to support the local farmers and shops and help build and grow the town's Farmers Market. A brief discussion ensued regarding the current location of the Farmers Market.

Morgan Matthewson, Parks & Recreation Commission, is a lifetime resident of the town who currently works for an IT firm and is a Graduate Student studying Product Management. She hopes to serve on the Commission and continue to improve and add to the town's offerings for her children, their friends, and future children, including adding S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering, and Mathematics) and robotics programs.

The candidates were thanked for submitting their applications, expressing their interest, and attending the meeting this evening.

6. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit – *none*

7. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Pollard thanked the candidates for attending the meeting this evening.

Councilor Jaskiewicz was pleased with the candidates this evening and felt that their enthusiasm and youthful vigor would be a positive addition; he thanked everyone for attending.

Councilor Caron thanked the candidates for taking the initiative and their willingness to get involved with the town, especially during these trying times.

Mayor McDaniel thanked the candidates for their volunteerism and is looking forward to working with them.

Chairman May also expressed his appreciation to the candidates, adding that it is their sense of volunteerism and passion that help make the town a better place.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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