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- 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. Absent was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

4. Special Recognitions/Presentations

Social Services Assistant DeeAnn Morten, 48 Hewitt Drive, Uncasville, stated that the Senior and Social Services Department has received numerous complaints from the residents of the housing facilities under the guise of the Housing Authority. Since the departure of the Director, the members of the Housing Authority have been overseeing the housing complexes resulting in complaints regarding the bullying of and instilling fear in the seniors and disabled residents, fear of retaliation for expressing their concerns, charges being applied to the residents' accounts for maintenance items that are included in their monthly rental fees, substantial increases in their rent during the pandemic, and the threat of becoming homeless. The Department is seeking the town's aid to help remedy the issues and ensure the safety and security of the residents. To this end, they are requesting the reevaluation of the members and the institution of a system that ensures that all of the residents are heard and their needs are met. She added that it recently came to their attention that a Director was appointed and requested that they meet the individual and have the opportunity to review his/her credentials as both Social and Senior Services Director Kathie Doherty-Peck and herself must work very closely with the Director.

Christina Dimick, 81 Liberty Road, Apt. 60, spoke on behalf of 14 individuals who were too frightened to come forward and voice their concerns. She stated that her rent was raised 70.3% during the pandemic without a valid reason and has been residing in the complex without a lease for the past two years. She claimed that the tenants are consistently mocked and humiliated by the members of the Housing Authority and provided a sample of a recent notice left in the residents' doors containing threatening, demeaning, and intimidating language. She added that they experience constant water shortages and air conditioning issues due to electricity shortages while witnessing the Housing Authority's flagrant expenditure of funds. She requested that the current Housing Authority be disbanded and replaced with a group of educated, respectful individuals and that a social worker and visiting nurse, who makes regular wellness checks and ensures that the needs of the residents are being met, be made available. She thanked the Councilors for their time and consideration.

Councilor Caron expressed his surprise with the recent article that was published in *The Day* newspaper. After hearing about the issues, he proceeded to speak with the Town Council, Town Attorney, and CHFA (Connecticut Housing Finance Authority) and found that, while the Town Council has the power to appoint members to the Housing Authority, as well as subpoena and auditing powers, they are unable to oversee the actions of the Housing Authority. Because of their limited powers, he proposed that the Town Council meet with the members of the Housing Authority to discuss the issues. He and thanked Ms. Morten and Ms. Dimick for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns.

Councilor Bunnell reassured her that the residents have a right to due process when presented with an eviction notice.

Councilor Rogulski reminded the Councilors that former Housing Authority Member Sierra Davis wrote them a letter informing them of the issues with the Housing Authority in December of 2020. He did not find their comments alarming, but felt that their ability to act upon the situation was very difficult and limited. Ms. Dimick stated that she has been personally dealing with the issues for approximately two years and has been documenting the activities and providing them to Social and Senior Services Director Peck. Councilor Caron agreed and added that having an individual(s) come forward, in person, is helpful and provides the Councilors with the ability to move forward and attempt to remedy the situation. Ms. Dimick added that resident Tierney Tully, who was unable to attend this evening's meeting, is also willing to come forward to speak with the Councilors.

The Councilors thanked Ms. Dimick for attending the meeting and speaking with the Councilors.

5. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Rogulski to add the following item to the agenda:

16(g) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the Board of Education request that the unexpended funds in the amount of \$605,360.00

from the 2019-2020 budget be transferred to the Education Reserve Fund. (Councilor Rix)

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- 6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021
 Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: None.
 Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Public Hearing Minutes of April 28, 2021 (General Government Budget) Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Public Hearing Minutes of April 29, 2021 (Board of Education Budget) Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Public Safety Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

The candidates opted to be interviewed in public.

Matthew Suarez, a 12-year member of the Mohegan Fire Company and current Deputy Chief and active member of the community, expressed his passion for ensuring the safety of the town and its residents and interest in serving on the Commission. He has attended most of the Commission's meetings and wishes to continue serving and contributing to the community as it works to meet the changing needs of the town.

Patrick Schafter, who works as the Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees for a Social Services agency and hosts a monthly dance for disabled children in Niantic, expressed his interest in serving on the Commission. Mr. Schafter has extensive experience in public safety, including working as a Co-Chairperson of Occupational Health & Safety at Connecticut College.

Thomas Pedersen, who served for 25 years as a Norwich police officer, expressed his interest in serving and giving back to the community. He has served the Norwich Police Department in a number of capacities, including as the Captain, Training Lieutenant, Detective, and Police Inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice.

Stephen Lougee has had a lifelong interest in public safety, having joined the Quaker Hill Fire Company at the age of 15. For the last 21 years, he has been working as the Battalion Chief for the Subase Fire Department in charge of training and fire prevention. Having recently moved to the town and, hence, having limited ties, he felt that he could be an asset to the Commission with an objective outsider's view.

Jayson Wazny, an active-duty member of the U.S. Navy, expressed his interest in serving on the Commission. While he does not have an extensive background in public safety, he has taken some safety courses throughout the years and is willing to learn and invest his efforts.

Christopher Bruckner, a 20-year volunteer firefighter for the Town of Ledyard and current career firefighter, expressed his interest in serving on the Commission and contributing to the town.

The Councilors thanked all of the candidates for attending the meeting and their willingness to volunteer and serve on the Commission. Chairman May stated that there are two (2) vacant positions on the Public Safety Commission and encouraged the candidates to consider applying for one of the other boards and commissions. Councilor

Bunnell explained that the Commission provides recommendations and is an essential part of the town, involved in the interviewing of applicants and reviewing the budget. It was also stated that the background and experience of the candidates is not a prerequisite for serving on the Commission and is, oftentimes, an asset.

8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit Linda Tomasek, formerly of 611 Route 163, Montville, requested that her comments from the April Regular Meeting Minutes be amended to include all of the comments she provided. She also addressed item 16(f), regarding the selling of the property, stating that the two bids, which are from members of other communities, would not meet the needs of the community; the town should take the time to ensure that the property is purchased by a contributing and dedicated individual(s) for an appropriate price.

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, thanked Councilor Rix for adding item 16(g) to the agenda. He stated that the funds are "spent money" and are necessary to support the upcoming major capital improvements. He also expressed his support for the sale of 611 Route 163, which is becoming a blighted property. He expressed his dismay and discouragement with the Councilors regarding their handling of the issues related to the Housing Authority and urged them to speak with the five (5) State representatives representing the town.

In response to Mr. Pike, Chairman May stated that the situation regarding the Housing Authority has been discussed with their representatives and are working on remedying the issues, within the structure of the Authority and their limited powers.

- 9. Communications
 - a. Copy of the April 2021 Financial Report from Terry Hart, Finance Director
 - b. Copy of an e-mail from Councilor Rix regarding her withdrawal as the Town Council Liaison to the Economic Development Commission.
- Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that he has requested that the Town Attorney draft a resolution to establish an Ad-Hoc COVID-19 Impact Study Committee.
- 11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred *not present; no report*
- 12. Reports from Standing Committees
 - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure Councilor Jaskiewicz no meeting
 - b. Finance Councilor Jaskiewicz
 Councilor Jaskiewicz reported that the Committee has made adjustments to the proposed budget requests and is continuing to discuss the budget. Chairman May encouraged the Councilors to carefully review the budget and provide their input as he felt that many areas that could be adjusted.
 - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal Councilor Caron
 - Councilor Caron reported that Public Works will be working on milling and paving Raymond Hill Road. Black Ash Road is also scheduled for paving. The millings that were stored on the property located across from the Camp Oakdale Pavilion have been cleaned up and discussions regarding cleaning up of the beach area will be held in the near future. The area will be seeded to create a space for such community events as the Farmers' Market. The Committee also approved the pro-rating of the Transfer Station stickers. The Committee also discussed the issues regarding the storage of wood from the trees that have been cut down and providing the wood to the community. In response to Councilor Rogulski, Councilor Caron stated that the property on PTA Lane is currently being used as a holding area for materials, such as millings and stone dust.

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- 13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors
 - a. Councilor Bunnell: Public Safety Commission, Youth Services Bureau (YSB) Youth Service Bureau's activities include:

<u>9th Annual Blood Drive</u> – In conjunction with the American Red Cross, a very successful Blood Drive was held on April 13 at the Montville Community Center. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for September 29.

<u>Remembrance Quilt</u> – The community is invited to create a square to add to the town's Remembrance Quilt in honor of those who have lost their loved ones to addiction. Funding for the quilt is being provided by a State grant.

<u>National Drug Take Back Day</u> – 43 lbs. of prescription drugs were collected on National Drug Take Back Day, which was held on Saturday, April 22, at the Montville Public Safety Building.

"Like" film presentation and virtual discussion regarding the impact of social media and the effects of technology on the brain was attended by 280 community members. <u>Multiple Community Campaigns related to Vaping, Mental Health, and issues</u> <u>related to the impact of Gambling Addiction on the family</u> have been launched by the Montville Youth Action Council. Funding is provided by three grants.

<u>Recreational Marijuana</u> – Youth Service Bureaus throughout the State are working with State Officials regarding mitigating the impact of the potential litigation of recreational marijuana. The YSBs are mandated to provide prevention and intervention services and programming.

COVID-19 Vaccinations - All YSB employees have received their vaccinations.

<u>YSB Summer Program</u> – Re-registration for the YSB Summer Program for students entering grades 7 and above will begin on June 7; new registrations will be accepted beginning June 21.

Gambling Prevention Media Projects will be held via Zoom on May 26.

Public Safety Commission

A Pinning Ceremony was held for the town's new Fire Marshal Paul Barnes and Firefighters Ryan Sholes, Zach Wyatt, and Ethan Gagnon were sworn in on April 26.

In the month of April, the Police Department received:

1,230 Calls for Service63 Type I Calls, which require additional investigation25 Arrests; 0 Juvenile Arrests

Of the 1,230 Calls, 142 derived from the Troop

- 180 Police Department
- 75 Walk-Ins
- 711 originated by the Patrolling Officers

Building Department

125 Permits Issued for the month of April

111 Inspections Conducted

3 Certificate of Occupancies Issued

While they are still in the process of hiring a part-time Blight Officer, the number of abatements were reduced from 358 to 356.

b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Social Services

The Department of Social Services has begun moving to the Re-use Room where they will be temporarily working while the building is being repaired. The repairs include the exterior veneer and interior of the building due to the leaks and will include mold remediation. The gas line has been installed and the new furnace/boiler is now in working condition. Funding for the exterior of the building has been allocated. The old Town Hall building will also be repointed. The Department continues to distribute food items to those in need. With the help of the Uncas Health District, a very well-received

vaccine clinic was held at the Senior Center. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), including temperature checking stations, have been ordered in preparation for a soft opening of the Senior Center that will begin with outdoor activities and bagged lunches. Councilor Caron commended the Social and Senior Services Department, which remained open and continued to offer Tax Help, the MedRide Van, Grocery trips, and the like during the pandemic.

- c. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education (BOE) The BOE's discussions primarily revolved around the reduction of their proposed budget by approximately \$70,000.00. A vaccination program for the students is being planned.
- d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority, Conservation Commission The WPCA Sewer Service Area Map was delineated and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department, CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection), and State OPM (Office of Policy & Management).
- e. Councilor Pollard: Non-Profit Organizations Councilor Pollard plans to attend a webinar entitled, "Maximizing Historic Stimulus to solve homelessness and Support Vulnerable Communities".
- f. Councilor Rix: Economic Development Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission Councilor Rix reported that <u>Parks & Recreation</u>'s Summer Camp registrations opened today; the camp will open on June 21. The Carnival will be held from June 18 to 20, with a concert on June 19 featuring the band *Llama Tsunami*. The Commission discussed the area across from the Camp Oakdale Pavilion with the Public Works Director. The area will not be available for use until the late Summer/early Fall to provide adequate time for the grass to grow and stabilize. A resolution regarding the recreational use of the Mostowy property will be presented to the Town Council in the

near future. A Food Truck Festival is being planned for August 7 at Camp Oakdale.

The <u>Planning & Zoning Commission</u> reviewed and approved the renewal of a permit for a multi-family residential dwelling, with a reduction of units from 77 to 72. The Commission also reviewed and approved the construction Maple View Apartments, which will consist of 16 buildings and 87 two-bedroom apartment units.

- g. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Fire Fighters Relief Fund no report
- 14. Appointments and Resignations
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to appoint Jeff Carver as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2023.
 Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Paul Chase to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on June 10, 2023.
 Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of Jonathan Leonard from the Public Safety Commission, effective immediately.
 Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, and Jaskiewicz expressed their regrets. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to accept the resignation of James Moran from the Public Safety Commission, effective immediately.

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> Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, and May expressed their regrets. Councilor Rix wished Mr. Moran a speedy recovery. Councilor Bunnell stated that Mr. Moran has been a very active member of the Commission for many years and commended his hard work and efforts. Voice vote, 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

- 15. Unfinished Business none
- 16. New Business
 - a. **Resolution #2021-24. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$2,517.91 (two thousand five hundred seventeen dollars and ninety-one cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. 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. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint Councilor May as the liaison to the Economic Development Commission. (Councilor May)
 Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilors Caron and May expressed their regrets for Councilor Rix. 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 #2021-25. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to receive funds in the amount of \$1,827,348 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program of the American Rescue Plan Act and to create fund #26, the American Rescue Plan fund. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Finance Director Hart explained that the town is slated to receive as part of the American Rescue Plan and recommended that it be deposited into a separate account for tracking and auditing purposes. The funds must be expended by December 2024. 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 #2021-26. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Suspense List at the request of the Tax Collector in the amount of \$115,485.63 (one hundred fifteen thousand four hundred eighty-five dollars and sixty-three cents) dated the tenth day of May 2021. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Finance Director Hart stated that the Suspense List is a list of the taxes that may be collected, but are assumed uncollectible, for a variety of reasons. Mobile homes, which were not previously included on the list, are now included. Roll Call vote, 7-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

e. **Resolution #2021-27. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to enter into an agreement to assign the Cellco Lease agreement to Landmark Dividend for a term of 75 years for a lump sum of \$90,000 subject to legal review. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Chairman May provided a brief recap of their previous month's discussions regarding the item. 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.

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f. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to consummate the sale of 611 Route 163, Oakdale, CT to Oval Enterprises LLC by virtue of a quit claim deed for \$125,250 per the purchase and sales agreement dated April 30, 2021. (Mayor McDaniel)

OR

Resolution #2021-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to authorize Mayor Ron McDaniel to consummate the sale of 611 Route 163, Oakdale, CT to Kelly J. Kropo and Rick Cyr by virtue of a quit claim deed for \$110,000 per the purchase and sales agreement dated April 29, 2021. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron. Discussion: Chairman May stated that the higher offer of \$125,250.00 includes a contingency for a Structural/Mechanical Inspection. The buyer for the lower offer would be purchasing the property as-is. In response to Councilor Caron who questioned the number of times the property was shown and the number of bids that were received, Finance Director Hart reported that the property had several showings and received negative feedback. One additional bid for a lower amount was offered. A brief discussion was held regarding the two offers. Should the property result in a negative Inspection Report, the potential buyer could rescind the offer and the property be valued and sold for a significantly lesser amount. Roll Call vote. Voting in Favor of accepting the offer by Oval Enterprises LLC of \$125,250.00: Councilor Caron. Voting in Favor of accepting the offer by Kelly J. Kropo and Rick Cyr of \$110,000.00: Councilors Bunnell, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rix, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

g. **Resolution #2021-29. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the Board of Education request that the unexpended funds in the amount of \$605,360.00 from the 2019-2020 budget be transferred to the Education Reserve Fund. (Councilor Rix)

Motion made by Councilor Rix, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz who questioned whether the funds would be utilized for Capital Improvements, Superintendent Laurie Pallin stated that the funds might be used for either unfunded Capital projects and/or unanticipated expenses; they would not be expended on recurring costs and felt that the BOE has demonstrated its fiscal responsibility in utilizing the funds. Councilor Caron stated that, while he is not in support of the fund, in general, he was willing to make a motion to allocate \$300,000.00 from the FY2019/20 budget to the Education Reserve Fund. He also reminded the Superintendent of the Town Council's support, should the BOE be presented with an unanticipated expense. Councilor Rogulski provided a brief background of the Finance Committee's discussions with the BOE Finance Subcommittee. He reported that the Education Reserve Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$300,000.00 and a percentage of the funds would be set aside for unanticipated expenses, e.g., special education, and Capital Improvement projects. Superintendent Pallin reiterated that the funds are not earmarked for any particular expense and that the Town Council would be notified regarding the expenditure of any of the funds, as a courtesy. Councilor Pollard expressed her trust in the members of the Finance Committee. Councilor Rix expressed her support of the 2% fund and stated that she felt that the item should be included on this evening's agenda as the request was made in February. Chairman May expressed his support of the Fund, but stated his discomfort with having such a substantial amount of funds in the account, especially given the needs of the town at this time. He also did not feel that the item is time-sensitive and wished to gauge the matter as time progressed. He stated his support with providing \$300,000.00 to the BOE for the Fund. Councilor Bunnell concurred, adding that the BOE is slated to receive additional COVID-19 funds. Roll Call vote, 4-3. Voting in Favor: Councilor Jaskiewicz, Pollard,

Rix, and Rogulski. Voting in Opposition: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, and May. Resolution passed.

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

Wills Pike, 71 Pheasant Run, expressed his appreciation of the lively discussion. He described himself as a "fiscal hawk" and advocated for the funds to be transferred into the Education Reserve Fund. He commended Superintendent Pallin for her hard work and ongoing transparency.

Superintendent Pallin expressed her appreciation to the Councilors for their support and consideration of the BOE's request. She assured them that the funds will be spent responsibly and that they will be transparent as to how the funds are expended.

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski thanked the Federal Government for returning the funds through the COVID-19 Relief funds, adding that taxpayers should be aware that approximately \$15,000.00 has been taken from each individual to provide a stimulus check of \$1,400.00 to individual citizens.

Councilor Pollard thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their willingness to volunteer and serve the town. She also thanked her fellow Councilors for their hard work and efforts as they continue to work together.

Councilor Rix wished to recognize Memorial Day as she looks forward to the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilor Bunnell concurred with former Town Councilor Pike's comments regarding Superintendent Pallin. He wished everyone a safe and comfortable Memorial Day weekend and thanked all of the candidates for the Public Safety Commission for attending the meeting and expressing their interest.

Councilor Jaskiewicz wished everyone a nice Memorial Day weekend and expressed his appreciation of their very lively conversation regarding the BOE's Education Reserve Fund.

Councilor Caron thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their lively meeting, adding that all of their opinions are of equal value. He also expressed his support of the Superintendent and the Schools and stated his views regarding the budget which, he felt, could be further adjusted.

Chairman May also thanked the candidates who attended the meeting and expressed the difficulty they will have in selecting the candidates to serve on the Commission; he encouraged the candidates to apply to serve on the other boards and commissions. He also implored his colleagues to further review the budget and make any recommendations they might have to the Finance Committee. A Special Budget Meeting will be scheduled.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 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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