

**Town of Montville Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2021, 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 (7:01 p.m.), Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Kathleen Pollard, and Joseph Rogulski. Absent was Councilor Colleen Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations
5. Alterations to the Agenda  
Motion made by Councilor Rogulski, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to add the following item to the Agenda:

7(b) To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the settlement agreement pursuant to item 16(d) on the Agenda. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
  - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, 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 a candidate for the Public Safety Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
  - b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the settlement agreement pursuant to item 16(d) on the Agenda. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Discussions will include members of the Town Council and Mayor Ronald McDaniel. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried. Invited parties exited Chambers for Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Chairman May resumed the meeting at 7:24 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.
8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*
9. Communications
  - a. Copy of a letter from Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson Kate Southard regarding the Mostowy Property
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 negotiations have begun with the three outstanding Unions for which a one-year carryover contract was signed during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
The Montville High School Graduation Ceremony was greeted with nice weather.  
Over the past month, he attended a Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting to continue the discussion regarding the State’s ongoing solid waste issues as well as a meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Council of Governments regarding the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds with Councilor Jaskiewicz.  
Tropical Storm Elsa was relatively mild with only one basement that needed to be pumped and a few fallen trees and downed wires.  
After 47 years, Assistant Tax collector Ellen Horne retired from her position; he wished her well in her retirement.
12. Reports from Standing Committees
  - a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – Councilor Jaskiewicz – *no update*
  - b. Finance – Councilor Jaskiewicz – *no update*
  - c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – Councilor Caron  
Councilor Caron reported that the Committee discussed the prorating of the Transfer Station stickers, which is on this evening’s agenda for approval; the boat launch area,

and; the removal of bat feces and mold and installation of a sump pump in the basement of the old church located on Raymond Hill Road. The Committee also discussed the cutting down of trees and the status of the Road Improvement Program. The paving and lining of Raymond Hill Road have been completed; additional roads are being lined. The Department continues to search for part-time help to cut back the brush and pick up litter on the sides of the roads. He has spoken with Senator Cathy Osten, who will speak with the CT D.O.T. (Connecticut Department of Transportation) regarding improving the sightlines at Routes 32 and 163 and Route 32 and the Montville Fire Company. The Social Services Building has been repointed and they are awaiting price estimates for the interior mold and renovations.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

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

Registrations for the After-School Program has begun for Montville youth, grades 4 through 12. The cost is \$375.00/year.

The 5th Annual Mud Run will take place on Saturday, August 21 at Camp Oakdale.

Public Safety Commission

The Wall of Honor Policy was tabled during the Commission's June Regular Meeting.

The following statistics were reported for the month of May:

Police Department:

1,251 Calls for Service    76 of which were Type I Calls  
35 Arrests

Fire Department:

244 Calls for Service    164 of which were medical EMS calls

Animal Control:

13 animals impounded (70 year-to-date)

99 complaints investigated (904 year-to-date)

Town of Salem:            0 animals impounded (10 year-to-date)  
3 complaints investigated (57 year-to-date)

Building Department:

117 Permits Issued

2,837 Open Permits

The part-time Blight Officer has begun working and is attending to new and outstanding blight issues.

In response to Councilor May regarding the status of the Everbridge Notification System, Mayor McDaniel reported that they are populating the lists for the town's various departments and are in the final stages of setting up the system.

b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Social Services

The Senior Center is now open and the Medride Van continues to operate. The Center held its first in-person art class. While some of the teachers continue to be wary of returning to in-person classes, it is hoped that they will return in the near future. The Senior Lunches will resume next week. The food items have been moved to the old Re-Use Room.

c. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Board of Education (BOE)

Councilor Jaskiewicz reported that the BOE is awaiting the final audit of their finances and are anticipating their request to deposit the \$400,000.00 they expect to return to the town into their non-lapsing fund.

- d. Councilor May: Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission  
WPCA – no meeting  
Conservation Commission  
Discussion included possible improvements to the Conservation Center and signage.  
Economic Development Commission  
The Commissioners discussed the formation of a database of the town’s businesses and their respective contact information to create a mentorship-type program in which long-standing businesses provide guidance to new businesses.
- e. Councilor Pollard: Non-Profit Organizations  
The Homeless Hospitality Center hosted and raised over \$20,000.00 at their Annual Walk to End Homelessness in June.
- f. Councilor Rix: Parks & Recreation Commission, Farmer’s Market Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission  
In lieu of Councilor Rix, Councilor Rogulski reported on the following upcoming Parks & Recreation events:
  - Saturday, July 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Camp Oakdale Ball Fields  
Concert featuring Night Shift
  - Saturday, August 14, 8:30 p.m., Camp Oakdale Football Field  
Outdoor Movie Night featuring *Scooby Doo! The Sword and the Scoob*
  - Saturday, August 21, 10:30 a.m., Camp Oakdale Fields  
Family Fun Mud Run
  - Saturday, August 7, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., Camp Oakdale Ball Fields  
Food Truck Festival
  - July to October, Tuesdays, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Camp Oakdale Pavilion  
Farmers Market
- g. Councilor Rogulski: Library Committee, Fire Fighters Relief Fund  
Councilor Rogulski reported that the Library Committee is interested in utilizing the old Meetinghouse Lane Church for events and/or storage.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Anthony Siragusa to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority with a term to expire on August 14, 2023.  
Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Rogulski. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. To Consider and Act on a motion to waive the waiting period for appointments, Rule 14C of the Town Council Rules of Procedure, for the Public Safety Commission.  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to nominate and appoint two of the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the Public Safety Commission with terms to expire on January 10, 2023 and April 9, 2023.

Christopher A. Bruckner	Stephen E. Lougee	Matthew L. Suarez
Traci Callaghan	Thomas Pedersen	Jayson Wazny
Sean Hawkins	Patrick Schafter	

  
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to nominate and appoint Traci Callaghan to fill the vacancy with a term to expire on January 10, 2023 and Thomas Pedersen to fill the vacancy with a term to expire on April 9, 2023.

Discussion: Councilor Bunnell commented that Mr. Pedersen, a retiree and former Captain of the Norwich Police Department, a former Marine who served in in the Vietnam War, and former investigator for the State's Attorney's office, is armed with an immense amount of experience and would be an excellent addition to the Commission. Ms. Callaghan, who served on the town's Fire-Police, is a common-sense individual who would bring a lot to the table and would also be a great asset to the Commission. He encouraged the other candidates who would have also served the Commission well, to consider applying for and serving on one of the town's other boards and commissions. Chairman May concurred, adding that he was pleased with the receipt of such a qualified pool of candidates. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business – *none*

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2021-41. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$845.96 (eight hundred forty-five dollars and ninety-six cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor May)

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

- b. **Resolution #2021-42. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Town of Montville Parks & Recreation Logo. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz stated that the intent of the logo is to identify and designate the various Parks & Recreation areas as such. The logo was designed by a Montville High School student. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2021-43. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to amend the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Regulations, as recommended by the Public Works/Solid Waste Subcommittee. (Councilor Caron)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: Councilor Caron stated that the amendment would allow for the prorating of the Annual Transfer Station Permit Fees by 50% of the original cost for permits purchased between January 1 and June 30. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2021-44. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that the Town settle all claims by Beth Missios, including those made in Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-00076 (VAB), for the payment of \$1.00, and in furtherance that Mayor Ronald McDaniel is authorized to enter into a settlement agreement in such form and content as is recommended by the Town's attorneys. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: As discussed during the Executive Session, Mayor McDaniel stated his belief that the settlement agreement is in the town's best interest. Councilor Bunnell added that the agreement will bring an end to a very long and difficult case and congratulated the

Mayor for bringing the case to a close. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2021-45. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Ronald McDaniel to renew the Resident State Trooper Contract for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 and execute any and all documents related thereto. (Mayor McDaniel)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Bunnell voiced his opposition to the contract, stating that smaller and less active towns have chosen to opt-out of the Resident State Trooper (RST) Program. The Town of Montville is home to a state-of-the-art Public Safety Building, complete with the necessary equipment and resources to move forward and eliminate the Resident State Trooper Program, which costs the town approximately \$250,000.00 annually. He also noted that there are unfunded mandates imposed on the town as part of the Resident State Trooper program, including the body cameras and civilian complaint procedures. In response to Councilor Jaskiewicz, Mayor McDaniel stated that, per Article VII of the contract, "This Contract shall remain in full force and effect for the entire term of the Contract period stated above unless sooner terminated by either the Town or the DESPP (Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection) State Police by providing thirty (30) days prior written notice of its intent to terminate the Contract." the contract is necessary until a replacement is in place. The new contract includes four technical changes, including compliance with the Police Accountability Act regarding body cameras (paid for by the town and a grant; the body cameras are owned by the town), designation of the Resident State Trooper in command at a scene should more than one Trooper be present, and the provision of office space for the Resident State Trooper. Roll Call vote, 5-1, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: Councilor Bunnell. Resolution passed.

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

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Rogulski hoped everyone had a great Fourth of July and wished everyone a great summer.

Councilor Pollard thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

Councilor Bunnell wished former Assistant Tax Collector Horne, who he found to be a very helpful individual, the best in her retirement. He encouraged those candidates who were not appointed to serve on the Public Safety Commission to consider reapplying for one of the town's other boards and commissions.

Councilor Jaskiewicz echoed Councilor Bunnell, adding that all of the candidates for the Public Safety Commission were outstanding and urged them not to be discouraged and to continue expressing their interest.

Councilor Caron thanked the public for attending this evening's meeting, the candidates, and the Public Works Standing Committee and the Town Council for supporting the prorating of the Transfer Station stickers, which will benefit the public that they serve. He is looking forward to increasing the Public Works activities and improving the town's services.

Mayor McDaniel announced that the WPCA will be working on an extensive project at the utility manhole located on Gallivan Lane and Route 32 that will disturb the traffic in the

area. Though he has not received the official announcement, it is his understanding that the Radgowski Correctional Center will be closing. The Corrigan Correctional Center will remain a Level 4 facility. The change will affect the town's ability to hire the services of the prisoners for such tasks as painting walls and dumpsters, shoveling snow, re-roofing, applying sheetrock, rescue and rehabilitation of wild and domestic animals, and the like. In speaking with Senator Osten and those at the Correctional Facility, he has been assured that Level 2 offenders would continue to be available to help the community. He also reported that the paperwork for two part-time workers was submitted for the Public Works Department. A job position for a Maintainer I was also posted today.

Chairman May thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Pollard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

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