

**Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers**

Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.

1. Call to Order
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Absent was Councilor 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. New Business
 - a. **Resolution #2023-28. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept road widening strips and drainage easements in accordance with a “Quit Claim Deed” and a “Perpetual Drainage Easement and Rights to Drain” both from Walter Wainright, Jr. to the Town of Montville, dated March 9, 2023, as required per Planning & Zoning Commission subdivision application #22SUB3, approved on July 28, 2022, in accordance with a plan entitled “Subdivision Plan, Record Subdivision Plan”, Prepared for Sunmar/RAF Builders, LLC, East Lake Road & Fire Street, Montville (Oakdale), CT, Prepared by Boundaries, LLC, Dated June 2022, Revised to 7 /11/22. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Bunnell. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.
 - b. **Resolution #2023-29. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the transfer of \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars) from Contingency (10480-52164) to Police Protection, Uniforms (10820-53015) for new class “A” uniforms for the entire Police Department, as requested by Montville Police Lieutenant David Radford. (Councilor McNally)

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Montville Police Lieutenant Radford provided an example of the Class “A” Uniform. The estimated turnaround time for the Uniforms is five to six weeks. The uniform will be comprised of a navy-blue jacket and pants, white shirt, tie, hat, gun belt, holsters, magazine and cuff cases, belts, patches, and buttons. The all-season Uniforms are readily in stock and easy to maintain. The Police Department's current Uniform Policy will be amended to reflect the changes. Councilor Mandler wished to ensure that the Uniforms will be inspected and fitted regularly. Because they are tailored to each individual and are readily available, additional uniforms will not be purchased. Chairman McNally requested that, if approved this evening, he check with the Finance Department to ensure that the Town Council will not need to waive the bid requirement. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2023-30. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Pre-Employment Drug Testing Policy and Drug Retest Policy, as recommended by the Town Administration/Rules & Procedures Standing Committee. (Councilor Yuchniuk)

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor May. Discussion: Human Resources Director Maria D’Amelia explained the two policies. Prospective candidates would be required to take the pre-employment drug test following the successful results of the background check. The action addresses the recent legalization of recreational marijuana. The Drug Retest Consent Policy allows for the retesting of prospective candidates who test positive for marijuana after 30 days of the first test, with the exception of CDL employees. The test is a rapid urine test. Discussion ensued regarding the policy and the testing and re-testing for marijuana. The town does not currently conduct random drug testing. She stated the importance of department heads recognizing the signs of an individual who is under the influence. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Mandler, May, Yuchniuk, and McNally. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2023-31. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to set the date of April 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the General Government proposed Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at Montville High School Auditorium and to set the date of April 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the Board of Education proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at Montville High School Auditorium. (Councilor McNally)

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

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

7. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Bunnell expressed that, while he is saddened by the changing of the colors, he is pleased with the passage of the resolution for the Class “A” Uniforms.

Councilor Caron is also pleased with the passage for the Class “A” Uniforms. He re-welcomed the new Chief of Police and expressed his pleasure in seeing Human Resources Director D’Amelia.

Councilor May is pleased with the progress with the tennis/pickleball courts.

Councilor Mandler thanked Human Resources Director D’Amelia, the new Chief of Police, and Lt. Radford for attending the meeting and providing their presentations.

Chairman McNally thanked everyone for attending this evening’s meeting on short notice.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Mandler, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 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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