

Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Montville Town Hall, Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairman May called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, May, Sabilia, Southard, and Yuchniuk. Absent was Councilor Caron. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell.

4. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – *none*

5. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2023-128. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize District HVAC Projects including: the Montville High School HVAC Project at a total cost of \$6,609,000.00 (six million six hundred nine thousand dollars), the Palmer Building HVAC project at a total cost of \$884,000.00 (eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars), the Mohegan Elementary School HVAC project at a total cost of \$2,535,500.00 (two million five hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars), the Oakdale Elementary School HVAC project at a total cost of \$2,999,000.00 (two million nine hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars), and the Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School HVAC Project at a total cost of \$2,472,500.00 (two million four hundred seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars) and to approve the local funding of \$6,609,000.00 (six million six hundred nine thousand dollars) for the Montville High School HVAC Project, \$884,000.00 (eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars) for the Palmer Building Project, \$2,535,500.00 (two million five hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars) for the Mohegan Elementary School Project, \$2,999,000.00 (two million nine hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars) for the Oakdale Elementary School project, and \$2,472,500.00 (two million four hundred seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars) for the Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School HVAC project based upon the Town's December 12, 2023 referendum and issuance of the bond which includes funding not to exceed \$15,500,000.00 (fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars) for the Montville Public Schools Air Conditioning Project. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2023-129. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the Montville Public School Superintendent to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grants at Montville High School, the Palmer Building, Mohegan Elementary School, Oakdale Elementary School and Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School for the HVAC Projects which include adding air conditioning to un-air-conditioned spaces at each of the named schools. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Southard, seconded by Councilor Lathrop. Discussion: A brief discussion was held regarding the resolution. Councilor Jaskiewicz questioned the wording, which appears to authorize the Superintendent to accept or reject the Grant. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2023-130. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to establish the Montville High School HVAC Project Building Committee, the Palmer Building HVAC Project Building Committee, the Mohegan Elementary School HVAC Project Building Committee, the Oakdale Elementary School HVAC Project Building Committee and the Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School HVAC Project Building Committee, each comprised of the Board of Education and the Superintendent, as the building committees for the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant for the Montville High School HVAC Project, the Palmer Building HVAC Project, the Mohegan Elementary School HVAC Project, the Oakdale Elementary School HVAC Project and the Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School HVAC Project. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: A brief discussion ensued regarding the members of the Committee which will oversee the project. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2023-131. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize at least the preparation of the schematic drawings and outline specifications necessary for the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant applications for the Montville High School HVAC Project, the Palmer Building HVAC Project, the Mohegan Elementary School HVAC Project, the Oakdale Elementary School HVAC Project and the Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School HVAC Project. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sabilia. Discussion: The Resolution will authorize the preparation of the schematic drawings and specifications necessary for the project to go out to bid. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2023-132. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023 in observance of the Christmas Holiday for non-essential personnel and to award four (4.0) hours paid time off for Essential Personnel who must remain on the job to be used by the end of January 2024. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Sabilia, seconded by Councilor Yuchniuk. Discussion: A similar observance was offered to the personnel the previous year. Appropriate notification, including signage, will be posted. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Jaskiewicz, Lathrop, Sabilia, Southard, Yuchniuk, and May. 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 Yuchniuk wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also noted that the holiday lights on Town Hall were not lit; Mayor Bunnell will investigate the matter.

Councilor Lathrop wished everyone a Happy Holidays and looks forward to the completion of the Schools' HVAC Project.

Councilor Sabilia wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and for everyone to enjoy their time with their friends and family. He looks forward to seeing everyone next year.

Mayor Bunnell reported that he was encouraged by a recent interview with an applicant for the Land Use and Development Director Position and he looks forward to receiving and

interviewing additional applicants. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and looks forward to seeing everyone next year.

Councilor Southard wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilor Jaskiewicz thanked everyone for taking part in this evening's open discussion and wished everyone much health and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairman May spoke concerning the reverse 9-1-1 system and instituting a promotional campaign for residents to sign up to receive notifications. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard, to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 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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