

**Town of Montville
 Meeting Minutes of Special Town Council Meeting
 Thursday, February 26, 2009
 6:45 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers
 310 Norwich New London Turnpike
 Uncasville, Connecticut 06382-2599**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Buebendorf called the Special Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones (6:50 p.m.), and Radgowski. Absent was Councilor Murphy. Also present were Mayor Jaskiewicz, WPCA Administrator Brian Lynch and WPCA Supervisor Michael Didato.
4. **Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda**

Kevin French, 12 Morgan Street spoke regarding the unaccounted for water discrepancy between the Town and Groton. He hopes there is a plan to get this issue under control and to account for all of the unaccounted for water.

5. Motion made by Councilor Geary, seconded by Councilor Caron to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #2009-016. The Town of Montville hereby resolves to approve the new water rates and fees for all water service located within the Town of Montville service area billed on and after March 1, 2009 as follows;

RATE SCHEDULE FOR ALL WATER SERVICE LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE SERVICE AREA BILLED ON AND AFTER MARCH 1, 2009

1. MONTHLY RATE IS THE SUM OF THE SERVICE CHARGE AND THE CONSUMPTION CHARGE.

- A. The monthly **service charge** is based on meter size and includes consumption charge for the first 2,000 gallons for monthly customers and 6,000 gallons for quarterly customers.

<u>Monthly Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Service charge</u>	<u>Quarterly Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly Service Charge</u>
3"	\$85.00	5/8"	\$30.00
4"	130.00	3/4"	30.00
8"	410.00	1"	30.00
10"	410.00	1 1/2"	80.00
12"	1,010.00	2"	155.00

- B. The monthly **consumption charge** is based on the number of gallons recorded on the meter during the billing period and is calculated in 1,000 increments in accordance with this Schedule:

<u>Monthly Consumption</u>	<u>Per 1,000 Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Quarterly Consumption</u>	<u>Per 1,000 Quarterly Charge</u>
0-2,000 gal.	N/C	0-6,000 gal.	N/C
2,000+	4.14	6,000+	4.14

2. HYDRANT AND FIRE SPRINKLER CHARGES

- A. Fire Sprinkler Service in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u>
2"	\$ 35 (residential sprinklers only)
3"	755

4"	755
6"	755
8"	755
10"	755

3. NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS

- A. New Account Administration Fee - \$35.00
- B. Service Connection operational charge - \$185 per unit
- C. Installation for residential corporation cock, copper feeder line, and curb stop - \$2,250

Discussion: none. Roll call vote: 5-0, voting in favor of adopting this resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary and Radgowski. Voting in opposition, none. All in favor, **resolution adopted.**

6. **Remarks from the Public** – none.

7. **Remarks from the Councilors**

Councilor Geary discussed the unaccounted for water issue, stating it is a valid issue and the WPCA is working to rectify the problem. He stated the meters are old and in need of replacement. A leak protection survey has been conducted by Southeast Connecticut Water Authority (SCWA).

Councilor Beetham stated the pipes in the Town of Montville are not older than twenty one years and wonders why they are in such poor shape.

(Councilor Jones arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

WPCA Administrator Brian Lynch discussed the State acceptable amount of unaccounted for water, stating the State considers fifteen percent an acceptable amount. He hopes the replacement of the meters in conjunction with the Town monitoring its own will help to cut back on the amount of water lost. He stated at this time the loss is the equivalent of thirty gallons of water per minute town wide. He agrees the Town needs to cut this down as the percentage of loss is much too high.

Councilor Beetham discussed meter readings before and after water comes into Montville from Groton.

Michael Didato discussed the meters between the two towns and indicated the numbers are off by four percent in favor of Groton. He discussed the meters and stated there is a need to establish a regular rate between the two towns.

Administrator Brian Lynch indicated there has been a smooth transition between SCWA and the Town so far. They have been very cooperative and helpful throughout the process. He hopes that once the Town starts to monitor its own meters there will be much less unaccounted for water. He does not anticipate any problems with the transition as SCWA has been very professional. He discussed sampling and sampling sites.

Councilor Geary discussed a meeting he and Mr. Siragusa attended with the advisory board.

Councilor Jones inquired if there is special certification required to read meters. Administrator Lynch indicated there is no certification required to read the water meters.

Councilor Beetham inquired regarding the Supreme Court ruling regarding expansion of the local casinos.

Mayor Jaskiewicz indicated he called the Attorney General regarding this issue and he hopes to get clarification soon.

8. Adjournment – Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Geary to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville