

**Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2009
6:00 PM – Town Council Chambers
Town Hall**

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Buebendorf called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz. Councilor Jones arrived after roll call.
4. Remarks by the Public

Mr. Vern Vessey, Building Inspector, addressed the Council and asked that the budget line item for the Building Inspector Salary not be decreased.

Mr. Dave Bottigliere, Old Colchester Road, addressed the Council and stated that the current budget is unfair to the tax payers in town that do not have children. The Board of Education budget should be reduced in order to assist the tax payers suffering financial difficulties and foreclosure.

Mr. Dana McFee, Leffingwell Road, addressed the Council and stated that roads need to be fixed and bridges should be repaired before giving more money to the Board of Education.

Mr. Dave Jetson, Building Department, Local #493 Shop Steward, addressed the Council and asked them not to cut the Building Department budget as this would mean a cut in jobs. Please consider the people behind the positions being cut.

Mr. Michael Hillsberg, Lisa Lane, addressed the Council and stated that 6:00 PM start time for a special meeting is not convenient. Mr. Hillsberg stated that the Public Works budget should not be cut, and also that the Town should be concerned with abiding by the compact made with the Mohegan tribe regarding Capital Improvements.

Ms. Sandra Berardy, Chair, Board of Education, addressed the Council and remarked that the Board of Education makes no apologies for wanting to have a good school system, and thanked the Council and Finance Committee for increasing the budget from the original proposal.

5. New Business

A. Resolution #2009-047. The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to adopt the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$25,311,424. **Motion** by Councilor Caron, Second by Councilor Radgowski. **Discussion:** **Motion** by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Jones to table this item until the State budget is adopted. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham and Jones. Opposed; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 2-5.** Chairperson Buebendorf called for a Roll Call Vote on the original resolution. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Beetham. **Resolution #2009-047 Adopted 6-1.**

B. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Whereas the Mayor has presented the budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas the Board of Education has presented a budget to the Town Council; and

Whereas the Town Council has caused to be published in a newspaper having circulation in the Town, a Notice of Public Hearings and a summary of the proposed budget estimates; and

Whereas the Town Council held Public Hearings on April 29, 2009, and April 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Charter of the Town of Montville.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the following budget on the estimated cost of current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2010, to be adopted as follows:

General Government	\$19,180,691.00
Board of Education	\$35,843,370.00
Capital Improvement	\$143,500.00
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	\$55,167,561.00

Motion by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Caron to amend the budget line item by line item. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Caron, Second by Councilor Murphy to increase the line item in the Mayor's budget for a Human Resources position (10310-51141) by \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilors Beetham and Jones. **Motion Carried 5-2.**

Motion by Councilor Radgowski, Second by Councilor Murphy to decrease the line item in the Legal Services budget for Land Use Matters (10340-52045) in the Mayor's proposed budget by \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars). **Discussion:** Finance Director Terry Fafard stated that this proposed budget decrease was only if the Planning & Zoning Department would be allowed to retain their own attorney. It has been clarified that they cannot use their own attorney, and must utilize the Town Attorney as directed by the Town Council. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilor Beetham. Opposed; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 1-6.**

Motion by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Caron to decrease the line item in the Town Hall/Central Service budget for Part-Time Clerical (10370-51075) in the Mayor's budget by \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars). **Discussion:** Mayor Jaskiewicz stated that this is for summer help and is a seasonal position. Previously there were three (3) part-time positions, and now there is only one (1). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Caron to decrease the line item in the Town Hall/Central Services budget for Training & Conferences (10370-53004) in the Mayor's budget by \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Radgowski to decrease the line item in the Information Technology budget for Hardware (10440-52054) in the Mayor's budget by \$9,500.00 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). **Discussion:** Councilor Murphy stated that originally three (3) servers were going to be replaced, but only two (2) will be replaced this year. Replacement of the third or any additional hardware will be re-addressed in next year's budget. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski to decrease the line item in the Registrars budget for the Registrar Clerk (10570-51056) in the Mayor's budget by \$18,165.00 (Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars). **Discussion:** **Motion** by Councilor Beetham to amend this Motion to decrease the line item by \$8,165.00. There was no second to this Motion. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilors Beetham and Jones. **Motion Carried 5-2.**

Motion by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Beetham to decrease the line item in the Building Inspector budget for the Building Inspector (10930-51061) in the Mayor's budget by \$47,215.00 (Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars). **Discussion:** Councilor Beetham stated that he is in favor of reducing this line item as the Building Inspector requested the increase for the purpose of additional help during the Montville Commons project, and this project is just about wrapped up. Councilor Jones stated that she is not in favor of this decrease as additional assistance will be needed in order to police the proposed Blighted Properties Ordinance. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf,

Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilor Jones. **Motion Carried 6-1.**

Motion by Councilor Caron, Second by Councilor Geary to decrease the line item in the Building Inspector budget for Reference Materials (10930-53024) in the Mayor's budget by \$400.00 (Four Hundred Dollars). **Discussion:** Councilor Caron stated that this was the Building Inspector's suggestion. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Caron, Second by Councilor Geary to decrease the line item in the Building Inspector budget for Equipment (10930-54000) in the Mayor's budget by \$600.00 (Six Hundred Dollars). **Discussion:** Councilor Caron stated that this was the Building Inspector's suggestion. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Motion by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Radgowski to increase the line item in the Board of Education budget for Board of Education expenses (10950-53051) in the Mayor's budget by \$67,555.00 (Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars). **Discussion:** Councilor Beetham inquired if the Board of Education has looked into buying generated energy as a way to reduce costs. Mr. David Erwin stated that the school system is currently part of a consortium. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; Councilors Beetham and Jones. **Motion Carried 5-2.**

Chairperson Buebendorf asked Councilors if there were any more comments or proposed amendments to the line items.

Motion by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Beetham to decrease the line item in the Public Works budget for Seasonal Help (10910-51130) in the Mayor's budget by \$12,000.00 (Twelve Thousand Dollars). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham and Jones. Opposed; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 2-5.**

Motion by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Beetham to decrease the line item in the Public Works budget for Cellular Phone (10910-53060) in the Mayor's budget by \$4,150.00 (Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham and Jones. Opposed; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 2-5.**

Motion by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Beetham to decrease all line items under Fair Oaks (10770) by 50%. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilor Jones. Opposed; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 1-6.**

Motion by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Jones to decrease the line item in the Public Works budget for Diesel Fuel (10910-52004) in the Mayor's budget by \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilor Beetham. Opposed; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 1-6.**

Motion by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Jones to decrease the line item in the Finance budget for Finance Director Salary by \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars). **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilor Beetham. Opposed; Councilors Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. **Motion Fails 1-6.**

There being no additional comments or amendments to line items, Chairperson Buebendorf called for a recess. **Motion** by Councilor Murphy, Second by Councilor Geary to take a recess. The Council recessed at 7:41 PM; they returned at 7:56 PM.

Motion by Councilor Caron, Second by Councilor Geary to approve all amendments made to the main motion. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the following budget on the estimated cost of current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2010, to be adopted as follows:

General Government	\$19,129,311.00
Board of Education	\$35,910,925.00
Capital Improvement	\$143,500.00
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	\$55,183,736.00

Resolution #2009-048. The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to adopt the amended budget on the estimated current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2010. **Motion** by Councilor Geary, Second by Councilor Caron. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-048 Adopted 7-0.**

C. Resolution #2009-049. The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to set the mill rate for the 2009-2010 fiscal year at 21.42 mills. **Motion** by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Geary. **Discussion:** **Motion** by Councilor Beetham, Second by Councilor Geary to amend the mill rate to 21.43 mills. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0.** Chairperson Buebendorf called for a roll call vote on the original Motion as amended. **Roll Call Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Resolution #2009-049 Adopted 7-0 to set the Mill Rate at 21.43.**

6. Remarks from the Public – None.

7. Remarks from Councilors

Councilor Geary thanked the members of the Finance Committee and everyone involved in the budget process for their hard work.

Councilor Jones thanked everyone for their hard work and remarked that she wished more cuts were made, but that she supports the Council's decisions as a whole.

Councilor Beetham remarked that he hopes that the State budget doesn't cut much more from the Town budget because there are harder times ahead.

Councilor Murphy thanked the Mayor, his staff, the Finance Department and Finance Committee for their hard work in making difficult decisions. He hopes the Town can find ways of getting more money through grants and/or State funding.

Councilor Caron thanked the Mayor, Finance Department and Finance Committee for their hard work in making difficult decisions. He thanked the Councilors for sending in comments and attending the Finance Committee meetings.

Mayor Jaskiewicz thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work and acknowledged the difficult choices that were made.

Chairperson Buebendorf thanked everyone for their hard work in this process, and remarked that the overall budget has decreased from last year.

8. Adjournment – **Motion** made by Councilor Jones, Second by Councilor Radgowski, to adjourn the meeting. **Voice Vote:** In Favor; Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Geary, Jones, Murphy and Radgowski. Opposed; None. **Motion Carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sandra Anderson CPS
Minutes Clerk
Montville Town Council