

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2016 - 6:00 PM**  
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to order.

Chairman Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Elizabeth Adams, Gary Allyn, Michael Doherty, James Moran, and Chairman David Jetmore. Also present Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Mayor Ronald McDaniel, Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner, and Oakdale Fire Chief Gary Murphy. Commissioner Karen Perkins was absent. A quorum was present and the Commission has one vacancy.

4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- None

5. Communications: Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police, Animal Control and Building Official.

Commissioner Jetmore asked if there were questions concerning the reports. It was stated that the report from Animal Control was sent electronically late this afternoon. The Fire Marshal is out on medical leave until next week.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016, as written. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 5-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items—three-minute limit).

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. Oakdale Fire Chief Gary Murphy remarked about Item 11a of the agenda stating that it would set a bad precedent for the fire departments to be dispatched to calls for car accidents with no reported injuries. He said that it was not the job of the Commission to set policy for the fire departments. Chief Murphy also stated that there are a lot of responses from cell phone callers and that the dispatchers can discern from the persons who call the severity of the situations. Further, Chief Murphy said that the issue in questions should have discussed among the fire chiefs adding that he did speak with Chief Turner, who he said was also not in favor of a change

to the policy that is in place now and has been in existence for many years. He also stated that all policies are reviewed by the fire chiefs annually. Chair D. Jetmore commented that the topic was brought up by Chief Truex at the last Commission meeting.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Report

Per the electronic monthly statistics report submitted by Lt. Bunnell for the police department, there were 1415 calls for service during September 2016. Lt. Bunnell then reported to the Commission on the following:

- Per the Quality of Life investigation proposed by Mayor McDaniel, he reported on the accomplishments of ongoing investigations of narcotic activity. He stated the Department is in a much better position to deal with sizable events now that staffing is close to where it should be, but he would be looking for more staffing in the new year. He also praised the tips from the public have helped the cause. Commissioner Jetmore asked about other agencies involved in the narcotics investigations. Lt. Bunnell responded that the State Police and Statewide Narcotics were involved as well at the Town PD that was involved from the start of investigation.
- As for staffing, two (2) trainees are close to the end of their field training; two (2) trainees are near completion at the Academy. Responding to Commissioner Moran, Lt. Bunnell stated that the FTO period is 16 weeks.
- Trick or Trunk will take place on Saturday, October 29 and the commissioners were invited to attend. The Montville Lions Club will help with parking with voluntary fire and police personnel.
- At the November 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, field training officers will be recognized for their efforts.
- The new radar sign has been delivered and will be put into place to monitor traffic and speed.

Fire Department Report No Report

Animal Control Report

The Animal Control Activity Report for September 2016 is as follows:

Animals Impounded	28
Animals Sold as Pets	6
Animals D.O.A.	1
Animals Euthanized	1
Complaints Investigated	75

Animal Bites Investigated	2
Infractions/Summons	1
Animals Impounded to Date – FY 2016-2017 (July 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> )	48

Building Report – None

9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons. -- None

10. Unfinished Business.

- a. Consideration and action upon the report and findings of the Sub-committee's meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan. (*Update*).

Reporting will be delayed until Commissioner Perkins returns.

- b. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with district fire houses. (*Update*).

Mayor McDaniel that agreements have been drafted but review of insurance requirements continues. Since the proposed agreement is new, the Fire Marshal and the Fire Chiefs will review the agreements, as well.

- c. Administration of Nasal and/or Injectable Naloxone. (*Update*).

Lt. Bunnell the Naloxone policy is still developing and is pending approval from the State.

11. New Business.

- a. Consideration and action regarding Fire Department dispatch to calls for car accidents calls with no reported injuries.

Commissioner Jetmore stated that he would concede to Fire Chief Murphy's years of service concerning the issue. Commissioner Allyn asked whether the dispatch was using the triage method for calls (interview process of calls) as that is what is dependable. Mayor McDaniel commented that he had a message from Fire Marshal Occhialini who was concerned about the matter and said there was no support by the other fire chiefs for it. Commissioner Doherty commented that since the matter was brought to the Commission that it should fall back to the chiefs for consideration.

- b. Consideration and action to approve the Commission 2017 Meeting Schedule at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month and forward it to the Town Clerk no later than January 31, 2017. (*See attached Schedule A*)

Motion by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Commission 2017 Meeting Schedule at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month and forward it to the Town Clerk no later than January 31, 2017. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 5-0; all in favor.

Commissioner Jetmore asked the commissioners to email him if they were unable to attend the meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Moran commented that he would be away and unable to attend the December 19<sup>th</sup>.

12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).

Commissioner Jetmore asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel passed around a card of thanks send in praise of the Montville PD. He also said that he hoped everyone would be able to attend the Town Council meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> when the officers in the Field Training Program would be recognized. Mayor McDaniel also mentioned Trick or Trunk on October 28<sup>th</sup> and also praised the Police Department for their recent narcotics busts.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner remarked on the upcoming Trick or Trunk event. She reported on the recent Parks & Recreation meeting she attended where discussion involved a dog issue around the park. She said consideration is being given to closing the fields at 11 p.m. and requesting police patrol of them. L. Tanner also mentioned there was also a break-in at the concessions stand and camera installation may be an option.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Doherty commented on the quick police response when his home alarm went off. Commissioner Adams praised Officer Moorehead for installing a car seat in her vehicle and her discussion about safety vests for with the children that were with her. Fire Chief Murphy reported on the rescue by a firefighter of the occupant of a vehicle that had gone into Oxoboxo Lake. He deemed that the firefighter should be honored with a lifesaving medal or citation from the Town and that the firefighter be considered for State recognition, as well. Chief Murphy hopes to have the recognition by next month. Commissioner Jetmore spoke highly of Public Safety Day that he described as well done with the Police Department, Officer Molly, and Town Councilor Bill Caron present along with a bike safety demonstration. He also mentioned the JRB program that was reported

on in *The Day*. He emphasized that the Montville Youth Services has its own Juvenile Review Board (JRB).

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 5-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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