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**Town of Montville
Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 23, 2009 -7:00 p.m.
Town Hall - Town Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Jetmore called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call – Present were Commissioners Allyn, Baxter, Jetmore, Wehner (7:10 p.m.) and Wojcik.

Chairman Jetmore started the meeting by stating his thoughts and prayers are with the police officers involved in the tragedy on the west coast and he hopes they are able to recover from this horrible tragedy.

4. Motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Allyn to approve the meeting minutes of the February 23, 2009 regular meeting with the following correction: Item #15 motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Scott. Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor, minutes approved as amended.

5. Communications – Chairman Jetmore discussed a correspondence regarding the proposed Public Safety budget indicating the budget was cut in the amount of three hundred dollars from the conferences/training line item.

6. Remarks from the Public – none.

7. Remarks from Department Heads

Lt. Bunnell distributed the statistics report for the months of January and February. He discussed progress to date with the new hire, stating there are two active applicants for one job vacancy. He discussed the possibility of a grant that would fund the hire of two additional police officers and the stipulations attached to the grant.

Commissioner Wehner inquired if Lt. Bunnell had looked into the cost of the installation of a camera on the radar trailer. Lt. Bunnell indicated he had not but will get the information requested for the next meeting.

Commissioner Allyn inquired regarding the status of the new Public Safety building. Lt. Bunnell indicated they are waiting for funding for the project. An engineered building plan, a location, flagging, and traffic studies are already in place and the project is shovel ready if and when the funding is available. He does not believe funding is available for this project from the stimulus plan.

8. Reports from Committees – none.
- a. Reports from Public Safety Commission Liaisons – none.
9. Old Business – none.
10. New Business - none.
11. Remarks from the Public

Jonathan Harvey, Simpson Lane, spoke regarding the dangerous intersection at Raymond Hill Road. He indicated it is currently a two way stop, but stated people drive way too fast and cut the corner making it dangerous to oncoming traffic. He stated his wife was in a head on collision and there has been a fatality at the same location. He suggested a three way stop with the installation of an additional stop sign. He discussed the limited visibility coming around the corner of the two way stop stating the site line is blocked.

Ron Ewen, 526 Fitch Hill Road, spoke regarding the dangerous situation near his home with cars traveling at high rates of speed. He stated it is difficult to exit his driveway and suggested the installation of an additional stop sign to reduce speed in this area. He asked the Commission for their help with reducing the speed on the eastbound land of Raymond Hill.

Lt. Bunnell stated the State does not allow the police department to install stop signs to reduce speed. He stated the best way to reduce the speed is to enforce the area and he will do so. He asked the residents to give him time to allow the police to make themselves visible in this area and to give them a chance to enforce the area to control the speed before other action is taken. He believes this will slow residents down once they see the police are ticketing for speed violations.

12. Remarks from Mayor Jaskiewicz – Mayor Jaskiewicz was not present for comment.
13. Remarks from Town Council Liaison – Ed Radgowski was not present for comment.

Chairman Jetmore inquired if Councilor Geary would like to address the Commission.

Councilor Geary attested to the fact the Raymond Hill intersection is dangerous to drive through. He stated he travels this road frequently to visit the Randy Lane Cemetery.

14. Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Allyn discussed the reimbursement of the upfront grant money to the fire stations. He suggested a letter go out to the Fire Chiefs indicating they inform the Public Safety Commission when they are applying for a grant so the Commission can request reimbursement from the Town Council. He discussed being pro-active instead of re-active so the Town does not lose out on funding from grants.

Commissioner Wehner discussed a lock down drill he attended at the Oakdale School, stating it was time well spent and they did a great job.

Commissioner Jetmore thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioners Baxter and Wojcik did not comment.

15. Motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Allyn to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville