

**Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 23, 2011
Town Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall**

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, Butterworth, Jetmore, McNally, Moran and Wehner. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz and Town Council Liaison Candy Buebendorf.

4. Amendments to the Agenda – none.

5. Communications

A document was added to the Commission packet regarding the Mayor's request to look into the make up of the Commission to determine if it is properly balanced with the correct number of each political party as required in Section 9-167a. The Public Safety Commission has seven members, five affiliated Republican and two Unaffiliated. The make up of the Commission falls within the proper representation with a maximum of five members of the same political party.

6. Approval of the April 25, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner McNally, seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the April 25, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Executive Session – none.

8. Remarks from the Public

Mr. Bryce Wilkins, 21 Sparrow Court, discussed 11 (d) the lease purchase of the M-41 fire engine. He stated he has a presentation to give to the Commission at the appropriate time during the meeting and he is speaking in favor of the purchase, stating the engine is getting older and there have been more and more problems with the engine as time goes on.

Chairman Jetmore inquired three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to come forward to address the Commission.

9. Remarks from Department Heads

Fire Marshal, Ray Occhialini distributed copies of his monthly report to the Commission members. During the month of April the first due call breakdown was as follows; Chesterfield with fourteen, Montville with eighty four, Mohegan with seventy nine and Oakdale with fifty one. There were six out of town calls with a total of two hundred and thirty four first due calls dispatched out of the center, one hundred and seventy six were ambulance calls at seventy five point two percent of the calls. There were several fire losses during the month including a shed fire, and two houses hit by lightning. He is working on several projects including the Fair Oaks renovations, the Dinosaur Museum building, the Mohegan Sun employee gas station, Oakdale Pizza, and the Public Safety Building. There were approximately fifty inspections and three fire investigations during the month. He has met with the Police Chief in Waterford regarding the Millstone traffic plan regarding the comments gathered at the last drill in lieu of their proposal to re-do the Millstone evacuation plan. Comments included GPS systems and a revised evacuation route. On June 21st at 1:30 p.m. the Regional Dispatch Committee will hold a power point presentation. He hopes to give a presentation to the Town Council regarding the findings at the July meeting. The Public Safety building is out to bid with a mid-July start date, the bid packages are out and the closing date is mid June.

Lt. Bunnell, Montville Police Department discussed the statistic report for the month of April. He reviewed the totals with the Commission, stating total calls up to this year is twenty six hundred and ninety three calls for service, this does not include administrative calls. For the month of April alone there were one hundred and eighty three administrative tasks, four hundred and eight to date for type one calls, these are calls that require more than an officer response, there are follow ups and continued investigations leading to an arrest. Motor vehicle accidents are considered type one calls because they require follow up investigations. There have been two hundred and seventeen arrests to date this year, the police officers have been busy. He discussed the parade, stating it went well with a good turnout. There were seven fire police officers helping out for the event and he thanked them for all their help, they did a great job and the parade was a success due in part to their help. Public Works did a great job getting the cones, barricades and ropes out and collecting them after the parade. The bids for the Public Safety building are due in mid June and there will be an informational meeting the second week of June to allow the contractors to visit the site and ask questions regarding the construction. The Building Committee is doing a great job and everything is on track and moving forward. The MADD Awards are due out and six officers were nominated this year. Protocol has changed this year and there will only be two nominees, Officer Addison Saffiatti and Officer Gary Aldenzi. He commended both of the officers for successful arrests and pro-activity on their part to keep the community safe. There have been no fatal accidents this year due in part to their diligence. Officer Condash has ten weeks to his graduation and Lt. Bunnell will let the Commission know when the graduation will be held. Pappy's Run is scheduled for Sunday, May 29, 2011 and Sgt. Collins has toured the route and made the final preparations. The Town of Sprague will

not be included in the route this year. The run procession is scheduled to arrive in Montville around 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Jetmore stated the monthly report from Animal Control, Montville, Chesterfield and Mohegan Fire Companies have been submitted for review.

10. Reports from Committees and Public Safety Liaisons

Commissioner Allyn stated he met with the Finance Committee to present remarks related to the Public Safety Plan proposal. He discussed the timeline for the Plan to date and discussed the process as of today. He answered the questions asked by the Committee, he has since read the meeting minutes of the meeting and they included a motion to remove the fifty thousand from the budget but the motion did not get a second and the money is still included in the proposed budget for approval by the Town Council.

Chairman Jetmore thanked the Mayor for his help in moving the Plan forward and stated the Commission should think about appointing a committee to look into the scope of the project.

Commissioner Allyn stated a stake holder group should sit down to decide what the scope of the project is going to be, a sub-committee can determine the scope of the project followed by the RFP once the money is in the budget.

Councilor Buebendorf encouraged the Commission members to attend the Wednesday night meeting of the Town Council to speak regarding the funding for the Public Safety Plan and advocate for its approval.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Update/Discussion regarding progress of the Public Safety Building complex.

Lt. Bunnell discussed the progress of the Public Safety building complex under his report. Chairman Jetmore stated the next meeting will be held on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. if anyone is interested in attending the meeting.

b. Update/Discussion regarding the hire of a firefighter for the Town of Montville.

Commissioner Allyn stated the written test is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. There are thirteen candidates qualified for the position that will be taking the test. There were three applicants that did not meet the requirements and will not be taking the test.

c. Discussion regarding status of funding for the Public Safety Plan for the Town of Montville.

Chairman Jetmore thanked Commissioner Allyn for all his hard work on the Plan. Commissioner Allyn stated the representatives from the Public Safety Commission that will be participating in the sub-committee need to be selected and then they can reach out to the different disciplines that are represented according to the Charter that the Commission has a charge over. The sub-committee will require representatives from those entities to be involved with the work group. Commissioners Allyn will head up the sub-committee and Commissioners Loiler, McNally and Jetmore volunteered to help out with the sub-committee.

d. Discussion regarding the lease/purchase of an M-41 fire truck.

Mayor Jaskiewicz discussed the lease purchase proposal in the Capital budget, stating there is still the option to buy the fire truck, or bond for the fire truck. He discussed the General Fund, stating it is down from the eight percent required and although the lease purchase may cost more than an outright purchase but intent is to spread the payment out over time. The lease purchase is a recommendation and is ultimately up to the Town Council to determine the payment options for the purchase of the fire truck if it is approved.

Mr. Bryce Wilkins, Deputy Chief of the Oakdale Fire Company distributed copies of the preliminary draft specifications for the M-41 fire truck replacement from the SMEAL Company and Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. He indicated he has researched various companies over the past two months to come up with an apparatus that is functional today, will be functional in the future and at the same time fiscally responsible to the Town of Montville. The proposed fire engine will be a middle of the road engine that will suit the needs of the town. He discussed the comparisons between the two and stated they are close in comparison in price, specifications, and overall service and quality. Both companies are bid ready and the cost of the fire engine will be approximately five hundred and twenty thousand dollars. The Town Council has scheduled a budget meeting for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 where a determination will be made as to how the fire truck will be financed if it is approved. Mayor Jaskiewicz discussed bonding options for the purchase of the fire truck.

12. New Business – none.

13. Remarks from the Public

Lt. Bunnell, 5 Little John Drive discussed the Finance Committee meeting and commended Commissioner Allyn for his outstanding and professional manner in representing the Commission. He urged the Commission to attend the budget meeting to speak in favor of the funding for the Public Safety Plan.

Chairman Jetmore asked three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to come forward to address the Commission.

14. Remarks from the Mayor

Mayor Jaskiewicz encouraged all Department Heads to attend the budget meeting on Wednesday. He thanked all the Public Safety personnel, police, fire, fire police and EMS for the service they do, he stated the Town of Montville is lucky to have great volunteers and full time firemen who do a great job for the town. He thanked for all the parade help, stating he was out of town at a wedding and was unable to attend the parade. He thanked the Commission for all their help with the budget, stating the Department Heads did a great job with their individual departments. He discussed the Capital Plan, stating next year there may be a Capital Committee if they get organized. The Route 32 project is scheduled for August through November and the Mohegan Pequot Bridge repairs will start on the fifteenth of June with a completion date in two weeks. The work will be done during the night time hours with one lane open during construction.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf

Councilor Buebendorf encouraged the Commission members to attend the meeting on Wednesday to speak on behalf of the need for a fire truck and a Public Safety Plan. She thanked the fire and police for all their work and for everything they do for the Town. The Memorial Day Parade went well, was well organized and she thanked everyone who participated in making it such a success.

16. Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner McNally wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Commissioner Wehner stated the Memorial Day Parade ceremony was a success and very well organized. The parade Marshall made one of the best speeches he has ever heard at a ceremony and it was an excellent program. He was disappointed the grass at the Town Hall was not mowed prior to the parade. The parade was a great showing and a point of pride for the Town.

17. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Butterworth, seconded by Commissioner Loiler to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville