

Meeting of Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 3, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
Room 102 – Town Hall

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice chairman McNally assumed the role due to the potential for Comm. Jetmore having to step out of the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were: Commissioners Loiler, McNally, Wehner, Jetmore, Allyn, Butterworth and Moran. Also present was Mayor Ron McDaniel and Council Liaison Candy Buebendorf.

4. Remarks from the Public

Gary Murphy, Chief of Oakdale Vol. Fire. Co. discussed his budget. He also spoke on the Public Safety Plan. He thought that the portion on training was unfairly presented. He suggested to Almont to meet with his training officer. He explained how three members from Almont came, but didn't meet with training officer. His final remarks regarded his ambulance and how he disagreed with the way the PS Plan outlined the ambulance portion.

5. Review, approve and forward budgets.

Chief Murphy presented Oakdale Fire Company's budget. In 2010/11 \$158,041 was spent to operate his dept. His department is looking for appx.\$1000 reduction to \$87,400 due to electricity and heat reductions from "sealing the place up", insulation and upgraded lighting. Comm. Allyn asked about funds for training and Chief Murphy responded that a lot of his funding comes from grants such as the Safer Grant.

Motion made by Comm. Moran, seconded by Comm. Loiler to approve/forward Co #4 budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Chief Truex presented Chesterfield Fire Company's budget. It was a 0% increase at \$88,880, the same as the last 2 years. He followed up his presentation with a discussion on his FD's "wish list items."

Motion made by Comm. Moran, seconded by Comm. Jetmore to approve/forward Co #3 budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The Chief of Mohegan or a designee was not present to present their budget. However a copy was submitted and they requested an increase of \$2,851 to \$97,930. No further discussion.

Motion made by Comm. Jetmore, seconded by Comm. Moran to approve/forward Co #2 budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The Chief of Montville or a designee was not present to present their budget. However a copy was submitted and it was a 0% increase at \$97,355. No further discussion.

Motion made by Comm. Wehner, seconded by Comm. Jetmore to approve/forward Co #1 budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The Fire Marshal, Ray Occhialini presented his budgets: 0% increase for Dispatch, 0% increase for Emergency Management, and 0% increase for the Fire Marshal's Office.

Motion made by Comm. Moran, seconded by Comm. Butterworth to approve/forward the Fire Marshal's budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Lt. Bunnell presented the Police Budget of \$2,023,826. A few highlights included a new officer at an increase of \$47,320 and a clerk for an increase of \$31,320 for the new PS building. There was a discussion on adding a F/T custodian to clean/maintain building. The PS Comm. added \$36,000 to the presented budget to fund that position. McNally inquired about expenses for the new building such as natural gas and electricity. There was further discussion on a P/T officer and police vehicles. There was discussion on capital items including new cruisers and a new boat.

Comm. Allyn wants to see all line items in budget. Comm. Wehner further discussed a janitor and comparison of the new and old buildings and accounting for objects in the budget such as sewer and water. Sgt. Martinez endorsed a F/T Janitor to maintain the entire new building. Also spoke on a F/T clerk on days to deal with the public as the secretary at existing building is already busy in her current role. Comm. Jetmore commented on O/T line item and Lt. Bunnell held a follow-up discussion relative to overtime. Sgt. Martinez/Comm. Wehner validated the expense.

Motion to approve \$2,059,826 made by Comm. Moran, seconded by Comm. Wehner to approve/forward the Police Budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The Building Inspector or his designee was not present, however Building Department budget was submitted at 0% except for contraction obligations.

Motion made by Comm. Jetmore, seconded by Comm. Butterworth to approve/forward the Building Department Budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

The Capital improvement for the Fire Departments was spoken on by Chief Truex. He spoke on buying aging police cars in the past with funds allocated for the fire departments. He explained there should be \$300k set aside for the next 4 years for vehicle replacement, \$60k for 4 years for

turnout gear replacement, and \$50k for airpack replacement. He then explained that “it’s not the mileage it’s the age” when considering replacing these necessities. Chief Truex stated that he believed there should be \$20,000 leftover in the capital fund that should be used to purchase 2 sets of turnout gear for each of the 4 companies.

Motion made by Comm. Butterworth, seconded by Comm. Moran to approve/forward to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Although the Dog Warden was not present, her budget indicated an appx. \$1200 increase to cover increased costs with: Asst’s. salaries, propane, telephone and licenses.

Motion made by Comm. Jetmore, seconded by Comm. Butterworth to approve/forward the Animal Control Budget to the finance director. Vote 7-0 in favor.

6. Meeting Dates for 2013.

Jan. 28, 2013, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, and Dec. 16. The meeting for May and December are schedule for one week earlier due to Memorial Day and Christmas. All Meetings are scheduled for 7 pm in Council Chamber at Montville Town Hall.

Motion made by Comm. Butterworth, seconded by Comm. Jetmore to set the meeting dates. Vote 7-0 in favor.

7. Communications

Linda Nott, Montville Police Secretary received a written commendation from a resident in town.

8. New Business: a. sub-comm. For PS Plan.

Comm. Jetmore suggested that Commissioners Wehner, Moran and Jetmore represent the Police/ACO and that Commissioners Allyn, McNally and Loiler represent the Fire/Building Departments. Comm. McNally reiterated it would be a long term process and suggested assigning a spokesman to represent each group. No meeting dates were established but those involved in the new sub-committee (s) would be apprised of any new developments ie meeting dates. Council Liaison Buebendorf asked to be included in these committees.

Motion made by Comm. Moran, seconded by Comm. Loiler to establish a sub- committee for the Public Safety Plan. Vote 7-0 in favor.

9. Remarks from the Public.

Chief Keith Truex spoke on the lack of getting the appropriate information out to Department Heads relative to whom to send budget proposals to by December 1st. He reiterated many of Chief Murphy’s issues with the PS Plan relative to the study in general, training, records, etc.

Mayor McDaniel explained how he clarified the FD training issue at the last Special Meeting with Almont. Comm. Wehner reiterated the training piece and also suggested that the town should be maintaining a records database.

10. Remarks from the Commissioners.

Comm. Loiler thanked all for attending. Comm. Butterworth touched on FD air pack expenses and FD member retention. Council Liaison Buebendorf is looking forward to the PS Plan work. Comm. Moran likes the positive momentum and thinks it is a good thing. Comm. Jetmore pointed out that the group has their work cut out for them and touched on good communication. Mayor McDaniel talked about the plan being an interesting process and how he's looking forward to moving toward the goal.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Steven Loiler, Acting Recording Secretary