

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
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**Town of Montville
Public Safety Commission –Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 28, 2010 -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 Jetmore, Loiler, McNally and Moran. Absent were Commissioners Allyn, Butterworth and Wehner. Also present was Sgt. Collins, Resident State Trooper, Town Council Liaison Candy Buebendorf and Mayor Jaskiewicz.

4. Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner McNally, seconded by Commissioner Loiler to approve the meeting minutes of the May 24, 2010 regular meeting as submitted. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Communications – none.

6. Remarks from the Public – none.

7. Remarks from Department Heads

Sgt. Collins stated Lt. Bunnell is unable to attend the meeting because he is covering a shift at the Police Department. He discussed new recruit and hiring status, stating the department is down five officers. There is currently one recruit in the academy and interviews are scheduled for this week for additional candidates. He explained the Town of Montville has secured two seats in the Academy for the fall and these recruits will be ready for duty in the spring. He stated the department has been very busy keeping up with requests for service, speeding issues, investigations and routine calls but they have been continuing to give the residents of Montville the great service they deserve.

Mayor Jaskiewicz encouraged the Commission to write a letter to the Town Council expressing the need to hire officers to bring the force back to the original twenty four as approved by the Town. He stated these positions need to be filled, they are existing positions and they are vital to the police force. He discussed over time issues caused by the lack of staff, stating officers must work overtime to cover shifts of the vacant positions. Sgt. Collins stated during times of economic difficulty the police see an increase in crimes such as theft and domestic violence and road rage, and keeping the staffing level at twenty four would help out tremendously.

Motion made by Commissioner McNally, seconded by Commissioner Loiler to authorize Chairman Jetmore to write a letter on behalf of the Public Safety Commission encouraging the Town Council to maintain the number of police officers on staff at twenty four and not to cut positions from the budget this year. Discussion: Mayor Jaskiewicz stated this is not creating new positions, it is simply maintaining a level of staffing that already exists. Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Reports from Committees

a. Reports from Public Safety Commission Liaisons

Chairman Jetmore stated the Building Committee continues to meet on Thursday evenings and is moving along with the floor plan and building design. He stated there has been good progress made to date.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion Regarding the Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan for 2010-2011.

Mayor Jaskiewicz discussed possible cuts to the Capital Plan this year and the possible use of money from the Capital Plan to offset costs instead of considering layoffs. He stated there is a budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday and encouraged anyone who is interested in speaking to attend.

b. Discussion regarding re-assignment of liaisons

Chairman Jetmore stated this item should be addressed when there are more members present and suggested this item be placed on the agenda for next month.

c. Discussion Regarding Public Safety Liaison Roles and Responsibilities

Chairman Jetmore encouraged the Commission members to write down any questions or concerns they may have for discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

d. Discussion Regarding Fire Prevention Code Fees

Chairman Jetmore stated this item was discussed with Mr. Occhialini at a previous meeting and can be removed from the agenda.

e. Discussion Regarding Public Safety Policy and Procedures

Chairman Jetmore suggested the Commission discuss this issue at the next regularly scheduled meeting when there are more members present for the discussion.

f. Discussion Regarding Annual Budget Policy

Chairman Jetmore suggested this item be placed on the next regularly scheduled agenda for discussion when there are more members present for discussion.

g. Discussion and vote regarding the MOU between Town and NCIS for use of their "Linx"

Sgt. Collins discussed the proposal with the Commission, stating NCIS is willing to donate the first upgrade and hookup to the system to the Town at no cost. This system will allow the police officers access to information, intelligence, pictures, and criminal background from all over the country that they do not have at this time. This will allow the police officers to reach out to other agencies and to share information to help with solving crimes. It is an outstanding tool to counter crime and stated it is an asset to the residents of Montville. This technology has been a long time coming and will be an invaluable tool for crime fighting. He recommends the Commission send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council for the installation of this program at no cost to the Town.

Motion made by Commissioner Loiler, seconded by Commissioner McNally to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council for the implementation of the Eastern Connecticut Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX) in the Town of Montville. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

10. New Business – none.

11. Remarks from the Public – none.

12. Remarks from Mayor Jaskiewicz

Mayor Jaskiewicz encouraged the Commission to submit the letter to the Town Council on Wednesday at their budget meeting regarding maintaining the police force at twenty four police officers. He commended the Public Safety Building Committee for a job well done, stating he appreciates their hard work and many hours of service. He discussed a meeting he had with the Commissioner of the State regarding the sex offender facility proposed for the Town of Montville. He stated the meeting was taped and he will make it available to anyone who would like to see it on Channel 20. He indicated it was a good

meeting and everyone was polite. He stated he continues to do the best he can do. He discussed the repairs to the Oxoboxo Lake Bridge, stating the road will be closed from July 6 through August 21, 2010 in order to get the bulk of the repairs to the bridge completed. He discussed fire protection issues and stated he will propose a plan that will not jeopardize fire safety for anyone on either side of the bridge.

Sgt. Collins stated there will be police presence on the detour route to discourage speeding through the residential neighborhoods while the detour is in place.

13. Remarks from Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf

Councilor Buebendorf encouraged the members of the Public Safety Commission to attend the budget meeting on Wednesday and to speak regarding issues they feel are important to them.

14. Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Moran did not have anything to comment.
Commissioner McNally wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.
Commissioner Jetmore wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.
Commissioner Loiler wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner McNally, seconded by Commissioner Loiler to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Discussion, none. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville