

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, September 26, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.  
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman McNally called the special meeting of the Public Safety Commission to order at 6:01 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

2. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Allyn, Loiler, Moran, Wehner (6:05 p.m.) and McNally. Absent were Chairman Jetmore and Commissioner Butterworth. Also present was Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Remarks from the public regarding items on the agenda with a three minute limit.

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

5. Special Recognitions/Presentations

a. A presentation by a representative of HD Segur Insurance Company regarding Town Risk Insurance and its benefits to the Town of Montville as it relates to Public Safety.

Mr. Luc-John Pentz, ARM, MBA, CPSI, Safety and Risk Management Specialist, H.D. Segur Insurance was present to speak with the Commission regarding the Town's Risk Insurance. He stated he is the agent for the Town of Montville that specializes in risk management and cost control. He distributed information from the company for the Commissioners to review. He discussed and introduced all of the key players of the company and the role each plays in the company as well as his background and certifications relating to the job. He reviewed comparable towns he has worked with over the years and discussed additional services the company offers to the towns the company is working with at no cost that other companies do not offer. He discussed the various services his company provides as a benefit with cost savings to the town. He discussed mock OSHA inspections, third party specialized services, defensive driver training, Workers Compensation claims and how to reduce the number of claims submitted, regular and ongoing training for safe lifting for employees to reduce injuries, and the claims management process. He stated the company represents approximately seventy towns, cities, and private fire departments and stated HD Segur

Insurance has been in business since 1890 and has built solid relationships over the years. The Commissioners asked questions that were answered by Mr. Pentz. A discussion was held regarding training procedures and specialized services available to the town. He discussed site specific training and how it benefits each individual town's needs. He discussed worker's compensation for volunteer firefighters at the request of Commissioner Wehner and stated if an injury occurs while on duty as a volunteer firefighter each individual should be covered but he stated he will investigate if there are policy/coverage gaps if there is a request to do so. Commissioner Wehner stated volunteers should not have to provide their own insurance coverage if they are working for the town on a volunteer basis. He asked for clarification for where and when the individual is covered and expressed concern regarding how to best cover the individuals who are volunteering for the town. The Commission has concerns regarding the welfare of the families and individuals who are volunteering for the town. He discussed work related injuries and stated Connecticut is an employee friendly state and is easier to work with than most states. The Town of Montville has saved significant money switching to HD Segur Insurance over the previous insurance carrier. He did not have specific answers regarding the Worker's Compensation concerns discussed by the Commissioners so he offered the Commissioners Mr. Sumberg's contact information so they can contact him with any questions or concerns they may have as it relates to the volunteer firefighters and their Worker's Compensation concerns.

There being no more questions or comments the Commissioners thanked Mr. Penz for attending the meeting.

6. New Business – none.

7. Old Business – none.

8. Remarks from the public

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

9. Remarks from the Commissioners – none.

10. Remarks from the Mayor

Mayor Jaskiewicz was not present for discussion.

11. Remarks from Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf – none.

12. Adjournment

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Motion made by Commissioner Loiler, seconded by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville