

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 25, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the request of Chairman Jetmore after a quorum was established. Chairman Jetmore explained that he is on call and there is a possibility he may be called out of the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Butterworth, Jetmore, Loiler, McNally and Wehner. Absent were Commissioners Allyn and Moran. Also present was Mayor Ron McDaniel and Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf.

4. Amendments to the Agenda

5. Communications

a. Copies of the monthly statistics reports from the Fire Marshal, Fire Departments, Police Department, Animal Control and Building Official.

6. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2012.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore, seconded by Commissioner Butterworth to approve the April 23, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Executive Session – 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 Department Heads

Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini discussed and reviewed the incident analysis through April 30, 2012 with the Commission. He discussed the incidents by time and day, loss by fire district and incident type, aid given or received and the fire district breakdown. He discussed grants including the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of nine thousand nine hundred and fifty five dollars, the Millstone grant in the amount of twenty seven thousand dollars, and the annual radio tower reimbursement from Millstone for the tower in the amount of ten thousand five hundred and seventy seven dollars, stating his department can put in for this particular grant again after July for the same purpose. Mr. Occhialini discussed the hurricane drill stating it went well. He stated the Fee Schedule Ordinance was adopted by the Town Council and the thirty day waiting period has gone by, thus making the ordinance valid. To date his office has collected over six thousand dollars from the new McDonalds and he discussed collecting fees from vendors who sell sparklers. He discussed the Regional Dispatch meeting and stated the dispatch equipment for the Public Safety Building has a purchase order. He discussed the Public Safety Building stating the construction is seventy five percent complete. The power to the tower from the building will be hooked up this week and they will work on installing the air conditioning this week.

Chairman Jetmore complimented Mr. Occhialini for all his hard work working toward a Regional Dispatch Center, stating it will be good for the region once it is established.

Officer Dennis Mathers introduced Officer Marty Martinez, the new Resident State Trooper to the Commission. Officer Martinez stated he is happy to be aboard and discussed his past training and expertise with the Commission, stating he is happy to be a part of the team and looks forward to many years of service to the town.

10. Reports from Committees and Public Safety Liaisons

11. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion regarding progress/construction of the Public Safety building.

Chairman Jetmore stated there is a meeting of the Public Safety Building Committee on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Room 203 if anyone is interested in attending.

- b. Update regarding the Public Safety Plan.

Mayor McDaniel stated the Allmott process with the Public Safety Plan is ongoing and they plan to have a draft for the Commission to review next month.

12. New Business

- a. Discussion regarding safety while tree trimming around power lines.

Mayor McDaniel stated there have been no complaints regarding safety conditions but has received a couple of complaints regarding taking down trees that homeowners did not want removed. He explained the tree trimming is a proactive way of keeping the trees under control to ensure there will not be extensive power outages in the event of future natural disasters that may cause dead or dying trees to come down on power lines.

- b. Discussion regarding safety conditions on Lynch Hill Road and Fawns Meadow Road.

Councilor Buebendorf stated she has received several correspondences from a Mr. Frank Rugg of #1 Fawn Meadow Road regarding safety concerns he has for his three young children due to the fact there are vehicles that frequently miss the tight curve in the road and end up on his front lawn. Mr. Rugg has indicated he has contacted the police and the Public Works Department but has not received help regarding this issue and he is requesting guard rails be installed on the corner to prevent cars from landing in his yard. Mayor McDaniel indicated he has been out to the site but did not see tire marks on the lawn and he stated guard rails can be installed at this site but that there are costs associated with doing this and he suggested meeting with the Town Engineer to determine what these costs will be. Officer Martinez suggested the use of the speed trailer and additional police presence to deter speed in this area. Councilor Buebendorf expressed concerns for liability issues this situation may have now that the homeowner has complained about the issue.

13. Remarks from the Public

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

14. Remarks from Mayor McDaniel

Mayor McDaniel distributed copies of a Promotion Policy for the Police Department for the Commission to review and to act on at the next regularly scheduled meeting. He stated there will be many additional documents sent to the Commission via email during the month that pertain to policies that should be implemented for the department. He commended two officers for a job

well done during a June 12, 2012 incident in town, stating it was a team effort during a suicide attempt that had a very successful ending resulting in no injuries to either Police Officers or the suicidal individual. He read a letter from a resident who was helped by EMT's and dispatch during an allergic reaction that could have ended tragically. She thanked them for saving her life and stated she appreciates all they do. Mayor McDaniel commended all the Police, Fire, Dispatch and EMT's that do a great job every day, stating they do not get enough recognition for all they do.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf

Councilor Buebendorf discussed a special meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. regarding an adjustment to the budget. She indicated the proposal includes reducing the police budget by twenty five thousand dollars for weapons to offset the Mayor's veto in the Land Use budget. She stated the police have indicated they can wait for one more year to replace the service weapons if need be.

16. Remarks from Commission members

Commissioners Wehner, Loiler, Jetmore and McNally welcomed Officer Martinez to the force.

Chairman Jetmore thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

17. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Butterworth, seconded by Commissioner Loiler to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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.