

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. (NEW TIME)
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order.

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call.

Commissioners present were Elizabeth Adams, Gary Allyn, Joseph DePasquale, James Moran, Karen Perkins, and David Jetmore. Also present was Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner and district Fire Chiefs. Absent were Commissioners Gary Allyn and Joseph DePasquale and Lt. Leonard Bunnell and Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini. A quorum was present.

Note: There is one vacancy (1) on the Commission.

4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- None

5. Communications: Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police, Animal Control, and Building Official.

Commissioner Jetmore commented on receipt of the monthly reports from the Fire Marshal and Police.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2015.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2015, as written. Discussion: none; voice vote, 4-0; all in favor -- motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items only – three-minute limit).

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Per the monthly statistics report for the police department, there were 1242 calls for service during December 2015.

The Fire Marshal's monthly report shows 212 fire and EMS calls dispatched from the 911 Center during the month of December 2015. The report included current projects updates and the following:

- Fire safety measures: free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to residents through Save-a-Life Program; conducting fire safety programs in district elementary schools and daycares; and conducting annual fire safety inspections
- Emergency management: distributing K-1 tablets in accordance with State Plan; applied for Emergency Management Performance Grant that is due February 1, 2016; planning has begun for the FEMA drill at Millstone in August; and the Town Emergency Operations Plan has been certified by the State for this year.
- 911 Center: the new Nex Gen 911 will cut over in early 2016; more staffing will be needed as funds become available due to the challenges of the new 911 system that will be addressed in the next budget proposal; and the Power Phone Emergency Medical Dispatch has been implemented.

9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons.

Commissioner Jetmore reported on the interview for the lateral transfer that took place on January 8. Commissioner Perkins joined him at that interview. He and Commissioner Moran were present at the interviews of new police candidates that were conducted on mornings of January 11, 12, and 13.

Commissioners Adams and Perkins handed out the Commission and the Fire Chiefs a copy of their preliminary report of recommendations concerning fire, rescue, and EMS resulting from their interviews with the Fire Chiefs about the Public Safety Plan. All were asked to review the report for consideration and action at the February Commission meeting.

10. Unfinished Business.

- a. Set up date and time for 2016-2017 budget discussion.

Mayor McDaniel reported that he has received the budgets from everyone with the exception of the police department and the Commission. Once all are obtained and reviewed a schedule can be set for public hearings. Mayor McDaniel said that he would send a hard copy of the budgets to

the Commission. A special meeting to discuss them will be scheduled for Monday, February 1, at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

11. New Business. -- None

- a. Consideration and action upon the findings of the Sub-committee's meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan.

Commissioners Adams and Perkins handed out to the Commissioners, Mayor McDaniel, and the Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner a copy of their sub-committee preliminary report of recommendations concerning the Public Safety Report as result of their interviews with the Fire Chiefs regarding the same. They said that they used the same format as the original report and that copies were sent to the Fire Chiefs for their review. Commissioner Jetmore asked all to review the report in preparation for discussion at the February Commission meeting.

- b. Consideration and action upon the Commission vacancy.

L. Tanner said that she spoke with Town Council Chairman Joe Jaskiewicz about the matter who said there had been no response from Commissioner Rousseau. Therefore, an appointment will be made Monday, February 1.

12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit). -- None

13. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel commented on the Special Town Council meeting on January 21 about the formation of an independent police force. He thanked everyone who provided comments and feedback and commented on the respectful, civil atmosphere of the meeting. He also thanked the Commission for its participation in the interviews over the last three (3) months. Mayor McDaniel reported that conditional offers were given to three (3) lateral transfer candidates and to five (5) initial new recruits.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner asked about the number of officers currently in the police department; the number is twenty-two. She also reiterated on her conversation with J. Jaskiewicz about the Commission vacancy that she commented on earlier. L. Tanner also commented on the new 6:00 p.m. start for the meetings and asked whether it would have an effect on attendance. She also commented that she enjoyed working with the Commission.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Jetmore remarked that the Commission as a body was in favor of an independent police department and applauded the Town Council for its courageous decision. He also thanked the Fire Chiefs for being present and for the fine work that they do. Mayor McDaniel added that he appreciated having the device on his phone that notifies him when “something big is going on.”

16. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Discussion, none -- voice vote, 6-0; all in favor, -- motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville