

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2017 - 6:00 PM**  
Montville Town Hall – Room 203

1. Call to order.  
Chairman Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance.  
All stood and pledged the flag.
3. Roll Call.  
Present were Commissioners Gary Allyn, James Moran, Wills Pike, and David Jetmore. Also present were Mayor Ronald McDaniel and RST Sgt. Mark Juhola. Commissioners Elizabeth Adams, Michael Doherty, and Karen Perkins were absent. Also absent were Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Fire Marshal Raymond Occhialini, and Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner. A quorum was present.
4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- None
5. Communications: Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police, Animal Control and Building Official.  
Chairman Jetmore confirmed that the monthly reports were received by all.
6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2017.  
Motion made by Chairman Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2017, as written. Discussion: none. **Voice Vote, 4-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**
7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items—three-minute limit).  
Chairman Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.
8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Report

Per the electronic monthly statistics report submitted by Lt. Bunnell for the police department, there were 1654 calls for service during March 2017. The source of those calls were as follows: Troop E – 260; PD – 438, Walk In – 65; and By Officer – 891.

Sgt. Juhola reported on the 1654 call for service in March and the Department's response to them. He also reported that Lt. Bunnell was currently working on the budget and reviewing Department rules and regulations that may require updates and/or revisions prior to making them accessible electronically. Sgt. Juhola also spoke about the boat cleanup for service at Gardner's Lake; the activity of foot patrols; the influx of new, young police officers; and ongoing investigations for which he thanked the public for their tips,

particularly concerning recent thefts. He also discussed the recent interviews of candidates for a vacancy and their qualifications for training stating that six excellent candidates were hired in the past. As to the Naloxone Policy, Sgt. Juhola reported that supplies for the program have been received and training for their use continues.

Commissioner Pike commented on the potential for a speed trap on Old Colchester Road where drivers travel in excess of the posted 30mph speed limit. He also expressed his desire take part in the interview process for new candidates if they were held during the afternoon to accommodate his working hours. Chairman Jetmore commented on the interviews held last week on April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> and the one this Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> that will be held that morning and at 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. He added that Sgt. Juhola, Lt. Bunnell, and he have talked about changing the interview times so that more commissioners can get involved. Chairman Jetmore stated that the one caveat during the interviewing process is that commissioners taking part must be present at each scheduled interview, for a fair, equitable process.

#### Fire Department Report

The March 2017 monthly report from Fire Marshal Occhialini highlighted current and pending projects and information as follows:

- There were 231 fire and EMS calls as of March 2017.
- Three (4) plan reviews, 33 inspections, and three (3) fire inspections in addition to completion of the NFIRS for State reporting.
- Final inspections for the certificate of occupancy were completed for INCORD Manufacturing and Oriental Bar and Grill.
- During the next three months, inspections will be focused on multi-family and large apartment complexes that take a great deal of time.
- As of April 19, 2017, annual fire safety inspections and fees for operating permits have netted \$61,156.45 which is \$16,156.45 over the projected income for the fiscal year due to a large project fee.
- Fifty Kidde 10-year smoke detectors has been donated by Home Depot in Montville for distribution to residents who cannot afford new ones. He working with the Senior Center to get the detectors installed where needed.

#### Emergency Management

- This month, I will attend the quarterly Millstone Planning Meeting in Norwich. Our next large scale drill is scheduled for March 2018.
- A grant from Millstone was received in the amount of \$30,400 for 2016-2017 for drills, equipment replacement and repair, and participating in the Millstone Plan.
- K1 tablets are still being distributed for the Millstone Zone per the State Plan.

#### 9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons. – *No reports*

10. Unfinished Business.

- a. Consideration and action upon the report and findings of the Sub-committee's meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan. (*Update*). – *No report*
- b. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with district fire houses. (*Update*).  
Mayor McDaniel reported there has been no forward activity on the agreement. He said questions and concerns about insurance and suggestions about simplifying it were addressed. Mayor McDaniel stated that he sent his suggestions to the Town Attorney by email last week and he is currently reviewing it. When asked by Commissioner Pike about the time frame for the agreement, Mayor McDaniel responded the agreement is for five years with a 60-day or sooner with cause to quit.

11. New Business. -- *None*

12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).

Chairman Jetmore asked three times for comments. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel spoke about contract negotiations and an upcoming meeting on the same. He also addressed the number of calls for suspicious activities that he receives for fire and EMS activities.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

On behalf of Town Council Liaison L. Tanner, Mayor McDaniel reported on the general budget hearing scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the high school and the Board of Education budget hearing at the high school on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. He also commented that the State is still waiting for its revenue figures.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Pike asked about the feedback from remarks from the public. Mayor McDaniel explained that Item 7 on agenda items only is so that the commissioning body can conduct its business; Item 12 on non-agenda items allows for remarks on any topic. Chairman Jetmore expressed appreciation for everything that the public safety departments are doing referencing the tough job they do given narcotic issues et al.

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Chairman Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Discussion: none. **Voice vote; 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers

Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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