

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 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 Elizabeth Adams, Gary Allyn, Michael Doherty, Karen Perkins, Wills Pike, and David Jetmore. Also present were Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Fire Marshal Raymond Occhialini, Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner, and Town Council Chairperson Joseph Jaskiewicz. Commissioner James Moran and Mayor Ronald McDaniel were absent. A quorum was present.
4. Presentation: Firefighter Badge Pinning Ceremony. (Refreshments to follow.)
Motion by Chairman Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Doherty to move Agenda Item 4, following Agenda Item 16. Discussion: none. **Voice Vote, 6-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**
5. Amendments to the Agenda. – See Agenda Item 4.
6. 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.
7. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2017.
Motion by Chairman Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Perkins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2017, as written. Discussion: none. **Voice Vote, 6-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**
8. Remarks from the Public (agenda items—three-minute limit).
Chairman Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.
9. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Report

Per the electronic monthly statistics report submitted by Lt. Bunnell for the police department, there were 1383 calls for service during June 2017. The source of those calls were as follows: Troop E – 242; PD – 427, Walk In – 55; and By Officer – 659.

Lt. Bunnell reported on staffing stating that the selection process for the lateral position would move forward. Polygraphs are being conducted for the entry-level position. Also,

a subcommittee meeting is needed with the participation of three (3) commissioners for interviews of prospective candidates. The dates for the interviews will be scheduled for mid-August. Lt. Bunnell also reported that he has gotten feedback from the Captain's job description that he emailed to the Commission for review.

Fire Department Report --None

10. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons.

Commissioner Perkins reported that she and Commissioner Adams met with the fire chiefs and have gotten suggestions about the Public Safety Plan but said nothing could be done until the agreement (Agenda Item 11.b that is still in the hands of the Town's attorney) is ratified.

11. 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*)
Discussed under Agenda Item 10.
- b. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with district fire houses. (*Update*).
Discussed under Agenda Item 10.
- c. Consideration and action concerning the Uniform Policy (*Update*)
As follow up to suggestions from last month's meeting, Lt. Bunnell reported on the costs for formal police uniform hats—winter hat (\$112) and summer hat (\$102). He circulated a hat (\$42) and discussed a uniform shirt that would be phased in at a savings of \$3-\$4 dollars. Lt. Bunnell asked that discussion/approval of the policy be delayed until changes to the policy are complete. For example, ballistic vests are now worn over uniforms. Copies of the proposed policy and current policy were sent to the Commissioners via email as suggested by Mayor McDaniel at the last meeting. Per questions by Commissioner Doherty, Lt. Bunnell replied that uniforms are purchased by the department and the baseball caps would not be phased out. He said "there will be instances when all hats will be proper."

12. New Business. -- None

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

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

14. Remarks from the Mayor.

Town Council Chairman Jaskiewicz reported that Mayor McDaniel was in the hospital and should be released on Thursday.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Councilor Tanner wished Mayor McDaniel good luck and good health. She also commented she would not be running again for a Town Council seat in November that she described as bittersweet.

16. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Doherty commented on a recent visit to the Public Safety Building that he called uninviting as he could not determine if anyone was there although he did speak with someone while there. He asked whether something could be done. Commissioner Tanner commented that his concern has been an ongoing complaint that has been expressed to Mayor McDaniel.

4. Presentation: Firefighter Badge Pinning Ceremony. (Refreshments to follow.)

Fire Marshal Occhialini welcomed family and friends, Commissioners, Town Councilor Tanner, Town Council Chairman Jaskiewicz to the Badge Pinning Ceremony. He also acknowledged the absence of Mayor McDaniel for medical reasons. The Fire Marshal gave a brief history of the Department from the four (4) firefighters hired in September 1987 for coverage of the four (4) fire stations to its current staffing with 24/7 coverage of ten (1) career firefighters/emergency medical technicians. Fire Marshal Occhialini then gave some background on the new employees followed by the reading of the Oath and badge pinning. Their bios are as follows:

- Paul Barnes – Deputy Fire Marshal/Deputy Director of Emergency Management
He started his career at the Chesterfield Fire Company, went into the military, and returned to Montville to work as a 911 Dispatcher before being hired as a full-time firefighter in 1996. On Monday, June 26, 2017, he was sworn to his new job by the Town Clerk. *(His badge was pinned by his friend Stephanie.)*
- Frank Geer – Firefighter
He began working for the Town of Montville in 2008 as a part-time firefighter and is certified fire instructor and emergency medical service instructor in addition to many other certifications. He comes to Montville with many years of dedicated service with the Mohegan Tribal Fire Department. *His badge was pinned by his son Logan.)*
- Kevin Roe – Firefighter
He started his career as a junior member of the Oakdale Fire Department. For four years, he was a member of the Connecticut National Guard and is a certified fire service instructor, EMT in addition to many other certifications. *(His badge was pinned by his wife, Jessica.)*

At the end of the ceremony, Fire Marshal Occhialini thanked everyone for attending the event and asked that they remain following the meeting to partake in the refreshments.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Chairman Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Discussion: none. **Voice vote; 6-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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