

Town of Montville
Public Safety Commission
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**Town of Montville
Public Safety Commission –Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2009 -7:00 p.m.
Town Hall - Town Council Chambers**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jetmore called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call** – Present were Commissioners Baxter, Jetmore, Scott and Wehner. Absent were Commissioners Allyn, Butterworth and Wojcik. Also present were Mayor Jaskiewicz and Town Council Liaison, Ed Radgowski.

4. **Motion** made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Wehner to approve the March 23, 2009 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Discussion: none.
Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor, motion carried.

5. **Communications** – Chairman Jetmore discussed a correspondence regarding traffic issues on Raymond Hill Road and a request from Chief Gary Murphy to add the following item to the agenda for discussion:

10 (a) To consider and act on a motion to approve a request from Chief Gary Murphy for reimbursement in the amount of \$4,059.00 for the Oakdale Fire Company's share of a Federal Grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Baxter. Discussion: Chairman Jetmore stated this is a routine procedure. Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor, motion carried. Item added to the agenda.

6. **Remarks from the Public** – none.

7. **Remarks from Department Heads**

Ray Occhialini, Fire Marshal, discussed the recent outbreak of the swine flu, stating he has been in touch with State officials, schools and health officials regarding how to handle an outbreak should there be one in Connecticut. He stated there are no confirmed

cases of the swine flu reported in Connecticut at this time, and the Town is prepared to use the plan in place for the bird flu if needed. Chairman Jetmore offered the Public Safety Commissions assistance if it is needed. Mr. Occhialini updated the Commission regarding the radio frequency coordination, stating it is an ongoing project that has taken longer to implement than he originally thought it would.

Sgt. Collins, Resident State Trooper, explained he is reporting for Lt. Bunnell while he is taking a well deserved vacation. He discussed a Federal Grant he hopes to secure for the hire of two additional police officers for the Town of Montville. The grant will cover the costs of two police officers for a three year period, and the only obligation of the Town will be to keep the officers employed for an additional twelve months to complete the obligations of the grant. The anticipated amount of the Federal Grant is \$382,000. He discussed the great job the new police officers are doing for the Town, stating one new officer has solved a burglary and made nine arrests in the month of April and the second new officer solved a different burglary. It is because of their extra efforts to go the extra mile this progress has been made. He stated their efforts have been acknowledged and appreciated and a letter stating so has been placed in their personnel files. He discussed an additional officer training in plain clothes until he attends the Police Academy in May. He stated this officer has great potential to be a great asset to the Town. He discussed a lock down drill scheduled for the Murphy School on April 28, 2009 followed by the Montville High School drill scheduled for May. These drills will complete all of the school drills in Montville including Palmer Academy. He expressed his gratitude for everyone at the schools who participated in the drills and stated the drills ensure the schools will be prepared in case of an emergency and they ensure the procedures will be done properly.

Chairman Jetmore commended the new Police Officers for their extra diligence on the job and thanked them for their service.

Commissioner Baxter discussed a request from residents at East Lake for Neighborhood Watch signs. Sgt. Collins stated the signs have been ordered, Public Works has the work order for the signs and they should be up by the end of the week. He discussed the need for the Neighborhood Watch committees to involve the police in their meetings and to call if they notice anything strange or different in their neighborhoods. Together the police and residents have a better chance of catching criminals. He indicated the meetings will get more and more residents by word of mouth from neighbors. He stated the Neighborhood Watch is a great tool for law enforcement and encouraged residents to telephone the police if they suspect something suspicious in their neighborhood, he stated the police are working for the people and welcome the phone calls.

8. **Reports from Committees** – none.
- a. **Reports from Public Safety Commission Liaisons** – none.
9. **Old Business** – none.

10. **New Business**

(a) **To consider and act on a motion to approve a request from Chief Gary Murphy for reimbursement in the amount of \$4,059.00 for the Oakdale Fire Company's share of a Federal Grant.**

Motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the request for grant reimbursement to the Oakdale Fire Company and to forward this matter to the Town Council and Mayor for their consideration. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor, **motion carried.**

11. **Remarks from the Public** –none.

12. **Remarks from Mayor Jaskiewicz**

Mayor Jaskiewicz discussed the grant for the police officer, stating this is an asset to the Town and he will recommend its approval to the Town Council. He discussed speeding and drunk driving enforcement, commending Sgt. Collins and the police force for their zero tolerance approach. He updated the Commission regarding the Old Colchester Road Bridge, stating the Town will receive a grant in the amount of two million dollars from the State Stimulus Package once the paperwork is signed. He indicated the Montville Road Bridge may not be included in next years stimulus package but he is still waiting on word regarding that one. He discussed the upcoming Memorial Run scheduled for May 24th, the Vietnam War Wall Parade scheduled for June 15th and the Memorial Day Parade. He discussed the Raymond Hill stop sign issue, stating their has been a recommendation for a stop bar so motorists can come out further to look for oncoming traffic.

13. **Remarks from Town Council Liaison – Ed Radgowski**

Councilor Radgowski stated the Town Council is in receipt of the report from the ADHOC Committee for the location and plan of the proposed Public Safety Building and they are very impressed with the work done and the data collected for the project.

14. **Remarks from Commissioners**

Commissioner Scott stated with the warmer weather there are more children out playing in the streets and riding their bicycles and hopes everyone is careful while driving along the streets.

Commissioner Baxter thanked all of the firefighters, police officers and volunteers for all of the good work they do.

Commissioner Jetmore thanked everyone for everything they do for the good of the Town.

Commissioner Wehner had no comments.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Discussion: none, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

Memo

To: Mayor Jaskiewicz
Montville Town Council

From: David Jetmore, Chairman of the Public Safety Commission for the Town
of Montville

Date: April 28, 2009

RE: REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A GRANT

Please be advised the Public Safety Commission took the following action at its regularly scheduled meeting held on April 27, 2009;

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If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me.