

**Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Elizabeth Adams, James Moran, Eric Rousseau, and David Jetmore. Also present were Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Resident State Trooper Sgt. James Smith. Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner, Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini and Commissioners Gary Allyn, Steve Loiler, and Joseph DePasquale were absent.

4. Amendments to the Agenda

It was agreed by consensus, that Item 11.b, Paid staff at Chesterfield Firehouse, be added to the agenda as requested by Commissioner Rousseau.

5. Communications

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

Commissioner Jetmore stated that the Fire Marshal, Animal Control, and Building Official sent their June monthly reports via e-mail. Mayor McDaniel reported that Lt. Bunnell was concluding a medical leave. Commissioner Jetmore added that a letter was sent to Town Councilor Tanner to request a replacement commissioner to take the place of Commissioner Loiler who is attending the State Police Academy.

Fire Marshal Occhialini's June monthly report submitted electronically is summarized as follows:

- There were 232 dispatched fire and EMS call in June.
- A breakdown of current projects was reported.
- Distribution of KI tablets began on July 1 in accordance with the State plan.

- Preparation has begun for the annual Millstone drill August 5 and September 9. The September drill will be evaluated by FEMA.
- Meetings continue with KX regional dispatch. The \$250,000 transition grant approved by the State is expected to be completed and consolidated by July 1, 2015.
- Completion of the fire and police receiver project to improve portable coverage will be done in the Uncasville area through capital improvement.

Per the report of the Animal Control officer, for the fiscal year 2013-14 179 animals were impounded.

The Building Official report reports that 1174 permits issued during FY 2013-2014 in addition to other statistics.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes of June 23, 2014

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore, seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes of June 23, 2014, minutes as amended to correct a name error; discussion, none; voice vote 4-0; all in favor; motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public

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

8. Remarks from Department Heads

See reports as submitted under Item 5.

9. Reports from Committees and Public Safety Liaisons

Mayor McDaniel introduced and welcomed Resident State Trooper Sgt. James Smith to the Commission. He stated that his skill set comes at a critical time particularly with CAD and information sharing with the State Police and towns.

Commissioner Jetmore welcomed Sgt. Smith and offered introductions of the other commissioners, and enjoys working with small towns.

Sgt. Smith stated he has worked 19 years with the State Police, formerly worked in the computer field.

Mayor McDaniel also reported that the perception that missing three (3) commission meetings as grounds for dismissal has no basis for fact in either the CT State Statutes

nor the Town policies and procedures. He stated that the Town Council would review the Commission's request reported by Commissioner earlier.

10. Unfinished Business

- a. Modify the current policy on police uniforms to include the newly purchased lime green "construction type" shirts and vest for road jobs.**

No report.

- b. Update on interviews for lateral transfer police applicants.**

Mayor McDaniel reported that the interview of the lateral transfer police applicants were conducted and conditional jobs offered pending background checks.

11. New Business

- a. Appointment of a liaison to the newly formed Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee.**

Commissioner Jetmore said that this item would be postponed until the next Commission meeting.

- b. Paid staff at Chesterfield Firehouse.**

Chesterfield Fire Chief Truex stated that he had been asking for paid staff since January 2010. He said that the Town needs to hire a full-time career firefighter at Chesterfield as there is at the other fire stations. Chief Truex said that more experienced firefighters are aging out and at present there now five (5) qualified drivers for engine trucks. Commissioner Rousseau commented that he understands the argument from both sides as far as public safety is concerned. Mayor McDaniel stated that there a public safety plan and that firefighters have missed those meetings. He added that the fire districts must be looked at as a whole with frank, candid conversations. He further said that the call volume at Chesterfield does not call for a career fire chief. Per Commissioner Rousseau, the fire chiefs have been more cooperative and meetings with them will continue. Mayor McDaniel commented on the lack of written agreements with the firehouses that Commissioner Rousseau said would be a priority item. Chief Truex asked for a copy of the charter that will be provided to him.

12. Remarks from the Public

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

13. Remarks from the Mayor

Mayor McDaniel remarked to the Commission on the following items:

- The Millstone drill will take place next week and in September and will be handled by Fire Marshal Occhialini.
- He referenced a letter in the packet from Doug Knowles per his meeting with him on dispatch coordination. He attended the meeting with Commissioner DePasquale. The Mayor referenced the \$250,000 consolidation grant that was approved and will cover the cost of physical hardware. Expenses are being looked at by KX since Hebron will not participate in regional dispatch and potentially move the dispatch operation to Montville. The consolidated dispatch will save money and benefit the Town.

14. Remarks from the Town Council Liaison

Town Councilor Tanner was absent.

15. Remarks from Commissioners -- None

16. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore, seconded by Commissioner Rousseau, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.; discussion, none; voice vote 4-0; all in favor; motion carried.

Submitted by: Gloria J. Gathers/Recording Secretary