

TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION
Regular Meeting – March 28, 2022 -- 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022, throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Healthy strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.

(Mayor Ronald McDaniel – March 8, 2022)

1. Call to order.

Chairman Murphy 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 William Bauer, Mickey Gillette, Gary Murphy, Karen Perkins, and Stephen Stewart. Absent were Commissioners Traci Callaghan and Thomas Pedersen. 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 Murphy questioned and confirmed the receipt of the monthly statistical reports by the Commission.

6. To consider and act on a motion to approve minutes:

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022, as presented. Discussion: None. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public. (Agenda items only—three-minute limit).

Chairman Murphy asked three (3) times for comments. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

Lieutenant Radford read into the record the PD monthly statistics report ending February 28, 2022, as follows: There were 897 total calls for service that included Type 1 calls (87), arrests

(16), and juvenile arrests (2). The source for these calls were Troop E (144), PD (210), Walk-in (34), and By Officer (509). Lt. Radford also reported K-9 Gage continues his training at the State Kennel and is doing well. K-9 Officer Fazzino begins the second six (6) weeks of training with Gage next week. They are still projected to graduate the middle of May. Officer Lalumiere continues his FTO process with training going well. April is Autism Awareness Month, and the Montville Police Union has purchased Autism patches and will be selling them for \$10 each. All profits will go to ARC, a local Autism charity, with advertising beginning tomorrow. Lt. Radford also acknowledged the Officers who played a role in a lifesaving call, along with paid staff, on March 8, 2022. Performance Observation Reports (PORs) were given to the following: Officers Pelletier, Fazzino, Witts, and Cassidy concerning a male who was found not breathing and regained a pulse on the scene. The Officers’ quick response and selfless efforts were acknowledged including their dedication to the Town of Montville.

Fire Department Report

Fire Marshal Barnes reported the FD monthly overall statistics for February 2022. There were 238 calls reported and 155 of those calls were EMS related. Total calls thus far this year are 784; last year at this time there were 628 calls. The volume of calls are steadily increasing. He also reported on the second life-saving call on March 8, 2022, responded to by Oakdale Firefighters Matt Desrosiers, Tim Congdon, and Volunteer EMT Tom McCarthy, involving a female with a cardiac issue who was evaluated and treated for a dangerous rapid heartbeat by Mohegan Paramedic Jeff Way in route to the hospital. The firefighters involved in the first March 8 call were Firefighters Zabulis, Ellis, and Mohegan Paramedic Jeff Way. Fire Marshal Barnes also responded to Commissioner Stewart about statistics concerning structure incidents and how they are reported.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Report from Fire Department Liaison. (Perkins)

Commissioner Perkins reported Fire Marshal Barnes sent out the Firefighter/EMS Driver Qualification Form he developed for completion by Fire Chiefs and paid staff and submitted back to him. NextGen will go live in June or July. iPads and other apparatus will be sought to link to the new system. Fire trucks will be involved with the Farmers Market in an event called Touch-a-Trunk. The Carnival is scheduled for June 17 - 19 and Oakdale Firehouse will be present on all of these dates and were thanked for their support and involvement. Montville Firehouse will be present during the fireworks on June 18. For questions or visits concerning Oakdale Firehouse, Chief Messier will welcome calls.

b. Report from Animal Control. (Callaghan)

The statistical reports for month ending February 28, 2022, submitted by ACO Swanson are as follows:

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (February 2022)

| | Month | YTD |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| # of Animals Impounded | 4 | 147 |
| # of Animals Sold as Pets | 1 | 173 |

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| # of Animals D.O.A. | 0 | 0 |
| # of Animals Euthanized | 0 | 7 |
| Total Complaints Investigated | 72 | 603 |
| Total Animal Bites Investigated | 2 | 12 |
| Total Infractions/Summons | 0 | 0 |

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (February 2022)

| | Month | YTD |
|--|--------------|------------|
| # of Animals Impounded | 0 | 2 |
| # of Animals Sold as Pets | 0 | 0 |
| # of Animals D.O.A. | 0 | 0 |
| # of Animals Euthanized | 0 | 2 |
| Total Complaints Investigated | 0 | 25 |
| Total Animal Bites Investigated | 0 | 1 |
| Total Infractions/Summons | 0 | 0 |

c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette) No report

d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart)

The Building Department statistics report for the month ending February 28, 2022, were submitted.

| 2021-2022 Building Department Report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June |
| Permits Issued | 110 | 171 | 99 | 92 | 136 | 107 | | | | | | |
| Pending Permits | 124 | 137 | 57 | 100 | 110 | 91 | | | | | | |
| Inspections | 118 | 134 | 166 | 108 | 98 | 105 | | | | | | |
| Plan Reviews | 17 | 29 | 43 | 13 | 36 | 14 | | | | | | |
| CO's | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 6 | | | | | | |
| Violation Notices | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Unsafe Notices | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Blight Identified | 557 | 559 | 660 | 660 | 576 | 420 | | | | | | |
| Blight Abated To Date | 388 | 393 | 408 | 409 | 412 | 178 | | | | | | |

Commissioner Stewart reported he received the monthly statement, but it was not easy to digest. He will try to get a report more like the previous format. Also, a Deputy Building Department official has not yet been hired.

10. Remarks from Fire Chiefs. -- None

11. Unfinished Business.

- a. To review and act on a motion to approve the **2022-2023** (*correction to the Agenda from 2021-2022*) Department Budgets—Animal Control.

Mayor McDaniel will obtain a copy of the Animal Control 2022-2023 budget and send it to the Commission for its review.

- b. Update from Mayor McDaniel or his designee concerning the Town of Montville Everbridge System.

Mayor McDaniel reported Deputy Fire Marshal Milton is still getting acclimated to his position and he has spoken with Fire Marshal Barnes about developing some goals and timelines for action. Other Town departments will be contacted about information they want to have disseminated through the System.

12. New Business.

- a. To consider and act on a motion to approve future Commission Committee Assignments.

Chairman Murphy spoke on divisions within the Commission Rules and Procedures and under its purview but are not assigned or reported on by the Commission. He also spoke of the possibility of breaking down the reporting by liaisons so all commissioners can be or feel a part of the group. Some commissioners have expressed a desire to give more to the Commission. Divisions mentioned in the Rules and Procedures include the police department, Town Council, Resident State Trooper, Firefighters, and Town Dispatch. Chairman Murphy also commented on the need to reevaluate and update the Rules and Procedures adopted in 2011. Additionally, the Commission votes on appointments to sub-commissions. Three (3) commissioners will be appointed for the same. Voting procedures will remain the same but Chairman Murphy added the chair of the Commission should be for a period of one (1) year. Mayor McDaniel noted some rules are stale citing as examples civil preparedness and hazardous materials that do not directly impact the Commission. Commissioner Stewart concurred that each member should have a chance to do something. The entire Commission will be asked for input on this item.

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

Chairman Murphy asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

14. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel remarked the Assistant Building Official position has been advertised and with efforts through personal networks for candidates that has been impacted by the hiatus with Covid. Also, Town Council Chairman McNally was spoken to regarding a clerk of the works for the ACO facility for value engineering and design of the project currently approved for ARPA funding.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison. – No report

16. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Perkins thanked all involved with the life-saving measures reported this evening. Commissioner Stewart concurred with the comment by Commissioner Perkins and of a job well done. Chairman Murphy remarked the Fire and Police Departments are doing a good job saving lives. He also referenced being on the record for 10 years about the need for a paid fire chief but said a lot would have to be done.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 5-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**