

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting – May 23, 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, Traci Callaghan, Mickey Gillette, Gary Murphy, Karen Perkins, and Stephen Stewart. Absent was Commissioner Thomas Pedersen. A quorum was present.

**4. Communications:**

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

Chairman Murphy confirmed the receipt of the monthly statistical reports by the Commission and noted some only received the email from Recording Secretary Gathers that included the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes. Commissioners Bauer, Callaghan, and Stewart did not receive reports from the PD, FD, and Animal Control. Mayor McDaniel commented on the group email setup for the Commission and asked that he be contacted and he would forward the missing reports accordingly. He also reported the Building Official report was not submitted as Asst. Building Official Jensen is currently overwhelmed.

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

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022, as presented. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

**7. Remarks from Department Heads.**

Police Department Report

Lieutenant Radford read into the record the PD monthly statistics report ending April 30, 2022, as follows: There were 1108 total calls for service that included Type 1 calls (71), arrests (22), and juvenile arrests (3). The source for these calls were Troop E (138), PD (185), Walk-in (51), and By Officer (618). Lt. Radford also reported Officer Lalumiere successfully completed field training and is now on the road; Officer Fazzino and K-9 Gage successfully completed training last week and are the Department narcotics duo. Chairman Murphy asked what occurred at Chesterfield Lodge; Lt. Radford reported the site was the scene of several narcotics overdoses (3) this past weekend. Per a request by Commissioner Stewart, Lt. Radford will provide cumulative PD statistics concerning the number of calls for 2021.

#### Fire Department Report

Chairperson Murphy reported Fire Marshal Barnes was not feeling well and could not attend tonight's meeting. Per the Fire Marshal, Asst. Fire Marshal Milton continues to update the Everbridge system deleting and updating employee data and familiarizing himself with the overall system. Per the FD report, there was also a fire loss in a portable building at Gardner's Lake of \$19,711.

### **8. Committee and Liaison Reports:**

#### **a. Report from Fire Department Liaison. (Perkins)**

Commissioner Perkins reported the FD monthly overall statistics for April 2022 for the record in the absence of Fire Marshal Barnes. There were 250 calls reported and 180 of those calls were EMS related, excluding vehicles, accidents, and injuries. There are no problems with Dispatch. The Montville Memorial Day Parade was held on May 24 and a lot of pictures were taken and put on social media. Also, Fire Marshal Barnes was invited to the Tidewater EMS Conference in Virginia Beach, VA on May 12 – May 14 and spoke on 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Mental Health along with another individual at the event with 200 in attendance.

#### **b. Report from Animal Control. (Callaghan)**

The statistical reports for month ending April 30, 2022, submitted by ACO Swanson are as follows:

#### Town of Montville Animal Control Report (April 2022)

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>173</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>179</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>793</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Town of Salem Animal Control Report (April 2022)

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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<b># of Animals Sold as Pets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Commissioner Callaghan spoke with ACO Swanson and reported she still is not getting the ACO reports but the ACO will send her a text once she emails her reports. She and the ACO spoke about doing a meet and greet in July after the upcoming holiday. Commissioner Stewart asked about the status of the ACO facility; Mayor McDaniel reported an RFP was sent out for engineering services and two (2) bids were received and sent to the Town Engineer for review.

c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette)

Commissioner Gillette congratulated Officers Fazzino and K-9 Gage for completion of training. He also reported autism patches are still being sold by the Department.

d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart)

The Building Department statistics reports for April 2022 were not submitted.

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

Commissioner Stewart reported there was no Building Report for April 2022.

**9. Remarks from Fire Chiefs. -- None**

**10. Unfinished Business.**

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

Mayor McDaniel will follow up with Asst. Building Official Jensen about the Everbridge system that may be farther along in its completion.

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

Chairman Murphy reported Commissioners Bauer, Pedersen, and he met a few weeks ago and discussed the Commissioner 2011 Rules and Regulations and agreed to review it in its entirety and make sure it coincides with Town protocol. No votes or action were taken at the meeting; meetings are planned for every two (2) weeks with agendas posted. The meeting for tomorrow May 26 has been cancelled. Commissioner Pedersen was appointed as the committee chair.

#### **11. New Business.**

Chairperson Murphy spoke of a request to have Commission meeting here or at Oakdale Firehouse every three (3) months per his discussion with Fire Chiefs who are unable to attend the meetings—the Oakdale Fire Chief Messier has a conflict requiring him to be at the firehouse. Commissioner Callaghan questioned about public notification of the change in location; Commissioner Stewart was not opposed and suggested the Public Safety Building as a meeting site and whether the meetings can be recorded there. Commissioner Perkins proposed public visits to the firehouses but continuing the meetings in its current location. Commissioner Gillette stated it would cause more confusion, there is more space, and noted the Recording Secretary travels from another town.

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

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

#### **13. Remarks from the Mayor.**

Mayor McDaniel reported on the development of an internal services contract to have subcontractors cover for the Building Official based on an hourly agreement. The contract has been forwarded to the Town Attorney for review. He commended the Memorial Day Parade Committee, the Fire and Police Departments, and volunteers for their work and efforts on the amazing parade, particularly given the hot, humid weather.

#### **14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.**

Town Councilor Yuchniuk commended the success of the Memorial Day Parade that was bigger than he remembered after the pandemic. He concurred with Commissioner Perkins that the Commission meetings should remain at the Town Hall as it would be easier for the Recording Secretary to do the recordings.

#### **15. Remarks from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Callaghan agreed with keeping the Commission meetings at the Town Hall as it would be easier for the Recording Secretary to do her job especially since her email is the only one she receives. She spoke about the setup of tables and chairs at the firehouse for meetings and the availability for the same. Commissioner Callaghan also congratulated the police officers and canine discussed this evening and expressed condolences to Commissioner

Perkins on the loss of her brother-in-law. Commissioner Gillette expressed sorrow for Commissioner Perkins' loss, congratulations to the officers mentioned earlier by Lt. Radford, and encouraged donations toward the autism patches being sold by the PD. Commissioner Perkins thanked the Fire-Police for everything they do and a safe holiday to all. Commissioner Stewart remarked on the Parade stating he wished more had attended, expressed thanks to the PD who responded to Chesterfield Lodge, and a safe Memorial Day weekend to all. Chairman Murphy expressed condolences to Commissioner Perkins and thanked the Fire, Police, and EMS for their sacrifice and the jobs they do daily.

**16. Adjournment.**

Motion by Commissioner Perkins; seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 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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OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**