

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting – September 25, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**  
**Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comments by the Chair of the meeting. The Montville Town Council Rules of Procedure, decorum, timeliness, and suitability shall be followed and enforced.**

***This was an Informational meeting; a quorum was not present.***

**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 Chairman Gary Murphy; Vice-Chair Stephen Stewart, and Commissioner Traci Callaghan.. Absent were Commissioners William Bauer, Mickey Gillette, Thomas Pedersen and Karen Perkins. A quorum was not present.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda – *No action***

**5. Special Recognitions and Presentations,--*None***

**6. Communications:**

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

Chairman Murphy confirmed the receipt by the Commission of statistical reports from the departments for the month of August 2023. Vice-Chair Stewart noted a report was not received from the Building Department.

**7. To Consider and Act on a Motion to approve minutes: -- *No action***

- a.** The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023.

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

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

**9. Remarks from Department Heads.**

**Police Department Report**

Lt. Radford reported the Police Department statistics for month ending August 31, 2023. Reported were 945 calls for service. A total of 113 citations were issued that included 39 infractions, 13 misdemeanors, and 61 written warnings. He also reported that Officer Witts

and K9 Officer Sig have started their formal training and are doing very well. Officers Hughes and Mora Serna are in their third phase of FTO and doing well. Officer Victor DeSimone will be sworn on October 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. This is a lateral staff placement. Lt. Radford presented Chairman Murphy, who was absent from last month's meeting, with a commemorative patch in honor of Independence Day that was presented to each Commissioner.

#### Fire Marshal Report

Fire Marshal Barnes reported Fire Marshal Statistics for the month ending August 31, 2023, as follows: Inspections of businesses and apartments (27), Fire investigations (4), Incident responses/requested to the scene (5), Burn permits issued (4), Plan Reviews (1) and Complaints (1). During the month of August, a total of six (6) hours was spent on Emergency Management obligations. The Fire Marshal also reported that career Firefighter Don Ellis was recently recognized by the IAFF Burn Survivor Summit in Washington, DC this past week and voted Councilor of the Year by his peers. For the past 14 years, Firefighter Ellis has used most of his allotted vacation time at the Arthur C. Luf Burn Camp in Milford, CT as a volunteer camp counselor. As a dedicated, career firefighter for the past 20-plus years for the Town of Montville, this recognition is a once in a lifetime and well-deserved acknowledgement of Firefighter Ellis' accomplishments.

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

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

Commissioner Perkins was absent from the meeting but emailed the monthly statistical reports for the fire companies to the Commission as follows:

#### **Montville Fire Company (August 2023)**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cancelled Calls</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>EMS Calls</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Fire Calls</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles Accident Calls</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Other Calls</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>114</b>

#### **Mohegan Fire Company (August 2023) – No report**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cancelled Calls</b>	
<b>EMS Calls</b>	
<b>Fire Calls</b>	
<b>Motor Vehicles Accident Calls</b>	
<b>Other Calls</b>	
<b>Total Calls:</b>	

**Oakdale Fire Company (August 2023)**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cancelled Calls</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>EMS Calls</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Fire Calls</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles Accident Calls</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Other Calls</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>65</b>

**Chesterfield Fire Company (July 2023)**

<b>Incidents:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cancelled Calls</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>EMS Calls</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Fire Calls</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Other Calls</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>52</b>

b. Report from Animal Control. (Callaghan)

The statistical reports for the month ending August 31, 2023, submitted by ACO Swanson are as follows:

**Town of Montville Animal Control Report (August 2023)**

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1*</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Total as reported

**Town of Salem Animal Control Report (August 2023)**

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD FY</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<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>0</b>

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<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette)

Commissioner Gillette was absent from the meeting.

d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart)

Commissioner Stewart remarked the Department has been busy but he has not been able to get a statistical report.

<b>2023-2024 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>Pending Permits</b>												
<b>Inspections</b>												
<b>Plan Reviews CO's</b>												
<b>Violation Notices</b>												
<b>Unsafe Notices</b>												
<b>Blight Identified</b>												
<b>Blight Abated To Date</b>												

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

**12. Unfinished Business. -- None**

**13. New Business. -- None**

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

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

**15. Remarks from the Mayor.**

Mayor McDaniel was absent from the meeting.

**16. Remarks from Town Council Liaison. – No report.**

**17. Remarks from Commissioners.**

Vice-Chair Stewart extended congratulations to Firefighter Ellis and remarked it was nice see the public safety employees doing things outside of work to benefit the community that shows

a lot about the Town of Montville. Chairman Murphy concurred with the remarks by the Vice-Chair concerning Firefighter Ellis. He noted that Firefighter Ellis was good with the training aspect of his job, taking part and working with the children in the Town, and as a really good employee.

**18. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers  
Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**