

TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION
Regular Meeting – July 22, 2024 -- 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers – Montville 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.

1. Call to order.

Chairperson 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 Chairperson Gary Murphy, Vice-Chair Stephen Stewart and Commissioners Brian Baker, Mickey Gillette and Karen Perkins. Commissioners William Bauer and Traci Callaghan were absent. A quorum was present.

4. Alterations to the Agenda

Motion by Vice-Chair Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Baker to remove New Business Item 13a, To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss the need for an ordinance requiring landlords to provide working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and maintain them including batteries. Discussion: none. **Voice Vote: 5-0-0, all in favor. Motion carried.**

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations. – None

6. Communications:

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

Chairperson Murphy noted for the record receipt of statistical reports by the Commission from the Public Safety departments for the month ending June 2024. Vice-Chair Stewart contacted the Building Official about reporting on the breakout of residential and commercial building permits which the Building Official thought was a good idea. The Vice-Chair also reminded the Building Official about the PSC meeting; a monthly report was not received from the Building Official.

7. To Consider and Act on a Motion to approve minutes:

- a.** The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024.

Motion by Vice-Chair Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the PSC Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024. Discussion: none. **Voice vote: 5-0-0, all in favor. Motion carried.**

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

Chairperson Murphy asked three (3) times for remarks. Montville Professional Firefighter Union President Tim Condon, 19 Olive Street, Waterford, CT, remarked on having given Commissioner Perkins the latest firefighter statistics from June 2024 that would be forwarded to the Commission. He also referenced a question posed by Commissioner Bauer at last month's meeting about what the CAD system can and cannot do. T. Condon explained that the data that can be identified are call volumes, type of call/district, transport source (paid FF, volunteer, outside agency), transports versus refusals, and times of day/day of week.

9. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

Lt. Radford remarked that Commissioner Gillette has the Police Department statistics for June 2024. He then reported the June 2024 Animal Control statistics into the record. See Agenda Item 10b. for that data. He noted that the December 2023 stats are unavailable due to the transition from fulltime ACO to the auspices of the Police Department. The Lieutenant also noted that the Commission had requested year-end activity totals for FY2023-2024 for the Police Department that Lt. Radford reported on as follows: 13,584 Total Calls for Service; 563 Infractions; 23 Juvenile Summons; 151 Misdemeanors; 2,763 Written Warnings for Total Citations of 3,500. There were also 866 Total Arrests for the year that included motor vehicle, criminal, and infractions. Positive correspondence for mutual aid to surrounding towns were received as follows: New London Police Chief Wright thanked Chief Blanchette for the support, partnership and resources of Officer Lalumiere at last weekend's Sailfest by helping make it a safe, enjoyable event for all attendees; Norwich Police Chief John Perry with thanks to Chief Blanchette for the assistance provided by Officer Lalumiere and Officer Hughes at their July 5th Fireworks event. The Officers were praised for maintaining order and handling the crowd effectively. A Positive Performance Observation Report from Chief Blanchette per a letter he received on June 17, 2024 from Groton Town Police Chief Fusaro regarding Officer Mora was issued. The Officer assisted the Town and the FBI with Spanish to English translation in an underage predator operation during the booking, interviewing and arresting phases and has been called to other towns for translation purposes.

Chief Blanchette remarked on the first year of the Montville Police Department ("MPD") that became an Independent Municipal Police Department on July 1, 2023 and its separation from the State of Connecticut Resident Trooper Program. The Chief reported into the record on some of the responsibilities assumed by the Department, i.e., Dispatch and Emergency Communications; COLLECT system; Records Management and Freedom of Information, Animal Control operations, Radio System (State Radio System), CAD/RMS (NextGen); Court/Evidence/Custody of Property; Prisoner Management, Custody, Medical Attention; Pursuit Review/Use of Force Review and Time Sensitive Reporting Requirements. Further, information was relayed concerning the Town and Montville Police Union negotiations under Mayor McDaniel's realm resulting in slight pay increases and minimum staffing requirements. Per the Police Accountability legislation enacted by the State of Connecticut, it mandates that all PDs must become "accredited," Officer Lindsey Michaels was removed from patrol duties and is now assigned as the Accreditation Manager. The Town renegotiated its MOU with the

Police Union transferring the Animal Control Officer duties to the MPD and Officer Bruce Rebello has filled the position. He has done a remarkable job with cleaning and repairing the current facility pending construction of the new facility. K-9 Sig who undertook his duties as a result of K-9 Barrett having been killed in the line of duty is now patrolling with Office Witts. K-9 Barrett was honored by the addition of his name to the Memorial Wall in Washington, DC in May 2024. The \$15,000 Grant for this distinction will be used for a new K-9 that will assist on busy shifts with Officer Fazzino's Narcotic Detection K-9 Gage. A handler for a comfort dog is being sought that will accompany one (1) of the three (3) SROs. The MDP has also responded to numerous calls for selective speed enforcement through an aggressive initiative. Monthly calls for service has been reinstituted on the Town web page for the purpose of transparency. Officer Aleshire and Lt. Dave Radford continue their efforts with the Montville Juvenile Board spearheaded by Youth Services Director Barbara Lockhart. The program continues to be a model program with the State and other towns. Officer Fazzino has been temporarily reassigned to assist with a backlog of major crime investigations and to monitor and initiate as needed investigations for Vice crimes throughout the Town. This reassignment coincides with the Chief's "Broken Window" theory of policing where quality of life issues are addressed with vigorous enforcement. The MPD has also entered into the Shoreline Traffic Reconstruction Team initiative with East Lyme and Waterford PDs for access to specially trained accident investigators and state of the art technology. It is also a member of the Regional "Special Response Team" ("SRT") initiative consisting of specially trained tactical officers with interlocal agreements with Waterford, Ledyard, Groton City and East Lyme PDs when dealing with high risk search warrants or low frequency, high intensity situations. The MPD SRT has five (5) members and meets twice a month on an overtime basis and have successfully been deployed on several search warrants with no issue. Chief Blanchette expressed his belief in the numerous strides made to professionalize the PD since its independence stating that officers are hardworking and conscientious and supervisors are not afraid to hold officers accountable for deficiencies. Lt. Radford takes care of the day-to-day operations; Communication Specialists in Dispatch continue to provide professional service to the public, police, fire and EMS agencies. Lastly, there is currently one (1) police officer vacancy that the Chief hopes will be filled within the next month or two.

Fire Marshal Report

Fire Marshal Barnes was away on a family vacation and his Fire Marshal Statistics for the month ending July 31, 2024, were submitted as follows:

Fire Marshal's Office Activity	July 2024
Inspections of Businesses and Apartments	23
Fire Investigations	3
Incident Responses Q64 (Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel)	6
Requested to the Scene Q54 (Fire Marshal Barnes)	2
Burn Permits Issued	0
Illegal Burn	0
Construction Project Inspection	4
Emergency Management Obligations	4 hours

Chairperson Murphy remarked that the Fire Chiefs appreciate the monthly meeting that is helpful for all public service departments.

10. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Report from Fire Department Liaison. (Perkins)

Commissioner Perkins reported that the Volunteer Relief Committee met earlier this evening and stipends and tax abatements were reported as follows:

Fire Companies	Stipends	Tax Abatements
Montville	2	7
Mohegan	*	*
Chesterfield	2	5
Oakdale	6	7

*Mohegan Fire Company had no report.

Commissioner Perkins also reported that she sent the Commission the June 2024 monthly statistical reports as she received them. She spoke with Montville Fire Chief Turner who still does not have access to his station computer. Mohegan Fire Chief Gaetano is catching up on his reports after having been away and will submit the past two (2) months of reports to the Commissioner once completed.

Montville Fire Company (June 2024) No Report

Cancelled Incidents:	Total
Calls	
EMS Calls	
Fire Calls	
Motor Vehicles Calls	
Other Calls	
Total Calls:	

Mohegan Fire Company (June 2024) – No Report

Incidents:	Total
Cancelled Calls	
EMS Calls	
Fire Calls	
Motor Vehicles Calls	
Other Calls	
Total Calls:	

Oakdale Fire Company (June 2024)

Incidents:	Total

Cancelled Calls	23
EMS Calls	37
Fire Calls	2
Motor Vehicles Calls	4
Other Calls	20
Total Calls:	86

Chesterfield Fire Company (May 2024)

Incidents:	Total
Cancelled Calls	16
EMS Calls	24
Fire Calls	1
Motor Vehicle	1
Other Calls	17
Total Calls:	59

Chesterfield Fire Company (June 2024)

Incidents:	Total
Cancelled Calls	35
EMS Calls	29
Fire Calls	2
Motor Vehicle	5
Other Calls	20
Total Calls:	91

b. Report from Animal Control. (Callaghan)

The June 2024 Activity Reports for the Towns of Montville and Salem submitted by Police Officer/ACO Bruce Rebelo were read into the record under Agenda Item 9 by Lt. Radford as follows:

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (June 2024)

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	12	107
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	2	57
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	4
# of Animals Euthanized:	1	1
Total Complaints Investigated:	118	796
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	5	24
Total Enforcement Action:	3	22
Total Other Calls for Service:	0	286

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (June 2024)

Activity	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded:	1	14
# of Animals Sold as Pets:	0	1
# of Animals D.O.A.:	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized:	0	2
Total Complaints Investigated:	5	58
Total Animal Bites Investigated:	2	5
Total Enforcement Action:	0	1
Total Other Calls for Service	0	0

c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette)

Commissioner Gillette reported the Police Department statistics for the month ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

Police Activity	Total
Total Calls for Service	943
Citations:	
Infractions	28
Juvenile Summons	1
Misdemeanor	4
Written Warning	108
Total Citations	141

d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart) – No Report

2023-2024 Building Department Report												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Permits Issued	123						93	86	92	116	85	
Pending Permits							80	89	103	92	123	
Inspections	147	149	80	125	126	103	96	117	109	116	114	
Active Blight	215							TBD	230	236	242	
Blight Abated To Date	519							TBD	519	524	526	

11. Remarks from Fire Chiefs.

Chesterfield Fire Chief Truex remarked on a prospective new report sent to the Commission last month from Commissioner Perkins; he spoke on having focused on the figures concerning the Chesterfield station, specifically the column titled “mutual aid.” Mutual aid requires stations to go out-of-town to assist i.e., Salem, East Lyme, Waterford and more recently New

London. The Chief commented on the overall total for mutual aid calls for his fire station per his run sheets versus the figures as stated on the report. Per the report, Chesterfield mutual aid calls for the months of February – May were 2, 1, 2, and 3 respectively. According to the Chief's run sheets, the mutual aid calls for that same period were 6, 4, 7, and 8 respectively that he tracked by the incident numbers. The Chief noted that the data in the report was incorrect. Commissioner Perkins remarked that the report lists the number of mutual aid fire calls in addition to those for EMS calls to other towns that she just noticed are split. Chief Truex acknowledged not having noticed that distinction on the report but reiterated that the data on the report is incorrect and inquired about the purpose for the data. He remarked that the data creates fodder for unfavorable comments on Facebook that does not help or benefit for recruiting volunteers; it only sows discord. Commissioner Perkins noted that if the report is inconsistent they should be sent to the Fire Chiefs to review mirroring comments made by Mayor Bunnell and the Commissioner at the last meeting. It was reported that a meeting, long overdue, is proposed with Fire Chief Messer, Mayor Bunnell, and the Commissioner to produce accurate, reportable data. Chief Truex also noted that with two (2) career staff required for ambulance transport there is no point for a volunteer's presence just to act as a chauffeur per a policy that is causing the problem that adversely affects data. Vice-Chair Stewart noted that the report was provided as a sample of the available data produced by the Union but remarked that he is not advocating but waiting for a system that the fire chiefs can use. Chief Truex remarked that EMS charts cannot be controlled to obtain data quickly; he questioned again about the purpose for the report and what it will be used for. When the subject of the monthly report comes up, it is noted that there is another system that can be used that the Town is using; notably, the ESO system used by the Fire Marshal is available, per Vice-Chair Stewart. Use of the ESO system would require a change to patient care reports and billing and per Chief Truex there is no value in giving a report that is broken. Chairman Murphy remarked that the Fire Chiefs have spent money to get reporting done accurately and although it is skewed it is fair to let them finish the project. Discussion was had regarding the ESO program i.e., whether subscriptions are needed, the program having been paid for by the Town and if upgrades have been made to it. The data reports will be used for future planning for specific needs and wants and it appears that the Fire Chiefs want use of EMS Charts. Their was discussion of the harm caused by social media and whether there is a policy for it. Chairperson Murphy noted the strict social media policy used by the Oakdale station and stated that no one should be posting if on duty at the department. Commissioner Baker questioned whether the Town has a social media policy and stated that public officials have been fired for posting when on duty, nor does it help morale of any in the fire service. Mayor Bunnell suggested that the Commission make a recommendation to the Town Council to establish a social media policy.

12. Unfinished Business.

- a.** To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve a Policy to systemize and retain firefighter data to observe trends and effectiveness.

Chairperson Murphy remarked that this agenda item was just discussed. Mayor Bunnell noted that discussions are still ongoing with the Fire Chiefs regarding data programs (EMS). When the investigation is complete, programs proposed will be brought back to the Commission for consideration and thereafter forwarded to the Town Council for policy. The Mayor also

reported that data is a value every year for budget purposes and staffing and coverage for fire protection. That volunteer staffing is responding is believed per the Mayor, but a data program is needed to show what the volunteer is doing, i.e. training, community service, and actions at the firehouse which the ESO program does not show. As to the social media policy, the Mayor believes there is an IT policy but reiterated preparation of a draft social media policy or crafting one from an existing one from another town.

b. Fire Companies Radio System Upgrades. (Baker)

Commissioner Baker remarked that the radio system upgrades are still a work in progress and whether additional funding is available to append to existing funds in budget.

13. New Business.

- a.** To Consider and Act on a Motion to discuss the need for an ordinance requiring landlords to provide working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and maintain them including batteries. *(Stewart)*

This item was removed from the Agenda.

- b.** To Consider and Act on a Motion to review and take possible action on the bid proposal for the new pumper for the Montville Fire Departments. *(Murphy)*

Chairperson Murphy reported that Fire Marshal Barnes is on vacation with his family but had sent his monthly report to the Commission in addition to a letter sent directly to the Chairperson concerning the specifications for the Montville Fire Company replacement engine M-12. The Chairperson read the letter into the record that noted the current M-12 is a 1991 KME Spartan six (6) person cab with 29,364 miles and 3739 hours. The pump has the capability of pumping 1500 gallons per minute and the tank holds 1000 gallons of water. The replacement engine will be a short four (4) door cab with a pump of 2000 gallons per minute capacity and a 1250 gallon water tank and a 2100 gallon drop tank on the side to better serve the Department's need. The specifications were reviewed by the Fire Chiefs and agreed upon; the Board of Finance approved money for this project in the capital plan for last year. The bid for this apparatus came in at \$1,044,407 with a completion time of 800 days. The increased pricing is due to the new motor package for 2025-2026 and the cost components. The Fire Marshal asked to have the Commission approve the apparatus to then be forwarded to the Town Council for purchase as the bid is time sensitive—it is good for 60 days. Chairperson Murphy reported there was \$800,000 in the budget two (2) years ago in CIP and the price increase is a standard for pumpers. A local department got one and the price was over estimate by \$300,000.

Motion by Chairperson Murphy; seconded by Commissioner Baker that the Commission recommend the Montville Fire Company M-12 bid specification of \$1,044,407 and forward it to the Town Council for approval. Discussion: It was clarified that the cost of the M-12 was already in the CIP but the Chairperson acknowledged receipt of the bid specifications of 90 pages on Friday past. Commissioner Gillette remarked that all should have an opportunity to review the specifications. Mayor Bunnell remarked that the recommendation for the increased cost for the apparatus has to be accepted by the Commission and approved for payment by the Town Council. Discussion followed concerning the increase in cost, \$244,000, that is due to the new model engine. Commissioner Baker remarked about his being asked to consult on the

M-13 truck for Chief Turner without any compensation; instead as a favor and out of the kindness of his heart. Given the Commissioner's experience in design, expertise, and technical specifications of fire apparatus, he noted that the \$80,000 increase for the M-13 was due to the new 2027 EPA compliant diesel engine package. Commissioner Baker also noted that if a current engine is not available the price for the apparatus will not change due to the manufacturer bid included with the package. The Commissioner noted that the M-12 is the last of the 1991 KME pumpers in Town—replacements for the other companies were done in 2012 by Oakdale, 2020 by Chesterfield and 2021 by Mohegan. The Mohegan and Montville trucks were purchased per recommendation of the DOC and it is hoped that the State of Connecticut will honor its recommendation given these trucks were purchased to take care of an incident that occurred at the prison regarding water supply. Commissioner Baker also noted that per NFPA guidelines, a 15-year old truck should be placed in reserve status; a 25 year or older truck should be replaced. Chairperson Murphy reported that the Montville company truck is the third going out of the door in their fleet; for the Oakdale company it is the first truck. Commissioner Baker reported that Chief Turner designed the new truck to fit their Town fire service needs and discussion for the same began last October 2023 and six (6) months to complete the bid process. Commissioner Gillette remarked that the bid should have come to the Commission the same as Chief Truex in 2019. Commissioner Baker read into the record the Town Policy for Purchase of Fire Apparatus, Town Council Resolution 2018-41 whereby Commission approval without changes is then forwarded to the Town Council. Commissioner Perkins remarked that the Commission could not help Chief Truex; he needed to do it himself; Chairperson Murphy responded that most commissioners have public safety experience and remarked that Chief Truex has the option to go before the Town Council for approval. Commissioner Baker also acknowledged that the Montville truck included an 100% Performance Bond issued to the Town if delivery is out 2-plus years to protect the Town and the Commission done at his request. Commissioner Perkins noted that she would not read the specs; Vice-Chair Stewart noted that Chief Turner has established a need for the truck replacement; and Chairperson Murphy stated he would withdraw his motion and call for a special meeting. It was clarified that the Commission is making recommendation based on the price increase with an amendment per the Mayor to still review the specifications. The specs were received by the Chairperson at 4:30 p.m. today. **Motion** by Vice-Chair Stewart; seconded by Chairperson Murphy to amend the motion for recommendation by the Commission for approval of the cost increase of the Montville Fire Company M-12 pumper of \$1,044,407 but hold off on approval of the specification. **Voice vote: 4-1-0**, Commissioner Gillette opposed. **Amended Original Motion Roll Call vote:** *In favor:* Commissioners Perkins, Stewart, Murphy, and Baker. *Opposed:* Commissioner Gillette. **4-1-0. Motion approved.** Chairperson Murphy will send the M-12 specifications to the Commission when he gets home. Commissioner Baker remarked that the Town Purchasing Policy for Fire Apparatus may need to be revisited and reclarified as a result of tonight's discussion. He added that is not the job of the Commission to tell the chiefs how to spec trucks, but to approve and move forward with what they give us. The Commissioner also noted that he would be happy to explain to Commissioner Perkins the specifications of the M-12.

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

Chairperson Murphy asked three (3) times for remarks. Deputy Fire Marshal John Meigel remarked on his use of the ESO program for Town inspections. At this time, the Town is paying for the full EMS portion of the program and documented responses for fires, investigation, data collection and full signing off of charts can be accessed from a firehouse and the fire chiefs from their homes. Whatever is needed, the program can be modified for that use by the administrator. The Deputy Fire Marshal has used the program for the past two (2) months that can be modified by user by one simple email to add a category. A document explanation attached to data requests will be kept together for tracking purposes making sure that everyone is reporting correctly. If the fire chiefs wish to have one (1) person to load data, Deputy Fire Marshal Meigel stated he would be happy to do it. Everyone who responds to calls will be documented including their attire. The ESO program allows the fire companies to have separate data or can be manipulated for fire companies into one system that can include assistance with grants, training, investigations, public programs, apparatus data, and qualifications of volunteers and paid staff. Resident Tom McCarthy of 62 Beechwood Road remarked on a submission to Commissioner Perkins of issues he has come across to the fire companies meeting the criteria of a performance crisis with the State of Connecticut. He cited research of the Montville Fire Company and the data provided at the last meeting by union staff i.e., missing 80% of calls in a 3-month period, a violation of C.G. S. 19-181b which states that an EMS Plan needs to be submitted and reviewed once every five (5) years that was passed in 2002 and for which the Town did not review/complete in 2022 due to covid. The next upcoming review is in 2027 and needs to be addressed and a plan determined. Resident Matt Suarez of 18 Cranberry Drive remarked on a question about the Commission agenda, He spoke of his review of other Town agendas and noted that the Commission's agenda was the only having "non-agenda items only." Chairperson Murphy remarked that agendas are set by the Town Clerk should he want to discuss it. Montville Professional Firefighters Union President Tim Condon of 51 Galvin Lane, Waterford remarked on community planning and the fire service having trouble and heavily relying on volunteers. The Commission needs to have per the Charter a Blue Ribbon Report that preserves the America's volunteers. Per this report, if a town has a fully paid fire service this body is to create a 5-year plan, a more global view of segmented companies for a better communication model and to discuss changes within the fire department. He proposes a letter to the Mayor on the same for a more robust volunteer staff that is dwindling, a stipend program, to assist with reliance on mutual aid and to stop arguing and promote communication.

15. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor Bunnell remarked that Fire Marshal Barnes brought to his attention the ESO Program that has a lot of value as does the CAD Program. The ESO Program will serve the needs of volunteers and paid staff. He also reported that the Route 85 roundabout at Route 161 has been cancelled by the State. Instead, the routes will be realigned by widening some sections of Route 85 between Lakewood and Horse Pond Road in Salem. Bids will go out in May 2025. As to the recent worldwide outage, the WPCA was the only Town Department affected by it. The Animal Control Facility project does not have a program manager, a requirement of the Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD"), to review all documents concerning construction that is directed to include value engineering items to cut costs. The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ("CHRO") is also a factor as part of urban

funding and value engineering items will have to go out to bid. If the \$2.6 million current cost for the project is not enough funds per established value engineering more may be implemented. The Mayor reported that he spoke with OPM today to find out who is the property manager for the project. Interviews continue for the Building Inspector Trainee position and three (3) applicants have already been interviewed. Per the last meeting of the Commission, Mayor Bunnell reported that a proposed ordinance concerning Public Act 24-16, as to who can declare for the paid firefighters has been sent to the Town Attorney for review and consideration. Lastly, the Mayor thanked Chief Blanchette, Lt. Radford, the police officers, and sergeants stating that their success is evident upon the Police Department one-year anniversary. He also responded to the favorable letters from police department chiefs concerning Officer Lalumiere, Officer Hughes, and Officer Mora.

16. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Councilor Sabilia remarked it has been an awesome first year for the Police Department as he is looking forward to seeing what will be done in the future.

17. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Baker remarked on the volunteer and career staff firefighter water supply drill, a townwide training, held on June 30. The training was attended by Town departments and mutual aid partners with 45 people in attendance. The Commissioner reported that the drill was for water use and water source to sustain a working fire and spoke of the setup of the trucks for the same at Murphy School. The next drill will be held on Sunday August 4 and he invited the Commission to attend. Commissioner Perkins remarked that there is some good from social media stating the rule will be all or none. She suggested leaving the social media matter in the hands of the Fire Chiefs. She also thanked the Fire Chiefs, volunteers, and paid firefighters. Lastly, she reported that she will email the letter to the Commission mentioned earlier by T. McCarthy. Vice-Chair Stewart remarked on comments by T. McCarthy and T. Condon that numbers are needed by the Town to form a long range plan for budgets and hiring personnel. Chairperson Murphy remarked that the Oakdale Fire Company has seven (7) prospective members of which four (4) are EMTs and another application was taken tonight. He also remarked that he did not have an answer for the comment made by M. Suarez and applauded him for going to the Town Clerk on the matter. Lastly, he congratulated Chief Blanchette on the Police Department 1st year anniversary stating that he had been stopped two (2) times by radar detection that has slowed his driving as part of the Police Department speed enforcement measure. He then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

18. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice-Chair Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Discussion: none. **Voice vote: 5-0-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers

Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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