

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall – Room 102

1. Call to Order – Chairman Jetmore called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present: Commissioners Jetmore, Loiler, McNally and Moran. Absent: Commissioners Allyn, Butterworth and Wehner. Also present: Mayor Ron McDaniel and Town Council Liaison Candy Buebendorf.
4. Remarks from the Public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit – none.
5. Discuss Public Safety Plan and its Recommendations – Chairman Jetmore asked the fire chiefs present to provide input for the Public Safety Plan. All agreed that despite some inaccuracies in the proposed plan, there were some suggestions worth discussing, including consistency among all fire departments and the Town for electronic reporting. Chief Turner suggested that a Fire Chief at some point in the future makes sense, but the suggested salary of \$65,000 is too low. Trainings are occurring regularly including twice yearly combined training. Ambulance services are working well and the fire departments are still attracting volunteers. Commissioner McNally requested the fire chiefs submit any specific recommendations via e-mail to the Commission. Commissioner Moran suggested there should be uniform protocols.

Lt. Bunnell was not finished with his recommendations but did suggest that some items would require capital improvement investments and consideration about whether or not Montville would be separating from its Resident Trooper Program. Those issues will drive decisions about many other items in the Public Safety Plan. Other topics discussed included job descriptions, frequency of sargent meetings. Chairman Jetmore suggested the Commission form a committee to study the feasibility and timing of an independent police force. Lt. Bunnell and Sgt. Martinez will provide a completed report within the next couple of days.

6. Remarks and/or questions from the Public with a three-minute limit – none.
7. Remarks from Commissioners/Town Councilors – Commissioner McNally stated this is a good starting point to work toward consistency among programs and purchasing. Councilor Buebendorf said it was great to see so much representation from the fire departments to provide input. Chairman Jetmore stated the mayor is doing a great job.
8. Adjournment – Commissioner McNally, second by Commissioner Jetmore, moved to adjourn. Vote 4-0, meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Buebendorf