

Revised
**Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Elizabeth Adams, Gary Allyn, Joseph DePasquale, Steve Loiler, James Moran, Eric Rousseau, and David Jetmore. Also present was Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner, Lt. Leonard Bunnell, and Resident State Trooper Sgt. Martin Martinez. Absent were Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini and Mayor Ronald McDaniel, who had another meeting to attend.

4. Amendments to the Agenda -- None

5. Communications

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

Commissioner Jetmore stated that the Fire Marshal was absent. He also referenced a memo he received dated May 5, 2014.

Commissioner Loiler asked if reports could be requested from the volunteer fire chiefs. Commissioner Adams concurred and asked that the same is requested of the Building Official.

Motion made by Commissioner Loiler; seconded by Commissioner Adams; to formally request the four (4) volunteer fire chiefs and the building official to submit monthly reports to the Commission. Discussion, none; voice vote, 7-0; all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Jetmore asked Commissioner Rousseau to communicate the message to the fire chiefs regarding the monthly reports.

Lt. Bunnell commented on and distributed the report from the Animal Control Officer Swanson. Commissioner Jetmore said that if the officer prefers the report could be submitted by email.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes of April 28, 2014

Motion made by Commissioner DePasquale, seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes of April 28, 2014, minutes as submitted; discussion, none; voice vote 7-0; all in favor; motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads

Lt. Bunnell summarized the April 2014 report as follows:

- Officer Matthew Orr has given written notice of resignation effective June 30, 2014.
- Officer of the Year, Joseph Kondash, will be commended on May 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the New London Lodge of Elks. Tickets are \$20. Everyone is invited and a head count is needed for those who plan to attend. [Commissioner Jetmore will send a note on behalf of the Commission congratulating Officer Kondash.]
- For the 13th year, the police budget was rejected to restore an officer position that was cutback in 2001, with 23 officers currently on the force.
- The Memorial Day Parade on May 18, 2014, went well with support from fire and police officers some of who were off duty.
- The K-9 training is still in progress and will conclude on June 12, 2014.
- The website is now updated.
- There were 1509 calls for service; 238 Troop E calls, and 63 walk-ins last month.

Commissioner Jetmore asked whether there have been any further issues with the building and its cleanliness. Officer Bunnell responded that they are still learning some of the building systems and that the building has not been cleaned to his satisfaction. In response to Commissioner Rousseau regarding new vehicles, Town Councilor Tanner said that three new vehicles were purchased from the current year's budget. Lt. Bunnell thanked the Finance Director and Town Councilor Tanner for their help in getting it done.

9. Reports from Committees and Public Safety Liaisons -- None

10. Unfinished Business

a. Update from the Mayor on the purchase of a K-9 dog.

Motion made by Commissioner Loiler; seconded by Commissioner Jetmore to remove Item 10a from the agenda; discussion, none; voice vote 7-0, all in favor; motion carried.

b. Modify the current policy on police uniforms to include the newly purchased lime green “construction type” shirts and vest for road jobs.

Lt. Bunnell reported that the policy is still under revision.

c. Continuation of discussion concerning fitness standards for the police department.

Motion made by Commissioner DePasquale; seconded by Commissioner Loiler, to remove Item 10c from the agenda; discussion, none; voice vote 7-0, all in favor; motion carried.

11. New Business

a. Discuss date to interview lateral transfer police applicants.

Lt. Bunnell said there are three (3) applicants for lateral transfer. Per discussion, Lt. Bunnell will email the commissioners with potential dates for the interviews that are expected to last approximately 1 ½ hours. Commissioner Loiler asked if consideration would be given to doing an exit interview of the resigning officer. Lt. Bunnell will provide feedback to the Commission regarding this matter.

12. Remarks from the Public

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor

Mayor McDaniel was absent from the meeting.

14. Remarks from the Town Council Liaison

Town Councilor Tanner remarked that she sent an email regarding the newly purchased vehicles and said that she had advocated for an additional police officer. She also commented that the parade was great and that the hazardous waste management plan approved by the Commission would be an item on the June 2014 agenda of the Town

Council. L. Tanner added that the Town Council will make one change to the charge for the ad-hoc committee of a formalized police department and then forward it on to the Town Council's attorney for review.

15. Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Adams asked whether Commissioners Rousseau and Allyn will report back to the Commission on action taken by the review committee concerning the Public Safety Study. Commissioner Loiler thanked the commissioners for their attendance at the meeting; Commissioner Jetmore apologized for his absence from last month's meeting.

16. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Loiler, seconded by Commissioner Moran, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; discussion, none; voice vote 7-0; all in favor; motion carried.

Submitted by: Gloria J. Gathers/Recording Secretary