

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. 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.

Commissioners present were Elizabeth Adams, Gary Allyn, Joseph DePasquale, James Moran, , and David Jetmore. Also present were Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Mayor Ronald McDaniel, and Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner. Commissioner Karen Perkins was absent. A quorum was present.

Note: There is one vacancy (1) on the Commission.

4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- None

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

Commissioner Jetmore asked and confirmed that the monthly reports were received by all of the Commissioners. These reports were dispersed electronically.

6. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2015; Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2015; Special Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2015; and Special Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2015.

Motion made by Commissioner Moran; seconded by Commissioner Jetmore to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2015; Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2015; Special Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2015; and Special Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2015, as written. Discussion: none; voice vote, 5-0; all in favor -- motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items only – three-minute limit).

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

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Lt. Bunnell reported that there has been a two-week extension for the trainees to repeat one of the four phases. One candidate is still attending the Academy and two seats available there in December. Five conditional offers were presented with five more to review from the last group of applicants. The Trick-or-Truck event on Saturday, October 31st went smoothly and parking areas were full. Approximately, 1500-2000 people attended the event. Lt. Bunnell thanked the fire and police personnel for their presence. He also reported that he is updating the existing uniform policy that will be brought to the Commission for consideration and action.

9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons.

Commissioner Adams reported that she and Commissioner Perkins had their last meeting with the fire chiefs on Thursday, October 29th regarding the Public Safety Report. They will prepare a report that will be forwarded to the chiefs for review and then to the Commission for consideration and action.

Commissioner Jetmore reported that three afternoons of interviews were conducted with the nine police applicants. The names of five of them were forwarded to Mayor McDaniel who will interview them tomorrow, October 27th.

10. Unfinished Business.

- a. **Update on meetings with fire stations regarding the Public Safety Plan/Almont Study (Adams/Perkins).**

Commissioners Adams discussed this item under Item 9 of the agenda.

11. New Business. -- None

12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks from the public. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel reported that he would conduct five interviews tomorrow, October 27. He also reported that the rescue truck is at Shipman's for completion of the final items on the punch list.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner commented that this could be her last meeting with the Commission given the upcoming elections. She said that the Commission is coming along nicely and commented on its “dedication and positive influence.” She added that the Town Council is looking to have the vacancy on the Commission filled.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Jetmore thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening, G. Gathers for her work with the Commission, and wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Responding to a question about dispatch from Commissioner Allyn, Mayor McDaniel stated he is working on the problem and is hoping to add enough new people to the handle the issue.

16. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Discussion, none -- voice vote, 5-0; all in favor, -- motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville