

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2018 - 6:00 PM
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to order.

Chairman Yuchniuk 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 Commissioners Mike Butterworth, Mickey Gillette, Karen Perkins, and Robert Yuchniuk. Commissioners Michael Doherty, Victor Lenda, Jr., James Moran, Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Town Council Liaison Jeff Rogers were absent from the meeting.

4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- *None*

5. Communications:

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

Chairman Yuchniuk confirmed that all had received the monthly statistical reports and said he had not received the Building Report.

6. Consideration and action to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three times for remarks but there were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

Per the April 2018 monthly statistics and activity reports submitted electronically by Lt. Bunnell, there were 1248 Calls for Service—Troop E – 205; PD – 560; Walk In – 52; and By Officer – 456. Lt. Bunnell reported on the support of the fire/police, and mutual aid from East Lyme Police and State Police at the Memorial Day Parade this past weekend. He also reported on Road Race on Saturday, May 20th at Murphy School with help of fire/police. As to staffing, four (4) applicants interviewed last week and second interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd. Responding to a question by Chairman Yuchniuk, Lt. Bunnell said there are currently 14 officers on the road, two (2) detectives with one on special assignment, and two (2) officers who are retiring this month.

Fire Department Report -- None

Building Department Report

2017-2018 Building Department Report												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Permits Issued	141	122	107	136	96	81	66	59	70	123		
Open Permits	2909	2983	2994	2981	3001	2980	2991	2999	2976	3049		
Inspections	132	148	144	152	91	107	76	78	89	109		
Plan Reviews	28	22	11	23	8	14	11	12	10	23		
CO's	6	5	9	9	6	4	3	7	2	11		
Violations	2	4	6	7	3	1	1	4	1	0		
Unsafe Notices	0	1	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	0		
Blight Identified to Date									497	499		
Blight Abated to Date									182	193		

Animal Control Report (April 2018)

	Month	YTD FY
# of Animals Impounded	1	12
# of Animals Sold as Pets	0	2
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized	0	1
Total Complaints Investigated	15	64
Total Animal Bites Investigated	0	2
Total Infractions/Summons	0	2

9. Committee and Liaison Reports.

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

Commissioner Perkins reported that she stays in contact with the firehouses about concerns they may have for discussion before the Commission. She also said Chief Truex is working on a report for the Commission, as requested. Commissioner Perkins also reported that once interim Fire Marshal Barnes is acclimated a report will be forthcoming.

b. Report from Animal Control Liaison (*Gillette*)

Commissioner Gillette reported that he had sent the ACO report to everyone and had met with Officer Swanson two (2) weeks ago. Chairman Yuchniuk asked about the move to New London. Mayor McDaniel reported the preliminary estimated cost for the move on \$130,000 and an operational agreement must be worked out.

c. Report from Police Department Liaison (*Lenda*)

Chairman Yuchniuk reported on correspondence from MADD recognizing Officer Saffiotti, his 9th year of recognition, for his 10 DWI arrests in the past year and Officer Shepherd in his 3rd year of recognition for his 20 DWI arrests in the past year. Lt. Bunnell was asked to extend congratulations from the Commission for their recognition.

d. Report from Building Department Liaison (*Butterworth*)

Commissioner Butterworth highlighted statistics from the Building Report. He also said that Commissioner Lenda had sent him information regarding blight and he would have him discuss it at the next Commission meeting.

10. Unfinished Business.

a. Discussion regarding Chesterfield Firehouse M32 replacement.

Chief Truex submitted a report to the Commission of specifications for the current and proposed replacement M-32 pumper, as requested, and the capabilities of each. His report included height difference, pump capabilities, water sources, limitations, and cost for each depending upon the selected chassis—with foam cell, without foam cell, or prepay. Discussion followed regarding these specifications and costs for a 2,000, 2,600, and 3,000 gallon tanker. Chief Truex cited the Almont Study that referenced replacing three (3) engines with tankers with one being a 3,000 gallon tanker. He agreed to email the New County Fire Chiefs Inventory of Tankers to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Perkins; seconded by Commissioner Butterworth to table Agenda Item 11a until the June Commission meeting. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. Level IV Plates and Carriers.

Commissioner Butterworth reported that research was being conducted for a grant for these times in light of the School Safety Act. Discussion followed concerning the availability of vests and rifles and the personnel trained/certified in the use of certain firearms within the Department.

11. New Business.

a. Report from School Security Subcommittee. (*Lenda, Butterworth*)

Commissioner Butterworth commented on federal grants that pay for training regarding school safety and referenced a community based program entitled, “What happens if this happens.” He also recognized the presence of the Board of Education assistant superintendent and school administrators stating that they would be invited back and meetings would continue between them.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth, seconded by Commissioner Gillette carryover Agenda, Item 11a to the June Commission meeting. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. Consideration and action of a purchase ordinance or guideline for fire departments. Commissioner Butterworth stated the proposed ordinance/guideline was crafted by the fire chiefs who will collaboratively for the benefit of the Town.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth, seconded by Commissioner Gillette to table Item 11b for input from absent commissioners. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).
Chairman Yuchniuk asked three times for comments. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor.
Mayor McDaniel thanked the fire/police present for Murphy's Mad Dash, the Memorial Day Parade, and storm-related assistance. He reported that hiring is in process for the police to cover department vacancies. Mayor Daniel also reported that the advertising closing date for the fire marshal position was May 31st.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.
Councilor Rogers reiterated the Mayor's praise for the presence of the fire/police at recent Town activities. He asked that everyone think and pay respect to veterans on Memorial Day.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.
Interim Fire Marshal Barnes was thanked for maintaining and managing fire operations in Town.

16. Adjournment.
Motion by Commissioner Perkins; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Minutes/Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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