

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – June 25, 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, Victor Lenda, Jr., James Moran, and Robert Yuchniuk. Also present was Town Council Liaison Jeff Rogers. Commissioners Michael Doherty and Karen Perkins and Mayor Ronald McDaniel and were absent from the meeting.

4. Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion to approve an Executive Session for discussion of Agenda Item 9e and invite in Mayor McDaniel, Lt. Bunnell, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Board of Education.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Butterworth to approve an Executive Session for discussion of Agenda Item 9e and invite in Mayor McDaniel, Lt. Bunnell, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Board of Education. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Communications:

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

Chairman Yuchniuk confirmed that he received the Police and Animal Control reports but not receive the others.

6. Consideration and action to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018. Discussion: Councilor Rogers noted that Mayor McDaniel and he were present at the meeting. The minutes will be amended accordingly. Voice Vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three times for remarks.

Chesterfield Firehouse Asst. Chief Rob Forrester initially commented that a representative from NEFA, John Valentini, was present as he talked about the extensive research done by Chief Truex regarding the purchase of an M-32 replacement tanker. He spoke about the rural

aspect of Montville with few fire hydrants and the need for a large capacity tanker. He further explained that the firehouse currently had two (2) engine tankers but would lose one (1).

Jeremy Truex of Chesterfield Firehouse addressed what was asked of the station, the need versus the want. He stated the need for a 3,000 gallon tanker not a 2,000 gallon one. He also referenced the lack of fire hydrants in the firehouse area and the desire for an Eagle body M-32 tanker with extra compartments for tools and other functional attack pieces (first response).

Dispatcher Jon Leonard distributed to the Commission Fire Department statistics for the months of April and May.

John Valentini of NEFA responded to Commissioner Moran concerning the costs for a 2,000, 2,500 and 3,000 tankers as originally requested by the Commission as follows:

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 2,000 gal Hawk body tanker | \$348,300 |
| 2,000 gal Eagle body tanker | \$393,708 |
| 3,000 gal Hawk body tanker | \$358,300 |
| 3,000 gal Eagle body tanker | \$402,708 |

Chesterfield Deputy Chief Dave Nelson talked about specific fire related issues—fire flow required, available supply, water supply deficiency, buildings without fire suppression measures. He referenced water availability versus having to wait for it to be transported.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

Per the May 2018 monthly statistics and activity reports submitted electronically by Lt. Bunnell, there were 1274 Calls for Service—Troop E – 215; PD – 431; Walk In – 63; and By Officer – 565.

Lt. Bunnell commented that the statistical and activity reports emphasizes what it takes to serve the Town of Montville. He reported on a new, permanent speed device that was installed at Montville Manor and donated by the Montville Lions Club. The device be moved around as needed. As to staffing, Lt. Bunnell said that there are no active applications at this time, but seven (7) interviews are scheduled for Thursday and Friday—one of them is a lateral transfer—and more will be conducted the third week in July. As of July, there are two (2) vacancies in the department. Lt. Bunnell also reported on a recent grant for school safety; the patrol cars that are on order, and the fire/police who assisted with pedestrians and traffic for the Carnival during the weekend.

Fire Department Report – The report was distributed to the Commissioners.

Chesterfield Asst. Fire Chief Forrester, speaking on behalf of Chief Truex, said that more water was needed in the Chesterfield area citing wooden without fire suppression and a pending strip mall and reasons for replacement of the station M-32.

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 | 133 | |
| Open Permits | 290 9 | 298 3 | 299 4 | 298 1 | 300 1 | 298 0 | 299 1 | 299 9 | 297 6 | 3049 | 3095 | |
| Inspections | 132 | 148 | 144 | 152 | 91 | 107 | 76 | 78 | 89 | 109 | 128 | |
| Plan Reviews | 28 | 22 | 11 | 23 | 8 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 23 | 32 | |
| CO's | 6 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 7 | |
| Violations | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Unsafe Notices | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Blight Identified to Date | | | | | | | | | | 497 | 499 | 505 |
| Blight Abated to Date | | | | | | | | | | 182 | 193 | 208 |

Animal Control Report (May 2018)

| | Month | YTD FY |
|--|------------|-------------|
| # of Animals Impounded | 14 | 139 |
| # of Animals Sold as Pets | 6 | 62 |
| # of Animals D.O.A. | 0 | 2 |
| # of Animals Euthanized | 0 | 11 |
| Total Complaints Investigated | 127 | 1066 |
| Total Animal Bites Investigated | 8 | 38 |
| Total Infractions/Summons | 1 | 17 |

9. Committee and Liaison Reports.

a. Report from Fire Department Liaison (*Perkins*) – No report

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

Commissioner Gillette referenced the ACO report sent electronically.

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

Commissioner Lenda reported that he spoke with Lt. Bunnell about requests for officers and the Mayor McDaniel's posting for Lt. Bunnell's position for which two (2) persons are eligible but need to be processed quickly and may require opening the Charter. Councilor Rogers commented on the long process to open the Charter and instead inquired about a policy change

committee. Chairman Yuchniuk inquired about the criteria for the position that included 5-years of experience and a written test conducted by LEC.

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

Commissioner Butterworth highlighted statistics from the Building Report. Councilor Rogers asked whether results from the blight complaints could be brought back to the Commission. Commissioner Butterworth noted that blight complaints cannot be anonymous.

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

Motion by Commissioner Moran; seconded by Commissioner Butterworth that the Commission goes into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss School Security and invite in Lt. Bunnell and Councilor Rogers. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Chairman Yuchniuk said that no votes were taken.

10. Unfinished Business.

a. Discussion regarding Chesterfield Firehouse M32 replacement

Chesterfield Asst. Fire Chief Forrester reminded the Commission that the station was asked about what it felt it needed which is a 3,000 gallon Eagle body M-32 tanker with a Kenmore chassis rather than the National chassis that costs more. He said that a 2,000-3,000 gallon tanker would add another axle. Asst. Fire Chief Forrester spoke to the danger associated with tankers on roads and how they have evolved through its conversion from trucks to tankers. He also addressed safety issues addressed by former Chief Murphy several meetings ago per Commissioner Lenda who talked about the top heavy look of the tanker. Asst. Fire Chief said that rollovers do occur but driver training is a key component for safety. NEFA Representative J. Valentini said the price for a 2,600 gallon Eagle body tanker was \$395,208.

Chairman Yuchniuk stated that he had spent the past month speaking with different fire companies and inquired about the number of times in the past year that the M-32 was sent out and on what type of calls. The Asst. Chief responded that the M-31 is the primary responder but the M-32 follows afterward or goes out-of-town for mutual aid. Per an inquiry by Councilor Rogers about an attack piece, Asst. Chief Forrester said he wanted the M-32 to be one. He also responded to Commissioner Lenda's question about adding a vacuum tanker for accessibility to more shallow pools at a longer distance. He said that an attack piece does not mean speed and the pumping ability and rate to fill perform at the same rate.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to table Agenda Item 11a and have the four (4) fire chiefs discuss it and come back to the Commission with a recommendation. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. Level IV Plates and Carriers.

Commissioner Butterworth reported that had been no movement on the agenda item.

c. Consideration and action of a purchase ordinance or guideline for fire departments.

Chairman Yuchniuk said that everyone should have gotten a copy of the draft ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth; seconded by Commissioner Moran to accept purchase ordinance/guideline for fire departments and forward it to the TARP and then on to the Town Council. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

11. New Business. -- *None*

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three times for comments. Lt. Bunnell stated in defense of the Building Inspector that he is saddled with blight that it is not funded by the Town Council, and although the process is long, V. Vesey has done a good job. He added that the Town does not have a blight hearing officer and without one an attorney must be hired. Also, V. Vesey does his job in addition to handling Town blight.

Chairman Yuchniuk spoke about having seen patrol dog Barrett at the Carnival. Lt. Bunnell said Barrett graduated from the Academy two weeks ago in a class of six and is assigned to Office Dan Wicks acting as a tracker and patrol dog. He also said that Barrett would make an appearance at the next Town Council meeting.

13. Remarks from the Mayor. *None*

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Councilor Rogers commented that things did not go as originally planned with the Carnival but noted that the fire/police looked good and were noticed by a lot of people.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Chairman Yuchniuk reported that Commissioner Doherty had resigned.

Commissioner Lenda commented that per his background he wants to get the fire/police what they need and hears what they are saying.

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Butterworth; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 5-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers
Minutes/Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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