

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2019 - 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 Mickey Gillette, Victor Lenda, Jr., James Moran, Karen Perkins, Stephen Stewart, and Chairman Robert Yuchniuk. Also present were Lt. Dave Radford and Town Council Liaison Jeff Rogers. Commissioner Leonard, Fire Marshal Bundy, and Mayor Ronald McDaniel were absent from the meeting. A quorum was present.

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 receipt by the Commission of the monthly statistics reports. Commissioner Lenda said he did not get the PD report which he said must be sent to him in PDF format.

6. Consideration and action to approve minutes.

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019.

Motion by Chairman Yuchniuk; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019. Discussion: Chairman Yuchniuk asked that Item 10.b be amended to show the vote at 4-2, not 6-0. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the August 26, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three times for remarks. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

Lt. Radford reported there were 1290 total calls for service in August and they included Type 1 calls (83), arrests (23), and juvenile arrests (0). The source for these calls were Troop E (238), PD (225), Walk-ins (77), and By Officer (750) as summarized in the PD July 2019 monthly report. As to staffing, Lt. Radford reported Officer Kelly is doing well and is currently in phase three of the FTO program. Officers Hagios and DiColella will be graduating at SCSU on September 25th and will then enter the FTO program. Officers Cassidy

and Kuckel are nearly halfway through the Academy and all continues to go well. Opening day of school went well and there was a strong PD presence at each school and on the roadways and said there was positive feedback from what he had heard. Lt. Radford also reported the PD was unable to staff the boat on the Labor Day weekend due to a lack of participation. The Portable Breath Tests (PBT) Units have been ordered and shipped. He said the Southeastern Regional Action Committee (SERAC) had purchased two (2) devices for the department. Also, on September 8 the PD assisted with the Montville Race Day and all went well. The Eversource gas line job will hopefully complete the installation of the pipe by the end of the week which is the goal. They will begin milling and paving on September 24 and it should take a few weeks to complete. Lt. Radford reported and read a summary involving four (4) officers—Officers Kelly, Edwards, Rubello, and Wylie—who were recognized and received Positive Performance Observation Reports for the prevention of a suicide.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department Report submitted by Fire Marshal Bundy reported activity for August 2019 as follows: There were 260 calls for service of which 188 were medical EMS calls, or 72.3% of all calls for service. Of the EMS calls, 158 resulted in transporting by ambulance and 83 calls involved two (2) paid firefighters; 55 involved one (1) paid firefighter, and 20 involved zero paid firefighters. There was also 74 inspections and one (1) residential fire investigation for a loss of \$123,000. As to Emergency Management, the 2018-2019 EMPG and NESF 2019 Grant (Millstone) were closed out. The applications for these grants have been completed for the upcoming year. Preparation is being doing for the REP 2019 Non-Evaluated Radiological Emergency Preparedness exercise in October. For Dispatch, there were 774 emergency 911 calls and 958 routine or administrative calls for service. As to staffing, the SAFER and AFG Grants are still in process and awards have been granted and the Town is still in the running. Effective September 13, Firefighter Dave Wheeler resigned to seek employment in another municipality as a firefighter/paramedic. A process for filling the open position will be established.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports.

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

In the absence of Fire Marshal Bundy, Commissioner Perkins gave his report as stated above. She stated that she contacted the four (4) fire chiefs as she does monthly. Commissioner Perkins also reported the Montville Safety Day will be held Saturday October 5 at the Montville Commons from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and said that Ed Shafer would be honored on that date. Each of the fire departments have their own CIP that they are working on but there has been no budget information yet for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Perkins also reported that call signs for now are not changing differing from the information reported last month.

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

Commissioner Gillette read the Town and Salem Animal Control August monthly reports into the record as follows:

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Animal Control Reports

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (August 2019)

	Month	YTD
# of Animals Impounded	18	21
# of Animals Sold as Pets	3	10
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	1
# of Animals Euthanized	1	2
Total Complaints Investigated	91	207
Total Animal Bites Investigated	1	3
Total Infractions/Summons	0	1

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (August 2019)

	Month	YTD
# of Animals Impounded	3	3
# of Animals Sold as Pets	0	0
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized	0	0
Total Complaints Investigated	17	22
Total Animal Bites Investigated	0	1
Total Infractions/Summons	0	0

c. Report from Police Department Liaison (*Lenda*)
 Commissioner Lenda said he had no information to report.

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

2019-2020 Building Department Report												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Permits Issued	142	177										
Open Permits	2920	2973										
Inspections	128	144										
Plan Reviews	22	34										
CO's	5	7										
Violation Notices	2	7										
Unsafe Notices	0	1										
Blight Identified To Date	533	533										
Blight Abated To Date	315	321										

Chairman Yuchniuk reported that he forwarded Building Inspector Vesey's proposed building fee revisions as approved by the Commission at its last meeting to TARP.

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

Commissioner Lenda reported a meeting will be held with the School district at 4 p.m. on September 24.

10. Unfinished Business -- *None*

11. New Business – *None*

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three times for comments. Matthew Suarez of 18 Cranberry Drive read a statement concerning short staffing on multiple Saturdays with no part-timers working and the use of career staff to cover Saturdays. He also said some staff are working 4-5 days a week and incentives are needed to keep staff in Town.

13. Remarks from the Mayor – *No report*

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Councilor Rogers remarked the issue of firefighter staffing falls on the Mayor and agreed that it needs to be addressed. He also noted the passing of Mr. Shafer and expressed condolences to his family stating he gave a lot of himself.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Gillette gave kudos on the performance of Officers Kelly, Edwards, Rubello, and Wylie as reported earlier by Lt. Radford. Commissioner Stewart said he agreed about the manpower situation with paid fire staff and said volunteers are still there and need to be motivated. Commissioner Lenda remarked he was disappointed that the PD boat did not go out on Labor Day that he hoped over the fall and winter there be interest for training for boat patrol. He also said he understood the RST was not renewed, but Lt. Radford confirmed that it had. Commissioner Perkins announced the Parks & Recreation Trick-or-Trunk to be held on Saturday, October 26 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The rain date for the event is October 27. Chairman Yuchniuk also thanked Officer Kelly, Edwards, Rubello, and Wylie for their efforts.

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 6-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers

Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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