

TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION
Regular Meeting – July 26, 2021 -- 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

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 Traci Callaghan, Mickey Gillette, Gary Murphy, Thomas Pedersen, Karen Perkins, Stephen Stewart, and Robert Yuchniuk. A quorum was present.

4. Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Murphy to remove Agenda Item 11.d, To consider and act on a motion to review the Wall of Honor Policy as revised by TARP. Discussion: Commission Gillette reported the item was being sent back to TARP to amend content and the motion would be permanently removed from the agenda. Voice vote: 7-0, 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 all Commissioners received copies of the monthly reports. Commissioner Stewart stated he did not receive the Police Report nor the Building Official Report who has been out for five (5) weeks. Commissioner Gillette confirmed the Police Report was sent and emailed a copy to Commissioner Stewart just prior to the meeting. Mayor McDaniel informed the Town Clerk to place the names of the new commissioners on the group email and said he would follow-up with IT.

6. Consideration and action to approve minutes.

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the June 28, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, as written. Discussion: Commissioner Stewart questioned who were supposed to be listed on Roll Call and suggested it should be consistent by adding all Department Heads. Voice vote: 7-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

8. Remarks from Department Heads.

Police Department Report

The PD monthly statistics ending June 30, 2021, were as follows: There were 1271 total calls for service that included Type 1 calls (48), arrests (27), and juvenile arrests (0). The source for these calls were Troop E (161), PD (266), Walk-in (53), and By Officer (693).

Fire Department Report.

Fire Marshal Barnes reported the Town fared well from the tropical storm with usual flooding in some areas, more rain than wind, with no invasive, home flooding. He also spoke of double coverage at the fire stations but there were no calls. There were priority issues involving tree limbs on power lines. As to the FD statistics for the month ending June 30, 2021, there were 252 calls for service of which 176 were medical EMS calls; 11 medical assists (out-of-town); and 16 cover assignments at Chesterfield moved up to the Community Center which is done when career staff are out on calls. Fire Marshal Barnes also reported on three (3) major incidents in the past week when career staff were shorthanded. He spoke of incidents where fatalities occurred, and tones were sent out for help for career staff where calls went unanswered or were responded to by out-of-towners. He stated he would be putting in a request for three (3) additional career staff for the next budget year as it is needed, short of getting help from outside the Town. Chairman Yuchniuk inquired about the availability of funds for part-time firefighters; Fire Marshal said it was being used to cover overtime. Chairman Yuchniuk also confirmed Commissioner Perkins was invited to the meeting.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports.

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

Commissioner Perkins confirmed the report given by Fire Marshal Barnes and said she had no individual reports this month from the Fire Chiefs.

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

Commissioner Murphy stated the reports for month ending June 30, 2021, were sent out and everyone should have received them. The statistics are as follows:

Animal Control Reports.

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (June 2021)

	Month	YTD
# of Animals Impounded	12	82
# of Animals Sold as Pets	10	44
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized	1	4
Total Complaints Investigated	73	977
Total Animal Bites Investigated	2	23
Total Infractions/Summons	0	1

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (June 2021)

	Month	YTD
# of Animals Impounded	0	10
# of Animals Sold as Pets	0	0
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized	0	0
Total Complaints Investigated	4	61
Total Animal Bites Investigated	0	7
Total Infractions/Summons	0	2

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

Commissioner Gillette read into the record the PD report submitted to him by Lt. Radford. He also reported Commissioner Gillette read the statistics for the June 2021 Police Report into the record. He also reported Officer Michaels completed field training; and Officer Kaleb graduated from the Academy and will begin field training.

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

Commissioner Stewart reported the Building Inspector was out for five (5) weeks and returned to work today.

Chairman Yuchniuk asked if anyone wanted to change their liaison positions; there were no requests for change.

Building Department Report.

2020-2021 Building Department Report												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Permits Issued	115	76	197	111	151	110	83	73	150	125	117	
Open/Pending Permits (New System)	115	85	101	100	88	85	102	123	98	153	125	
Open Permits (Old System)	3201	3176	3166	3150	3133	3066	3063	3060	2945	2942	2837	
Inspections	103	78	113	119	107	96	131	88	116	111	104	
Plan Reviews	37	17	96	9	20	25	17	11	194	37	29	
CO's	0	3	2	3	7	3	2	1	4	3	3	
Violation Notices		2	2	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	
Unsafe Notices		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Blight Identified To Date	530*	534*	534	538	538	538	539	539	540	540	540	
Blight Abated To Date	342	345	347*	349	349	351	354	356	358	356	356	

***Corrected numbers.**

10. Remarks from Fire Chiefs. -- *None*

11. Unfinished Business.

a. Fire Department Solutions.

Chairman Yuchniuk said given the comments it appeared that all were satisfied with the Fire Department meeting as reported by Fire Marshal Barnes. There was no other information.

b. Discussion and action on the Animal Control Facility.

Commissioner Murphy said he was not made aware of any new information concerning this item.

c. To consider an act on a Town of Montville Public Safety Commission Policies and Procedures, Section F.4, G.2 2.4, Attachment 1 & Attachment 3, 6.6.2, Adopted June 13, 2011. – *(Murphy)*

Commissioner Murphy stated he was not ready yet concerning this item.

d. To consider and act on a motion to review the Wall of Honor Policy as revised by TARP. This item was removed from the Agenda.

12. New Business.

Chairman Yuchniuk reported on the two (2) new commissioners to the Commission—Traci Callaghan and Thomas Pedersen. Commissioner Callaghan said she has worked with the Fire/Police at Oakdale where she resides for a number of years. Commissioner Pedersen also lives in Oakdale and said he worked with Norwich PD for 25 years and 18 years in criminal justice. Commissioner Stewart commented he appreciated these commissioners for stepping up.

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

Chairman Yuchniuk asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

14. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel welcomed the new commissioners stating Commissioner Pedersen brought a wealth of experience and said the Fire/Police Service where Commissioner Callaghan serves has been mostly under the radar. The meeting with the Fire Chiefs was scheduled to accommodate all schedules including the agreed upon quarterly meeting. Mayor McDaniel said the quarterly meeting would be scheduled following the Firefighter Relief Fund Meeting when everyone would be present. He also reported Officer Kaleb graduated from the Academy which he could not attend but would start FTO. He said with Officer Kaleb's graduation it would round out a fully staffed PD with one officer on maternity leave and absenteeism due to vacation time.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison. – *No report*

16. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Perkins welcomed the new commissioners. Commissioner Murphy remarked on the need for more paid staff and the number of calls received from Apple Rehab due to inadequate staff and not wanting to take responsibility. He said their request for ambulances requires two (2) firefighters to respond and spoke of agreements with outside Fire Departments, calls from local roads and not highways as agreed, volunteers not allowed to use their personal calls on highways, and alleviating pressure on paid staff especially during the day. Commissioner Callaghan inquired about the Apple Rehab policy regarding ambulance calls for service and whether that procedure must be followed. Commissioner Stewart welcomed the new members and asked that they call the Commission as needed. Commissioner Gillette congratulated Officer Michaels and Office Kaleb. Commissioner Pedersen thanked the Commission for its welcome. Commissioner Callaghan thanked the Commission for its welcome and said she was looking to learn a lot. Chairman Yuchniuk said the Fire Department meeting was a good thing and read a thank you card from former Commissioner Moran's wife.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**