

TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – September 27, 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, Thomas Pedersen, Stephen Stewart, and Robert Yuchniuk. Commissioner Gary Murphy and Karen Perkins were absent. 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 all Commissioners received copies of the monthly reports.

6. Consideration and action to approve minutes.

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to amend the August 23, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Discussion: Commissioner Gillette noted a spelling correction in Item 14—Officer “*Fazzino*”, not “*Vessino*” on Line 13 and RST “*Gosselin*”, not “*Gelinas*” on Line 14. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Callaghan to amend the August 23, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Discussion: Commissioner Stewart noted a spelling correction in Items 15 and 16—Dispatcher “*Bragdon*”, not “*Bragley*”, Lines 7 and 5, respectively. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Callaghan to approve the August 23, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Discussion: None. Voice vote: 5-0, 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

Lieutenant Radford was absent from the meeting due to the sudden death of his mother. The PD monthly statistics report ending August 31, 2021, was read into the record by Commissioner Gillette. See Agenda Item 9c.

Fire Department Report

Fire Marshal Barnes reported the FD monthly overall statistics for August 31, 2021, as having 295 calls and 205 of them were EMS calls. There was also a passenger fire loss of \$9,000. To date, there have been 2,240 calls that is suspected to surpass last year with more than 3,000 calls. New hire Firefighter Blaise is on the job working at Chesterfield and certified to work at Chesterfield and Oakdale firehouses and in a couple of weeks to begin training to work at Mohegan firehouse. Dispatcher interviews took place a few weeks ago and Commissioners Callaghan, Gillette, and Perkins were thanked for participating. Hired to take the place of J. Leonard was Christopher Jaskiewicz and a second dispatcher has been identified to takeover upon the retirement of Dispatcher Bragdon whose last day is November 6.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports.

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

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

The statistical reports for month ending August 31, 2021, submitted by ACO Swanson are as follows:

Animal Control Reports

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (August 2021)

	Month	YTD
# of Animals Impounded	10	17
# of Animals Sold as Pets	9	11
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized	0	3
Total Complaints Investigated	84	173
Total Animal Bites Investigated	1	2
Total Infractions/Summons	0	0

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (August 2021)

	Month	YTD
# of Animals Impounded	1	1
# of Animals Sold as Pets	0	0
# of Animals D.O.A.	0	0
# of Animals Euthanized	1	1
Total Complaints Investigated	16	6
Total Animal Bites Investigated	0	0
Total Infractions/Summons	0	0

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

Commissioner Gillette read into the record the PD statistics for month ending August 31, 2021, as follows: There were 1067 total calls for service that included Type 1 calls (79), arrests (27), and juvenile arrests (0). The source for these calls were Troop E (184), PD (180), Walk-in (68), and By Officer (636).

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

Commissioner Stewart read into the record the Building Department statistics for the month ending August 31, 2021, are as follows:

Building Department Report

2021-2022 Building Department Report												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Permits Issued	110	171										
Pending Permits	124	137										
Inspections	118	134										
Plan Reviews	17	29										
CO's	5	4										
Violation Notices	2	3										
Unsafe Notices	0	1										
Blight Identified	557	559										
Blight Abated To Date	388	393										

Responding to Chairman Yuchniuk, Mayor McDaniel reported Building Inspector Vesey’s last day is Friday, October 1. Three (3) applicants have applied for the position—two (2) are qualified, certified building officers while the third applicant did not indicate so on his application. A call was made to that applicant for clarification. The application period has closed. Chairman Yuchniuk will coordinate with Commissioner Stewart for an interview committee as requested by Mayor McDaniel. The Mayor will compile a list of interview questions at the request of Chairman Yuchniuk.

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

11. Unfinished Business.

a. Fire Department Solutions.

Fire Marshal Barnes responded to Chairman Yuchniuk the quarterly meeting had been delayed due to the absence of Chief Truex who is in Louisiana but is scheduled to return Tuesday, per Commissioner Stewart. Mayor McDaniel reported there were a lot of scheduling issues and spoke of the negative connotation associated with the word “solutions.” He stated things have been moving along well, and positively. The word “staffing” was the original word used but the word “solutions” was in the title of the report submitted by the Union and was never

changed according to Union Representative Congdon. Mayor McDaniel spoke of redundancy given the reports from Commissioner Perkins, the Fire Chiefs, and the Fire Marshal.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Callaghan to remove Item 11a, Fire Department Solutions from the Agenda. Discussion: The Commission concurred if an issue occurred it could be addressed with the Fire Marshal (*Yuchniuk*) or placed back on the Agenda (*Stewart*). Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

b. Discussion and action on the Animal Control Facility. – *No report*

Commissioner Stewart commented on the Town Council Meeting Minutes received from Mayor McDaniel that included the pricing information concerning the proposed animal control facility. Commissioner Gillette spoke of proposed locations for the facility and the \$800,000 approved and sent on to the Town Council for consideration. Mayor McDaniel will obtain the financial information on the project from the new Town Planner as M. Vlaun has retired.

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*) – *No report*

12. New Business. -- *None*

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 remarked on the passing of Lt. Radford's mother stating he would obtain and send out information on the services. He also remarked on the retirement of Officer Rockwell who he said would be missed and that Lt. Radford would start the interview process; Building Inspector Vesey's retirement papers having been submitted and there will be 2-3 interviewees for the position; Blight Officer Richards and ZBO Williams have taken legal action against some, and progress is being made; Paul V ____ is back on the job after a long injury. Mayor McDaniel reported Radowski is closing but the Warden has assured him outside services would still be supplied to the Town; and an EMPG Region 4 grant audit was conducted last week and was passed with flying colors. The Town is given \$10,000 per year to offset the Fire Marshal salary and EMS that the Town matches with federal funds handed down to the state. Tropical Storm Ida was remarked as a disaster to the Town wiping out up to 11 roads that were closed. Information will be reported to FEMA regarding culverts and roadside erosions to meet a threshold of 75% for reimbursement to include resident damage that is not reimbursable by the Town. Estimates for emergency authorizations, not bids, will be sought.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Councilor Bunnell gave condolences the Radford family and spoke of attending the Kelly-Burke Celebration of Life on September 18. He also congratulated Officer Bruce

Rockwell on his retirement and noted his role as a former SRO in the school system and also congratulated Building Inspector Vesey on his retirement and the work he did for the Town.

16. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Gillette gave condolences to the Radford family and congratulations to the three (3) retirees. Commissioner Stewart also congratulated the retirees.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 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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MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**