

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting – October 25, 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.

Chairman Yuchniuk noted for the record Town Councilor Bunnell was absent.

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 Stewart to approve the September 27, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, as written. Discussion: None. 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

Lieutenant Radford read into the record the PD monthly statistics report ending September 30, 2021, as follows: There were 1198 Total Calls for Service that included Type 1 Calls (79), Arrests (24), and Juvenile Arrests (1). The source of these calls were Troop E (199), PD (200), Walk-In (49), and By Officer (621). Lt. Radford also reported Officer Osunniyi is currently entering his final phase of this FT, is doing well, and should be on his own in 2-3 weeks. The new Molly Ballistic Vests obtained with the assistance of a grant have arrived and are in use with all officers having received necessary training. Lt. Radford will reach out to Chairman Yuchniuk to setup interviews for applicants to fill the vacancy for Officer Rockwell. Also reported was the life-saving efforts of Officers Shepard and Osunniyi who were first on the scene of a shooting victim. Officer Osunniyi applied a tourniquet to the victim's leg stopping the massive blood loss; the EMS took over the patient care. The ER Doctor stated the tourniquet

application saved the victim’s life. Both Officers have been submitted for a Life Saving Award by the Troop Sergeant on duty for that incident and will also receive positive PORs for their files and recognition.

Fire Department Report

Fire Marshal Barnes reported the FD monthly overall statistics for September 20, 2021, as having 322 calls and 205 of them were EMS calls. There was also 22 flooded basement, emergencies and a \$600 fire loss on Oakdale Road due to dryer that went unnoticed with a non-ambulatory resident at the home. He also reported on the progress of Deputy Chief Milton with his fire marshal classes stating he has finished and taken the test for fire enforcement this week and will start code enforcement on Monday. He is also currently working in the office two (2) days a week on Tuesday and Thursday and attending class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. For this week, Chief Milton will be in the office four (4) days.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports.

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

Commissioner Perkins reported the Montville Firefighters Relief Committee met this evening with a report on quarterly eligibility for stipend payments. The results for the quarter were Montville (5), Mohegan (11), Chesterfield (9), and Oakdale (12). She also reported emailing to the Commission the FY 21/22 budgets for Chesterfield and Montville; receiving the Oakdale budget today and the Fire Marshal budget that she would scan and send to the Commission. Commissioner Perkins stated she would receive the Mohegan budget tomorrow and would also forward it to the Commission all also asked that the Department budgets be put on the agenda for next month. Additionally, she reported Mohegan having its first annual Trick or Trunk on Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM with John’s Twisted “Q” food truck at the event that donates leftover food to the police and fire departments and the Mohegan Annual Toy Drive on Saturday, November 27 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Walmart to collect unwrapped toys and donations in support of Montville Social Services.

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

The statistical reports for month ending September 30, 2021, submitted by ACO Swanson are as follows:

Animal Control Reports

Town of Montville Animal Control Report (September 2021)

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>88</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (September 2021)

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Commissioner Callaghan reported on meeting with ACO Swanson who commented on boarding issues, a list of items regarding the facility, and a proposal for the facility to move next door. Chairperson Yuchniuk reported on the proposed history for a new facility, a documentation file held by former Town Planner Vlaun, the grandfathered status of the current facility, improvements to it that would require bringing it up to code and thus loss of the grandfather status, and the proposal for a new facility and approval by the former Town Council. Commissioner Callaghan emphasized her desire to upstart for a new facility and to make sure she was following the right path and doing things correctly deeming the current facility borderline animal abuse. Chairperson Yuchniuk suggested she contact current Town Planner Burdick for the data on the project.

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

Commissioner Gillette congratulated Officers Cassidy and Fazzino and Sergeant Pierce for having collect a lot of money for their Breast Cancer Awareness patch sales. He also reported on No Shave November and funds for it going to a Town family and suggested contacting Lt. Radford about it.

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

Commissioner Stewart read into the record the Building Department statistics for the month ending October 30, 2021, are as follows:

Building Department Report

<b>2021-2022 Building Department Report</b>												
	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>99</b>									
<b>Pending Permits</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>57</b>									
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>166</b>									
<b>Plan Reviews</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>									
<b>CO's</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>									
<b>Violation Notices</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>									
<b>Unsafe Notices</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>									
<b>Blight Identified</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>660</b>									

<b>Blight Abated To Date</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>408</b>									
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Commissioner Stewart reported everyone was aware of the new Building Official Dave Jensen who was interviewed, accepted the position, and has hours of work ahead of him. He added his former position as Blight Officer now has to be filled. Mayor McDaniel responded to Chairperson Yuchniuk that the vacancy for the Blight Officer position had to post with the union first and has run its course and an advert has been posted for the public.

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

11. Unfinished Business.

a. Discussion and action on the Animal Control Facility.  
 Chairperson Yuchniuk noted for the record this item has already by discussed. See Agenda Item 9b.

b. 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 asked that this item be removed from the Agenda.

12. New Business.

a. To review and act on 2021-2022 Department Budgets.  
 Per discussion of the FY 21/22 Department budgets, Commissioner Callaghan reported she had not received a budget from the ACO. Commissioner Gillette reported on the PD budget noting an increase in natural gas and an increased cost for a second canine. Lt. Radford responded on the RST stating the current one was promoted to master sergeant and the State has provided a temporary RST until a permanent one can be assigned to Montville. He also clarified the budget for review does not include salary figures for personnel, overtime, administration nor the RST stating Finance has always done the contractual numbers for the budget. Per a question from Commissioner Stewart, Lt. Radford also explained the source for the care of the canines and said a second canine is being sought pending the retirement of Molly soon. Mayor McDaniel explained for Commissioner Stewart the factors and timeline for review budgets that will not occur until next May and said he would see if he could get the budget salaries but said the State would supply the RST salary.

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 staffing issues regarding the PD budget discussed earlier by the Commission; the 1700 children who participated in the Trick or Trunk event; preparation for the pending storm; and wished good luck those running in the upcoming elections.

15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison. -- *None*

16. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Gillette remarked on the great job by Officers Shephard and Osunniyi on their life-saving efforts; the great job by the fire department; the breast cancer patches being sold by the police department, and the donations from No Shave November being collected in support of a Town family. Commissioner Stewart asked all to be safe. Commissioner Murphy remarked also on the great job by Officers Shephard and Osunniyi and the EMS firefighter regarding the victim shooting. Commissioner Perkins thanked the paid and volunteer firefighters and asked everyone to take care during the Halloween weekend.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy; seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 7-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gloria J. Gathers  
Recording Clerk, Town of Montville

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MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**