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**Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 28, 2009
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall
7:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jetmore called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission to order at 7:00.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call** – Present were Commissioners Allyn, Butterworth, Jetmore, McNally, Wojcik. Absent were Commissioners Scott and Wehner. Also present were Mayor Jaskiewicz, Town Council Liaison Ed Radgowski, Lt. Bunnell and Sgt. Collins.

Chairman Jetmore asked the Commissioners to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Hank Baxter who passed away unexpectedly last week.

Chairman Jetmore requested the addition of agenda item #10 New Business (a) To consider and act on a motion to set a date to interview candidates for the position of Police Officer. Motion made by Commissioner Wojcik, seconded by Commissioner Butterworth. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

4. **Motion** made by Commissioner Allyn, seconded by Commissioner Wojcik to approve the meeting minutes of July 27, 2009 as submitted. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, **motion carried**.

5. **Communications**

Chairman Jetmore discussed the following correspondence with the Commission;

1. A letter from the Montville Town Council Chairwoman, Candy Buebendorf regarding the appointment of Thomas McNally to the Public Safety Commission

2. A memo to the Emergency Dispatchers both full and part-time from Mayor Jaskiewicz regarding procedure for answering telephones outside of 911 calls.

6. **Remarks from the Public** – none.

7. Remarks from Department Heads

Lt. Bunnell distributed the statistics report to the Commissioners and gave a brief overview regarding procedure for documenting how the call analysis is recorded. He thanked the Fire Marshall's office for all of their help with setting up the system. He discussed the officer currently in Kuwait and urged anyone who wished to write to him to do so. He stated an officer will graduate the academy in October after finishing a twenty three week program. He discussed the recent bank robbery in Montville and stated the suspect has been apprehended without incident.

A discussion was held regarding procedure for 911 hang up calls.

Sgt. Collins discussed the neighborhood watch program, stating it continues to grow and has great turnouts at their meetings. The citizens of Montville are doing a great job attending the meetings and being pro-active in their neighborhoods. He stated a resident stepped forward to be the contact person for the neighborhood watch program in the Manor. He discussed a program that allows the police to reach out to seniors in need. He discussed a drug give back program at the Senior Center that allows residents the opportunity to turn in unwanted or expired prescription drugs for proper disposal. This event will take place on October 22, 2009. He discussed a grant received in the amount of \$9,100 for the purchase of four lasers and a radio for the police boat. He hopes to apply for additional grants in the future for items needed. He thanked the men and women in the Public Safety field who do a great job for the Town each and every day.

8. Reports from Committees

Commissioner Jetmore discussed the Building Committee, stating the committee is making progress and working toward their goal. He stated they meet often and he will keep the Commission informed regarding their progress.

Commissioner Butterworth discussed the meetings regarding the Tri-Town Police Department. He stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 3:00 p.m. He stated he hopes the committee comes to a conclusion soon.

a. Reports from Public Safety Commission Liaisons – none.

9. Old Business

Chairman Jetmore discussed a call he received from the Town Clerk regarding the need to add items to the agenda under Old Business prior to the meetings instead of at the meeting in order to allow the public to attend and comment. He urged the Commissioners to e-mail any items they would like to add to the agenda one week prior to the meeting in order to get it on the agenda in a timely fashion.

10. New Business

a. **To consider and act on a motion to select a date for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Police Officer.** Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore, seconded by Commissioner Allyn to hold the interviews on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Remarks from the Public

John Geary, 11 Depot Road, discussed Freedom of Information with the Commission pertaining to placing items on the agenda. He stated the Town Council has recently changed their Rules and Regulations to call Old Business "Unfinished Business". He suggested the Commission change their wording on future agendas in order to comply with new regulations.

Lt. Bunnell discussed presenting Commissioner Baxter's daughter with a plaque in honor of her father's service to his community, Town and country from the Public Safety Commission. He suggested inviting her to a meeting to receive the plaque. Commissioner Allyn offered to collaborate with Lt. Bunnell for appropriate wording.

12. Remarks from Mayor Jaskiewicz

Mayor Jaskiewicz discussed a letter he sent to DOT regarding traffic lights throughout town that have been causing concern to residents. He stated he got a response and forwarded it to Lt. Bunnell to pass on to the neighborhood watch. He apologized for the amount of time it took but explained the DOT sends out employees to verify claims regarding lights and these things take time. He discussed the neighborhood watch and stated he hopes the citizens stay as enthusiastic about the program in order to make it a success. He discussed the regional police meetings and thanked Commissioners Butterworth and Wehner for attending the meetings on behalf of the Commission. He discussed the senior "yellow dot" program that assists seniors in case of emergency. He discussed the proposal for a new building for the police, stating he believes the public may be ready to approve the funding for the project because it is time to do so. He discussed bonding the project so that it remains controlled by the Town as opposed to private contractors. He discussed a possible referendum to let the residents vote on the proposal. He discussed possible grants to fund portions of the proposal.

13. Remarks from Town Council Liaison, Ed Radgowski – Councilor Radgowski did not have anything to report to the Commission.

14. Remarks from the Commissioners

Commissioner Allyn stated he attended the memorial service for Commissioner Baxter and commented regarding all of the kind words spoken by his shipmates and friends. He stated it was a great tribute to his life.

Commissioner Wojcik inquired regarding an update on recent events from Lt. Bunnell.

Commissioner Jetmore stated it was good to see representation from the Public Safety Commission at Commissioner Baxter's funeral. He stated he will miss him very much.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Wojcik, seconded by Commissioner Allyn to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Public Safety Commission