

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
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**Town of Montville
Public Safety Commission –Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 23, 2009 -7:00 p.m.
Town Hall - Town Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Jetmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present were Commissioners Butterworth, Jetmore, McNally, Scott, Wehner and Wojcik. Absent were Commissioner Allyn and Mayor Jaskiewicz. Also present was Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf.
4. Consider and act on a motion to approve October 26, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner McNally. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Communications

Chairman Jetmore discussed a memo dated October 30, 2009 from Lt. Bunnell regarding the New London vs. Montville football game with the Commission and stated Lt. Bunnell will speak regarding this issue later in the meeting.

Chairman Jetmore welcomed Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf to the meeting and stated he looks forward to working with her. He thanked John Geary for his attendance at the meeting and for his past and present commitment to the Town of Montville.

6. Remarks from the Public
7. Remarks from Department Heads

Lt. Bunnell, Montville Police Department, stated he does not have statistics to distribute this month. He discussed staffing issues, including the need to hire an additional police officer. He stated he will contact the Commission when the time comes to hold interviews. He discussed a cadet currently in the first phase of the academy, stating he has two more phases to complete before he goes out with an officer as a “shadow” for a ride along. He discussed the football game held on Friday, October 23rd at the Montville High School between New London and Montville. He estimates there were nearly six thousand people in attendance making traffic and crowd control a challenge. He stated

two fire police officers from the Montville Fire Police Association were able to turn out and help out with the event. He thanked Randal Grout and Gottfried Beisel for their help. Everyone did an outstanding job in maintaining order and providing a surveillance of the South side of Montville High School and Tyl Middle School. Because of the extra help, the police officers were able to concentrate on the event and everything went on without any problems at all. He stated there is another football game scheduled for December 2nd and they are ready for it.

Lt. Bunnell discussed the plaque for Commissioner Baxter's family. He met with Commissioners Allyn and McNally for suggestions and ideas. He hopes to have it completed soon. He discussed the new radio system, stating there are a few problems that need working out and he hopes to have an update for the Commission next month.

8. Reports from Committees

Commissioner Wehner discussed the meetings regarding regionalization, stating they met on the 18th and have started a list of possible benefits to this plan. They are making efforts to contact the Connecticut Chiefs of Police for an evaluation of the proposal and the feasibility and legalities of making this happen. He hopes they can make a recommendation regarding current policing needs. He hopes to have a report for the Commission in December regarding the costs of the regionalization.

Chairman Jetmore thanked Commissioner Wehner for attending the meetings on behalf of the Commission and for his time and effort gathering information for the Commission.

Chairman Jetmore discussed the Building Committee, stating they are moving forward at a good rate and continue to meet.

a. Reports from Public Safety Commission Liaisons – none.

9. Unfinished Business – Chairman Jetmore indicated there will be several items to discuss at the December meeting under Unfinished Business because this is a Special Meeting they can not be discussed at this meeting.

10. New Business – Chairman Jetmore stated he has several items to add to the agenda under New Business at the December meeting because this is a Special Meeting he can not bring them up at this meeting.

11. Remarks from the Public

John Geary, 11 Depot Road, discussed the proposed Public Safety Plan, stating he feels this should be pursued by the Commission and presented to the Town Council now that the Charter Revision proposed changes were not passed at the last election. He stated the public needs to understand what is going on with the Plan. He discussed the lack of lighting on the Route 32 corridor during power outages. He stated this is a disaster

waiting to happen and would hopes there is a solution to the problem. He suggested the Commission refer to the Town Attorney for help.

Commissioner Jetmore thanked Mr. Geary for his suggestions and indicated both of these items will be added to the December agenda for discussion.

12. Remarks from Mayor Jaskiewicz – Mayor Jaskiewicz was not present for discussion.

13. Remarks from Town Council Liaison, Candy Buebendorf

Councilor Buebendorf introduced herself to the Commissioners and stated she is looking forward to working with the Commission. She stated she is looking forward to working with the Commission on the Public Safety Plan.

14. Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Scott requested a discussion regarding the M32 Fire Truck at the Chesterfield Fire House be added to the December agenda. He stated the truck has not been pulled from service as requested and this needs to be addressed.

Commissioner McNally wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Wojcik wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Jetmore hopes everyone stays safe and has a happy Thanksgiving.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Wehner, seconded by Commissioner Butterworth to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville