

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE -- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting – July 25, 2022 -- 6:00 PM**  
**Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022, throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Healthy strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.**

**(Mayor Ronald McDaniel – March 8, 2022)**

**1. Call to order.**

Chairman Murphy 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 William Bauer, Traci Callaghan, Mickey Gillette, Gary Murphy, Thomas Pedersen, and Stephen Stewart. Absent was Commissioner Karen Perkins. 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 Murphy confirmed receipt of the Police Department and Animal Control monthly statistical reports by the Commission. The Building Official report was not submitted. Mayor McDaniel reported the official is on vacation and the position for the assistant is still being advertised. Chairman Murphy also reported the absence of Commissioner Perkins who had to work late as well as an email she received from former commissioner Vic Lenda regarding activity and safety concerns at Gardner Lake that Chairman Murphy read into the record. The letter referenced dangerous jet ski activity on the water, a congregated launch area, parking mishaps, two teenage DEEP officials and no other official supervision present on July 3. His email asked this letter be forwarded to the Gardner Lake Authority and he referenced his failure to connect with the Town of Salem and the GLA. The Commissioner discussed the security/patrol of the lake with input from Lt. Radford who commented on the annual bid process and reported the State chose the DEEP for oversight at the lake. Chairman Murphy reported for Fire Marshal Barnes who is on vacation commenting on water and showers for residents whose wells have dried up. Per Chief Messer's email to Chairman Murphy, a two-week road closure beginning July 27 for three (3) weeks at Chapel and Utz was addressed by Mayor McDaniel who reported the closure may only be for two (2) weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Callaghan; seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve transmission of V. Lenda’s letter to the State DEEP, Gardner Lake Authority, and State Police Troop K for consideration. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. To consider and act on a motion to approve minutes:**

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022.

Motion by Chairman Gillette; seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve the June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 6-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Remarks from the Public. -- None**

Chairman Murphy asked three (3) times for comments. There were none.

**8. Remarks from Department Heads.**

Police Department Report

Lieutenant Radford reported on the new PD statistical report that is still in the construction stage and Fire Department stats on the report is being adjusted. Per the report, there were 1090 calls for service as of June 30, 2022. The report was presented to the Commission at the meeting and not emailed. Commissioner Stewart asked if there were other categories for the report noting none of the columns showed zero. The Lieutenant there are no other reporting categories and also commented that although the DEEP was chosen for oversight at Gardner Lake, the patrol boat is put in the water 1-2 times a year and paid for by the Town.

Fire Department Report

Chairman Murphy reported for Fire Marshal Barnes under Agenda, Item 5, Communications.

**9. Committee and Liaison Reports:**

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

Chairman Murphy reported on Commissioner Perkins’ absence from the meeting.

- b. Report from Animal Control. (Callaghan)

The statistical reports for month ending June 30, 2022, submitted by ACO Swanson are as follows:

Town of Montville Animal Control Report June 2022)

	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>*200</b>
<b># of Animals Sold as Pets</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>*202</b>
<b># of Animals D.O.A.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b># of Animals Euthanized</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**\*Transfers account for the discrepancy in animals from impounded to sold.**

Town of Salem Animal Control Report (June 2022)

	Month	YTD
<b># of Animals Impounded</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</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>2</b>
<b>Total Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Animal Bites Investigated</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Infractions/Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Commissioner Callaghan reported on the large number of animals for June. She also reported the ACO met with the architect for the ACO facility project last month.

c. Report from Police Department Liaison. (Gillette) – No report

d. Report from Building Department Liaison. (Stewart)

The Building Department statistics report for June 2022 was not submitted.

<b>2021-2022 Building Department Report</b>												
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>107</b>				<b>109</b>	<b>120</b>	
<b>Pending Permits</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>91</b>				<b>82</b>	<b>94</b>	
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>105</b>				<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>	
<b>Plan Reviews</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>				<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>CO's</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Violation Notices</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Unsafe Notices</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Blight Identified</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>420</b>				<b>177</b>	<b>175</b>	
<b>Blight Abated To Date</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>178</b>				<b>438</b>	<b>446</b>	

Commissioner Stewart reported the Building Official is on vacation.

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

**11. Unfinished Business.**

a. Update from Mayor McDaniel or his designee concerning the Town of Montville Everbridge System.

Mayor McDaniel reported Asst. Fire Marshal Milton is making progress on the Everbridge System and he continues to work on it.

- b. To consider and act on a motion to approve future Commission Committee Assignments.

Chairman Murphy reported no meeting was held; it was cancelled.

- c. To consider and act on a motion to review and discuss school policy and take action on Commission recommendations to the Board of Education on arming qualified School Security Officers.

Mayor McDaniel reported the Town Council approved \$200,000 for additional officers and a bid assignment request by Lt. Radford for new SROs.

**12. New Business. -- None**

**13. Remarks from the Public. (Non-agenda items only—three-minute limit) -- None**

**14. Remarks from the Mayor.**

Mayor McDaniel remarked fire chiefs and Lt. Radford participation in an active shooter drill.

**15. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.**

Town Councilor Yuchniuk remarked on the progress of the ACO facility currently in the design phase and the need for zoning approval and A24 approval, per Mayor McDaniel.

**16. Remarks from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Perkins remarked on the passing of fire police officer Al Daigle who Chairman Murphy remarked was an outstanding volunteer who worked many years and was always there with two (2) other individuals. He said he made Montville proud. Chairman Murphy also commented on a procedural error he made at the last meeting and asked for feedback by those present regarding the same, if needed.

**17. Adjournment.**

Motion by Commissioner Stewart; seconded by Commissioner Gillette to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 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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OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**