

**Town of Montville Public Safety Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

**1. Call to Order.**

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

All stood and pledged the flag.

**3. Roll Call.**

Commissioners present were Elizabeth Adams, Joseph DePasquale, Karen Perkins, and David Jetmore. Also present were Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Mayor Ronald McDaniel, Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner, Town Council Chair Joseph Jaskiewicz, and Wills Pike, chair of the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee. Commissioners Gary Allyn and James Moran were absent. A quorum was present.

Note: There is one vacancy (1) on the Commission.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda.**

Commissioner Jetmore requested the addition of Item “a” under New Business, Date and Time for Budget Review.

**5. Communications: Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police, Animal Control, and Building Official.**

Commissioner Jetmore asked and confirmed that the monthly reports were received by all of the Commissioners. These reports were dispersed electronically. Mayor McDaniel reported that the Animal Control Officer was still out on maternity leave.

**6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner DePasquale to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015, as written. Discussion: none; voice vote, 4-0; all in favor -- motion carried.**

The Special Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2015, as posted on the meeting agenda, were approved at last month’s meeting.

**7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items only – three-minute limit).**

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

**8. Remarks from Department Heads.**

Lt. Bunnell reported that the Trick-or-Truck event on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> went well with full parking areas. He thanked the local fire, police, and Lions Club for their help with parking. Two seats are open for the December at the Police Academy.

**9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons.**

Commissioner Adams reported that she and Commissioner Perkins had their last meeting with the fire chiefs on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> regarding the Public Safety Report. They will prepare a report that will be forwarded to the chiefs for review and then to the Commission for consideration and action.

Commissioner Jetmore reported that three afternoons of interviews were conducted with the nine police applicants. The names of five of them were forwarded to Mayor McDaniel who will interview them tomorrow, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Unfinished Business. -- None**

**11. New Business. -- None**

**a. Date and time for budget review.**

Commissioner Jetmore suggested Monday, December 7, 2015, at 7:00 p. m. for review of the budgets. Commissioners Adams and Perkins agreed to participate. Mayor McDaniel stated that the budgets are forwarded to the Finance Department and then reviewed by him.

**12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).**

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks from the public. Joe Jaskiewicz invited the Commission to a Joint Special Meeting with the Town Council to hear a presentation from the Montville Law Enforcement Feasibility Committee on its final report on an independent police department versus continuation of the Resident Trooper Program. Wills Pike also extended an invite to the Commission.

**13. Remarks from the Mayor.**

Mayor McDaniel reported that the Ticket & Click-it Program has been approved and will begin the end of December through January 2016. He also reported on the status of regional dispatch, grant monies from the State that are population based; dispatch staffing, and regional animal control. Mayor McDaniel also reported on the Holiday Day Parade scheduled for December 6.

**14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.**

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner that she is happy to be back after the recent election. She also asked about the care and assignment of new police vehicles as well as officer fitness. Commissioners DePasquale and Jetmore commented that there is not a fitness standard nor one that is enforceable. Commissioner DePasquale added that although fitness requirements are part of the job most police agencies do not assess them annually.

**15. Remarks from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Perkins commented on how Montville “stepped up” with food items for holiday baskets. She also mentioned a benefit that occurred this past weekend in addition a vendor fair on November 14 by the Chesterfield Fire Company and a toy drive on November 28 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. by the Mohegan Fire Company. The events hosted by the fire companies are on behalf of Montville Social Services. Commissioner Perkins wished the Commission a Happy Thanksgiving a spoke of how proud she was to be a part of public safety. Commissioner Adams thanked the police department for allowing the use of its facilities for residents to make item exchanges obtained from Craig’s List. Commissioner DePasquale asked the Mayor about additional executive level training for Lt. Bunnell to complement the position he holds in areas such as police liability and civil issues. Mayor McDaniel agreed that training is crucial and agreed to look into the matter.

**16. Adjournment.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner DePasquale to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Discussion, none -- voice vote, 5-0; all in favor, -- motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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