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**Town of Montville
Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 27, 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 Allyn, Baxter, Jetmore, Wehner and Wojcik. Absent were Commissioners Butterworth and Scott. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz and Councilor Radgowski (7:30 p.m.)
4. Approval of the June 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Allyn to approve the meeting minutes with the following correction:

Remarks from the Public – change the spelling of Steve Lawler to Steve Loiler.

Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Communications – Chairman Jetmore indicated he had none.
6. Remarks from Department Heads

Sgt. Collins, Resident State Trooper thanked Chairman Jetmore for traveling to Massachusetts to look at a Public Safety building. He explained the proposal in this town was passed by seven votes. He explained it is never an easy task to get tax payers to approve such a large and costly project, but he stated the building they currently occupy is in very poor shape. If the project is approved in Montville, it would be two years before the project is finished and the building is ready to be occupied. He remarked regarding the architectural flow of the building and commented the architect thought of everything when designing this building. He hopes to make another trip to the building site in the near future and invited anyone interested in attending to join him.

Sgt. Collins discussed the success of the Neighborhood Watch program. He stated each week he gets more and more calls from residents interested in the program. He emphasized this project can not be successful without the help of the public and he encouraged everyone to participate by calling in suspicious activity.

7. Remarks from Committees

Chairman Jetmore reported the Building Committee meeting is scheduled for this Thursday. He discussed the economic stimulus money, stating he wrote a letter but has not received a return reply to date.

Commissioner Wehner stated the Tri Town Public Safety Commission has met two times and is currently in the research phase. He explained they are collecting data for demographics and activity in the three towns. He discussed the Federal Stimulus money available for regionalization and stated Ledyard, Preston and Montville currently do not qualify. He stated the commission is looking into obtaining money for a study. The Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. This months meeting will take place in Preston.

Chairman Jetmore thanked Commissioners Butterworth and Wehner for attending these meetings and reporting back to the Commission.

a. Report from Public Safety Commission Liaisons – none.

9. Old Business – none.

10. New Business

a. Assistance to Firefighter Grants

Commissioner Allyn requested the Commission send a letter to each of the Fire Chiefs in Montville to obtain information regarding grants they have applied for and how much reimbursement money each is requesting so the Commission is not caught off guard with the figures. Commissioner Allyn volunteered to draft the letter and submit it to Chairman Jetmore for his signature.

11. Remarks from the Public

Kevin Fritz, Morgan Street, spoke to the Commission regarding the manner in which he was treated and the lack of communication between himself and the Police Department when he reported his twenty one year old son missing. He reviewed the events to date, explaining his son went on a trip and never returned and he has not heard from him in over two weeks. Because he is twenty one years old, the police determined he is missing voluntarily and did not put out a missing persons report right away. He is asking for cooperation from the Police Department and Public Safety Commission and hopes they can do something to help him find his son.

Sgt. Collins stated he is familiar with this incident and clarified the chain of events with the Commission. He indicated they have since sent out a teletype and reported the boy missing. He is now in the system and if he is found or pulled over for a traffic violation

the police will know about it. He did run a check to see if the boy is currently in jail and that report came back he was not. He indicated the Police Department does not take missing persons reports lightly and this is currently an active investigation. He will meet with Mr. Fritz on Wednesday in order to clear up any misunderstandings and to inform him of the progress made to date regarding the search for his son.

12. Remarks from the Mayor – none.

13. Remarks from Town Council Liaison Ed Radgwowski – none.

14. Remarks from Commissioners

Commissioner Allyn – none.

Commissioner Baxter – Discussed the firefighter stipend given out each year and inquired who chooses who is receiving them. Mayor Jaskiewicz indicated he meets with the Fire Chiefs who recommend members of their department and it is then voted on by the Town Council. This meeting will take place in August.

Commissioner Wehner – none.

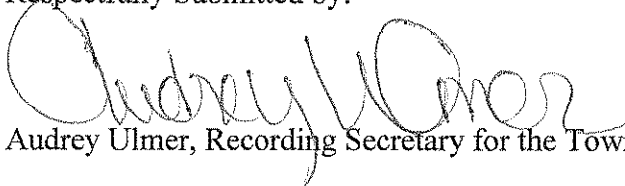
Commissioner Wojcik – none.

Commissioner Jetmore thanked everyone who turned out for the meeting.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Allyn to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville