

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. (NEW TIME)
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Call to Order.

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call.

Commissioners present were Elizabeth Adams, Joseph DePasquale (6:12 p.m.), Michael Doherty, Jr., James Moran, Karen Perkins, and David Jetmore. Also present were Lt. Leonard Bunnell, Fire Marshal Ray Occhialini, Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner, Resident State Trooper Mark Juhola, and Fire Chief Keith Truex. Commissioner Gary Allyn was absent. 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.

Commissioner Jetmore stated that all monthly reports were received except for the Building Official report.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016, as written. Discussion: none; voice vote, 5-0; all in favor -- motion carried. (Commissioner DePasquale was not present for the vote.)

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.

Per the monthly statistics report for the police department, there were 1331 calls for service during January 2016. Lt. Bunnell reported the following to the Commission:

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- There are 22 officers on staff. There are two (2) candidates in the Academy; one (1) in field training, and two (2) seats available in April that Lt. Bunnell is confident will be filled.
- A draft Narcan policy will be sent out next week for review.
- There will be two (2) open houses—Thursday, March 3, 2016, from 5:00 – 7:-- p.m. and Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
- Two (2) Neighborhood Watch meetings were held and both were well attended.
- The Rotary will meet at the Chesterfield Firehouse. Presentations there are well received.

***The Fire Marshal's monthly report for January 2015 was sent electronically. The report included current projects updates. Fire Marshal Occhialini reported to the Commission on the following:

- The cutover for the new Nex Gen 911 System will occur during the day on March 29, 2016.
- Per the FY 2016-2017 budget request, three (3) dispatchers have been requested to provide two (2) certified dispatchers on each 24-hour shift, seven (7) days a week.
- He met with officials the paper mill that is being shut down but will have employees present until March 29th. Oils are being drained and combustible materials removed. The sprinkler system at the mill will be kept operational until the building is taken down next year.
- Work on the fiber optics network for firehouse computers is being updated.

9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons. -- None

10. Unfinished Business.

- a.** Consideration and action of the 2016-2017 budget.

Commissioner Jetmore reported that a special meeting was held on February 1st to discuss the upcoming budget.

- b.** Consideration and action concerning the Commission member vacancy.

Commissioner Jetmore stated that Commissioner Mike Doherty was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Commission. At next month's meeting, he also proposed that new liaison appointments be discussed.

- c.** Consideration and action upon the report and finds of the Sub-committee's meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan.

Commissioner Jetmore thanked Commissioner Adams and Perkins for their work on the sub-committee. A copy of their preliminary report will be emailed to Commissioner Doherty.

Commissioner Perkins mentioned that there are other concerns but they were not assigned to handle them.

11. New Business.

- a. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with district firehouses.

Mayor McDaniel reported that the matter has been resurrected with the Town Attorney but there is nothing to report as of yet.

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

Lt. Bunnell welcomed Commissioner Doherty. He stated that the Commission is only as good as the group makes it and urged the Commissioners to work together toward a common goal.

Robin Salvatore, 44 Lakefield Drive, commented on the Commission special meeting held on February 1 stating that meeting minutes were not filed and asked whether department heads were present at the meeting.

13. Remarks from the Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel commented that the February 1 special meeting of the Commission was held at the Public Safety Building and a recording secretary was not present. He also stated that department heads from the police department as well as the Fire Marshal and Chief Murphy. Mayor McDaniel also remarked that no more interviews have been done yet adding that there are still candidates.

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Councilor L. Tanner welcomed Commissioner Doherty. She also reminded the Commission of the Referendum on March 8 at Fair Oaks from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. concerning the independent police department (“IPD”). Commissioner Jetmore asked about the Town meeting on March 24th. Councilor Tanner explained that the meeting was technical step toward referendum.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Adams provided her new email address, lizz53@atlanticbb.net. Mayor McDaniel responded that the Town meeting on March 24th would reference language posted to explain the vote on whether to overturn the Town decision for an IPD.

16. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Discussion, none -- voice vote, 6-0; all in favor, -- motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville