

Montauk Fire District
December 8, 2020
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Rich Schoen
Michael Mirras
James Wright

Also Present: Chief Mickey Valcich, 1st Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2nd Asst. Chief Ken Glogg and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Tabled till next meeting

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$855.90, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$553.54, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$813.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Fire Penny for gloves, No-max hoods, Helmet totaling \$1,810.89, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for All Hands Fire Equipment for hose clamp totaling \$417.99, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Grainger for yellow caps for Co. 6 totaling \$195.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Fire Supply for batons totaling \$299.40, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Traffic Cones for cones totaling \$595.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras discussed the report, looks like we will have a surplus, which will be needed since we will be getting new equipment next year. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve treasurers report, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills totaling \$24,847.95 (see attached journal), Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Chairman Dryer gave a report for Commissioner Pitts. No real issues but the Chief vehicles are still being worked on and a report will be given at next meeting.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright is in talks with John Tanzi about the window layout for the garage door project.
- Did receive a proposal for back building, Tanzi's architectural fees would be approximately \$24,000, not including permitting. Remember he is time and materials. Will be discussed at next meeting since all Commissioners are not present.
- Commissioner Wright would also like if there are any questions or concerns pertaining to the buildings to contact him directly either by phone, text or e-mail.
- **House report-** looks good.

Capital Reserve:

- Equipment Reserve- \$327,131.49 and Building Reserve- \$146,337.70

Communications:

- No report at this time

Fire Advisory:

- No report at this time

Insurance & Law:

- The governor about a week or so ago extended the use of absentee ballots for district elections. Ms. Lucas had them available for anyone that came and wanted one.
- There was a hiccup with the voting program but our attorney Joe Frank was able to provide an affidavit for about 3 voters to vote. Ms. Lucas was able to get it back up and running within a half an hour. All voting was valid.
- Cancer Insurance list needs to be updated before end of year.
- The last copy of the Counsellor, it addresses emergency vehicles and going through a stop sign. In another district an emergency vehicle went through a stop sign and struck a vehicle going the other way. The district involved attempted to have it dismissed because they were responding to a call. The judge said NO, you are responsible, you have the right to go through but are responsible for any result of an accident. Chief just wanted to clarify, he can tell members at next department meeting and the first one of new year, that we are liable for accidents responding to calls with apparatuses. Answer was YES.
- Commissioner Wright was wondering about the fit tests, any word on that. Commissioner Schoen will double check on that.

Personnel:

- Medical list members- there are two on the list, Chief was asking do they contact them or is up to the members to contact the department on their status. Commissioner Schoen stated they have 1 year form the time they went on medical leave to come off. If not capable then the

member is removed from the department. Chief will inform members that if they do go on medical leave all documentation must be dated.

Safety:

- No report at this time.

Personal:

- No report at this time.

Training:

- No training for month of December.
- As per Chief Valcich training is set up at the Wainscott training facility for January and February.
- Bayport is offering the County an Ice Rescue class last 2 days of January.
- At this point in time no mention about the LOSAP program and any changes to what was established during COVID.
- Erika Uribe and Chip McLean have completed and passed everything up till this point. They only have to take the written exam and then they are all finished.

Old Business:

Refuse Removal Bid Opening- Received one bid from Mickey's Carting Corp. for January 1, 2021- December 31, 2021 season. Two 1.5 Cubic Yard Containers for trash and recycled fibers removal. Trash will be collected TWO TIMES PER WEEK. Monthly add on-call services will be billed accordingly, \$260 per month for trash and recycle pick ups, on call pick ups will be billed at \$30 per pick up. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Snow Plowing Bid Opening- Received two bids, one from Hoyt Property Care and the other from Veteran Snow Removal, LLC.

Hoyt Property Care- Option A- Season Contract- Unlimited snow plowing , shoveling, and salting services for the main firehouse and substation, no hourly cap or snowfall cap. (labor and materials included)- \$9,525.00.

Option B- Hourly service- Snow plowing, shoveling and salting services for main firehouse and substation, all inclusive per hour rate (labor and materials included)- \$359.00 per hour

Veteran Snow Removal , LLC- Snow plowing and sanding of parking areas and driveways with service commencing at 2" of snowfall. Service to be provided from January 1, 2021- December 31, 2021. Additionally, while on scene Veteran Plowing and Snow Removal will plow roadways to the location of a call for emergency assistance within the hamlet. If so requested by a ranking member of the department, improving safety and response time for the Fire Department and citizens of Montauk.

Seasonal Bid- \$8,675.00 (a \$1,200.00) reduction from 2020), Hourly Bid- \$395.00 per hour.

Commissioner Wright motioned to accept seasonal bid of \$8,675.00, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Van Bid Opening- Received two bids, one for \$100 with certified funds and another bid for \$1,500.00 with a Red truck sales business check and note, if awarded bid with give certified funds. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept higher bid, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

New Business: none at this moment

Chief's Report:

- Robert Gosman and the Chief still need to deal with Laurel Drive and Shore Road hydrants.
- Santa Claus will be at firehouse this Sunday December 13th.
- Senior dinner ran smoothly as per Chairman Dryer. Chief said it was all the Dinner committee. Chairman Dryer wanted to thank all volunteers and wanted to compliment Ed Eurell who organized all the delivery orders, he had it so well organized, phone numbers for all orders and even checked in on the drivers to see how they were doing. Great job to all.
- Chief was inquiring about phones for the ambulances and 9-3-80. The board stated they were waiting on him to see what company 4 wanted. Chief did say they do not want to use their own phones.
- Chief asked about status on chief's vehicles, which was discussed earlier.
- Chief presented information for 9-3-81 possibilities. This vehicle would be for the volunteers. Information given for district to read over.
- Any news on the new Van- tabled till Commissioner Pitts is back.
- Company 2 requested a headset for 9-3-4, Eddie Schnell was contacted about and he said it would be very pricey. Chief feels there is no need for it since we have been fine without for almost 20 years.
- Hoods, gloves, and helmet requested and approved are under purchase requisitions.
- Juniors broke the hydrant the other night, need a 5" hose clamp which has been approved and under purchase requisitions earlier in minutes.
- Firematic is inspecting the Hurst tools, we returned the loner tools. Did find out one of our older RAM's has a problem. Chief will receive cost estimate to repair. Firematic will be coming out to pressurize the lines on 9-3-2 too.
- Chief is still looking for those low band radios that dispatch is pushing to have. Commissioner Wright stated its impossible if their are no parts available, he was told by Eddie Schnell.
- Chief wanted to know if new Fire Police gear came in, answer is yes, the plan is to distribute tomorrow.
- PPE Report- we seem to be in good shape right now. The PAPR's from the grant will be deployed tomorrow night. High responders for FC calls will get their own hood. There are five on order now with Grainger that will be paid through the grant.
- Question arose about the Emergency Preparedness Lockers, what is going on with them. Chief would like to see them set up either in back garage or upstairs.
- Chief discussed at a previous meeting being able to dispatch ourselves if system was to go down. He would like to have one dispatcher from each company and rotate them for 6:30pm on Friday and Sunday for weekly announcements. He wants to implement in January under the direction of Eddie Schnell. Commissioner Mirras stated JP has offered in the past to come an train members on the system. Chief was unaware, but he did speak with PJ Cantwell and he said all we have to do is call dispatch 5 minutes before tones and state we will be dispatching announcement.
- In regards to the dispatching equipment, Chief would like to see some sort of wall or protection put in to place to keep people away.
- Chief wanted to address the building discussion Commissioner Wright was talking about, it was about converting the classroom downstairs into a locker room for company 4 and getting the shower back up and running. Commissioner Wright stated he has a plumber looking into this but was also asking what is wrong with the showers upstairs? And why was the shower removed in the first place? Commissioner Wright feels this might be a bigger job than we

thought, should get Tanzi involved. Company 4 would also like to be able to key fob into the room.

- Chief would like to thank Company 5 for doing a great job with the Christmas decorations.
- Company 6 needs new equipment, hats, wands and cones. Purchase requests were approved and are under purchase requisitions.
- Sign in sheets and list of people who were helping at senior diner presented to Ms. Lucas.
- Chief is asking the district to reimburse Erika Uribe \$112.00 for travel expense for EMT school and Chip McLean \$206.00 for the same. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Schoen is planning to have Dominick come out for anyone that needs to be measured for uniforms and Chief asked for him to be at both department meeting since he is the Quartermaster.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:25 hours, seconded by Commissioner Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:25 hours