

**Montauk Fire District
September 8, 2015
Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer, Chairman
Carmine Marino
Richard Monahan
Richard Schoen

Also Present: 1st Assistant Chief Vincent Franzone, 2nd Assistant Chief Dutch Riege, Lieutenant Steve Margraf and District Secretary/Treasurer Terri Czeczotka

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept minutes of the August 26, 2015 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Budget Code Resolution R15-012: Commissioner Marino read aloud a resolution for code transfer of funds (see attached). Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off request: Rex Martin requested to use one vacation day on September 18, 2015. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept the August Treasurers Report, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Czeczotka read aloud invoices totaling: \$10,946.20 (see attached journals). There was a question on one Firematic bill, so this will be removed until further clarification is obtained. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$10,599.69, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- New Chief's car will not go into production until mid-October.
- Need to coordinate repair of 9-3-14 with Fully Involved and Chief as it will be out of service for at least a week.
- Waiting for estimate from Fully Involved on 9-3-8.
- A new District Truck will cost approximately \$50,000.00, including power lift and lights/sirens. Chairman Dryer asked if Board would consider getting a used truck. Board is agreeable to a used truck but feels we will need a new van (vs. used).

Buildings & Grounds:

- There is a crack in the facade between two bays that we will have Celtic look at.
- Commissioner Marino presented new radiator covers. Current ones are recessed which means we are heating dead space. Fee would include cutting piping and draw radiators out from wall to be more efficient. Board does not feel this is a top priority.
- Commissioner Marino explained the operation of the AC unit.
- Chief Franzone said he's gotten complaints about an odor in the ladies room in the meeting room. Commissioner Marino will ask Brent to check.
- Commissioner Marino asked Chairman Dryer to come up for a game plan for cleaning out the upstairs garage. Chief Franzone asked we go through the medical supplies we loan out, some are unusable and/or dangerous.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read three capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- Tabled as Commissioner Mirras is not present.

Fire Advisory:

- Tabled as Commissioner Mirras is not present.

Insurance & Law:

- Commissioner Schoen reminded we need to have trucks weighed, hose needs to be secure and a letter of understanding regarding standing by at events needs to be generated. Commissioner Marino mentioned that Tom Dess may have a phone number for the DOT to weigh trucks. Commissioner Schoen will check with VFIS.

Personnel:

- There is no report.

Safety:

- Tabled as Commissioner Mirras is not present.

Training:

- There is no training being done this month. A few houses are going to be donated, these are in the preliminary stages.
- Officer requirements were discussed.

Old Business:

- Chairman Dryer said we need to discuss Dispatch, whether we should continue to stay with Village. Our current contract expires January 31, 2017. Commissioner Marino said he'd like to set up meeting with Springs to discuss with them. This will be discussed with them at the District Officers dinner at the end of the month.
- Chief Franzone asked about the Dispatch paperwork which was approved at a prior meeting. Ms. Czeczotka will send an email to Commissioner Mirras as he is out of town.

New Business:

- Chairman Dryer said people are walking in the streets and are parking in our parking lot, possibly because of the parking ban on Flamingo Avenue. We need to discuss a plan for next year as this season is coming to an end. Towing and booting are almost impossible to do due to the liability issues involved. We should create a sign with a message that is not permanent.
- Chairman Dryer spoke to Commissioner Mirras who spoke to Rudy. This is a non-issue. There will be no change in our reminder of physicals to members.
- Chief Franzone asked if we have looked into having a company here to do the physicals. Four years ago it was discussed and Board decided to stay with Meeting House Lane Medical.

Commissioner Schoen said he researched it last year and the cost factor is much greater. Chief said his was less and that he had passed the paperwork to Commissioner Schoen. Chairman Dryer said he thinks it should be left as is, as does rest of Board.

- Commissioner Schoen reported that he found out through Dick White that a resident approached the Chief wanting to make a donation to the fire department. The resident was told we need a new Jaws of Life and then wrote a check for \$22,500.00. He feels it is a horrible idea and that the District provides equipment. It sends a message that the District is not providing our Department with necessary equipment. Chief feels this is a donation to the Department, not the District and should remain as such. Commissioner Schoen said wasn't the donation restricted to the purchase of a piece of equipment? Chief Franzone replied that donations were made in his father's name to the scholarship fund, houses have been donated, donations to the ambulance squad have been made, purchase of confined space trailers were made through donations, cars have been donated, Mickey purchased helmets for the heavy rescue team, the first Jaws of Life was donated by the Ladies Auxiliary. Donations have been made for over 40 years, both equipment and monetary and it has had nothing to do with the District. Commissioner Monahan asked if it was going to be brought up to the Department. Chief said yes. Commissioner Marino said that the Sloppy Tuna donation was going to be brought up at a Commissioner's Meeting until the Chief took those members out of the room into a separate meeting not to return, therefore was a non-issue. Chairman Dryer agrees with Commissioner Schoen. Commissioner Schoen said that the District has nothing to say about donations raised for the fire department. Supplying equipment for the Department certainly is. Chairman Dryer said it should be brought to Board for their approval and then they can spend it on that particular piece of equipment. Commissioner Marino asked that since donation is to Department, shouldn't the Department (membership) have the say in what is done with it, not just one person? Chief said that the heavy rescue truck specs include the e-hydraulic Hurst tools. Chief reiterated that nothing has been done with the donation yet. Chairman Dryer asked if it will be presented to the Board for approval before purchase is made and Chief said yes. Commissioner Schoen said that this Board has not made a decision yet as to when a heavy rescue truck is going to be purchased.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Franzone

- Truck checks were given to Commissioner Monahan.
- A requisition for medical supplies from EMP, \$1,850.14 was submitted. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Another requisition for medical supplies from Boundtree, \$1,498.00, was submitted. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- FYI, four Lifepak 15s will cost \$143,653.86. Are we looking at grants for this? Chairman Dryer said not yet. He will get in touch with the grant people.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session at 20:45 for personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to return from Executive Session at 21:12, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to approve a 30 day suspension for Lieutenant Steve Margraf, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 21:14 hours