

Montauk Fire District

October 13, 2015

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer, Chairman
Michael Mirras
Richard Monahan

Also Present: Chief Joseph Lenahan, 1st Assistant Chief Vincent Franzone, 2nd Assistant Chief Dutch Riege, John Kessler of AARP and District Secretary/Treasurer Terri Czczotka

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dryer motioned to go into Executive Session at 19:00 hours for personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to return from Executive Session at 19:10 hours, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept minutes of the September 23, 2015 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Budget Code Resolution R15-013: Commissioner Mirras read aloud a resolution for code transfer of funds (see attached). Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Budget Code Resolution R15-014: Commissioner Mirras read aloud a resolution for code increase of funds (see attached). Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off request: Rex Martin requested to use one vacation day on October 17, 2015. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Rough Riders requested to use the Commissioner's Room for a Board Meeting on November 7, 2015. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Montauk PTA requested to use the Meeting Room for a pasta supper on January 23, 2016. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras inquired about using MSA capital funds for other purposes. Ms. Czczotka said she did not think you can do this. He will check with accountants to see if this can be done. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept the September Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Czeczotka read aloud invoices totaling: \$57,735.66 (see attached journals). There was a question on Sarah Newbery's bill, so this will be removed until further clarification is obtained. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$55,110.66, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Waiting for estimate from Fully Involved on 9-3-8, it was supposed to be e-mailed. He received a text saying \$5,200.00, but there were 3 scenarios and he is not sure which this estimate pertains to. We have not heard from any other welders who were contacted for estimate. Chief Franzone asked if we checked with Firematic.
- Chief Lenahan asked about the new Chief's car, which had been previously reported as not going into production until mid-October.
- Commissioner Mirras mentioned he saw oil under 9-3-1 last night. Commissioner Monahan will address this.

Buildings & Grounds:

- No report as Commissioner Marino is not present.
- Commissioner Mirras asked about the suggestion of pod for back garage which was on House Report.
- Chief Lenahan asked that three way switching and sensors in Meeting Room be looked at.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Mirras said balances are the same as last meeting.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras said there has been no movement on GATR.

Fire Advisory:

- Commissioner Mirras reported that meeting has been canceled twice.

Insurance & Law:

- Tabled as Commissioner Schoen is not present.

Personnel:

- Commissioner Mirras reported that two paid first responders have inquired about participating in NYS Retirement System. The Counselor had an article saying this can be done. Commissioner Monahan told him to check in with Town of EH as they have the same situation with seasonal people and the retirement. He will look into this.
- Ms. Czeczotka reported that a member took a physical when he is not due for one for another year. Chairman Dryer will speak to the member and find out the reason.
- Commissioner Mirras will check with Rudy Contreras to see if members can take physicals at any other locations other than Montauk and Amagansett.

Safety:

- Commissioner Mirras has no report.

Training:

- Chief Franzone reported that we are currently setting up training for 2016 with Suffolk County.

Old Business:

- Chairman Dryer reminded that we need to discuss the Dispatch contract. Our current contract expires in the next few years, Ms. Czeczotka will check on the date. Chairman Dryer will contact the Board of Springs Fire District to set up a meeting to discuss. Chief Lenahan said that once call is toned out by Dispatch, someone in our control room would have to take over

the call like Bridgehampton does. Chairman Dryer said maybe the county could refine this. Chief Franzone mentioned he has heard negative things about county dispatch. Bridgehampton left Southampton dispatch and went with county, and are “up in arms” about it. Commissioner Mirras reminded we would be responsible for purchasing our own equipment if we go with county.

New Business:

Chiefs Report:

Chief Lenahan

- Chief reported that a vote was brought to membership and passed for the purchase of e-hydraulic tool from an anonymous donation. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief has a request to use the Meeting Room from the USMC, October 21 and 22, 2015, for a commander's training conference. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Phil Berg requested a transfer from Company 3 to Company 6, which Chief has approved.
- Chief submitted an analysis of Officer Requirements for all Districts in the 9th Division, as well as a letter from him recommending amendment to the District's Officer Requirements. Commissioner Monahan submitted the history of our Officer Requirements for the past several years. He pointed out that on December 9, 2014 Chief Lenahan requested our current policy be revised, which Board adopted on February 25, 2015. Chief Lenahan stated that Intro to Fire Officer is basically the same as Officer Training/VESM. Commissioner Monahan wanted it to be known that Fire Officer Training I in 2011 is not the same as Fire Officer I in 2015. Also, in 2011 wording was stated in District's policy “as to comply with Suffolk County and NFPA regulations”. This is wrong as there are no regulations, they are recommendations. Chief Franzone submitted documentation dated January, 2015 supporting Chief Lenahan's letter. Chairman Dryer thanked both Chiefs for the research they did on this. When we have five Commissioners present, this will be discussed.
- Chief presented his perception of equipment purchases for the next few years. The rescue truck would be the first one he would like replaced, as well as 9-3-1, 9-3-3, 9-3-5 and District Van. Chief said District added the pickup truck. Commissioner Mirras added the the first responder and ambulance should also be replaced. Chairman Dryer said the old replacement list was compiled by John McDonald. Due to the maintenance schedules we use, vehicles are kept in good condition. Based on this, John said the list is useless. Chairman Dryer thinks based on this, all trucks are safe to operate. Chief said timeless hours were spent on researching the rescue truck. It needs to be bigger than the one we have now. All equipment on the confined space trailer will be placed on the rescue truck where it belongs and turned into a mass casualty trailer. New hose truck will need a 2,000 gallon pump put on it. Current prices for vehicles are: tanker, \$250,000.00-\$350,000.00; engine, \$500,000.00; rescue, \$750,000.000-\$800,000.00 and tower, \$1,100,000.00. Commissioner Mirras said we don't have that kind of money to do these purchases. There is \$973,000.00 in our equipment capital account. Chief suggested leasing or payment plans. Chairman Dryer said that now that we have a better understanding of what we need, we can act on it.

- Commissioner Monahan told Chief Lenahan that at the last meeting, you said there were 24 members of company 4. There are 26 members right now. Department will see what they want to do about that.

Chief Franzone

- Chief has no report.

Chief Riege

- Chief has no report.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Mirras motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:57 hours