

Montauk Fire District

October 20, 2015

Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Joseph Lenahan, 1st Assistant Chief Vincent Franzone and Secretary/Treasurer Terri Czeczotka

Call Meeting to Order:

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

Secretary's Report:

Resolution to Override Tax Cap: Commissioner Marino read a resolution to override the tax cap for our 2016 budget. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Adopt proposed budget: Chairman Dryer noted that no one from the public is present to comment on the proposed budget. Commissioner Schoen motioned to adopt the proposed 2016 budget, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to go into Executive Session at 19:04 hours for personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to return from Executive Session at 19:30 hours, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Schoen inquired about the member who took his physical but was not due. Chairman Dryer said this has been resolved. He spoke to the member who will use his own insurance for the cost. He asked the next physical due date reflect the date of recent physical. Ms. Czeczotka will ensure this happens.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried with Commissioners Marino and Schoen abstaining as they were not present.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Czeczotka read aloud invoices totaling: \$114,633.53 (see attached journals). Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$114,633.53, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop topics:

Dispatch: The contract Ms. Czczotka found is a three year contract expiring January 31, 2017. Board thinks it is a longer contract length. Ms. Czczotka will check the files and e-mail Board with her findings.

House Report: Commissioner Mirras asked about mats under trucks. Commissioner Monahan responded that this has been taken care of. We currently have two and if they work out OK, he will order more. Commissioner Marino mentioned that Mickey and his staff will weed out the monument area. Ms. Czczotka inquired about the 9-11 sapling that needs to be planted. Jim Grimes is going to do the planting at no cost. Chief will contact him to get this done.

Officer requirements: Chairman Dryer said it is what it is and asked Chief for any input. Chief reiterated the information which was provided to the Board at the last meeting. Board wants requirements to stay the same. Chief Franzone said things will change next year. Chairman Dryer said we will look at the requirements when that happens. Chief Franzone says this will put us in a precarious position. He said that at the last class there were 5 failures. Chief said that in 2011 Ex-Chief Schoen was not qualified based on those requirements. Commissioner Schoen explained that a waiver was given as the course was not given, but he would need to take the course when it became available. Chief Lenahan asked that Chief Franzone tell what the Fire Officer I class entails. Commissioner Mirras read the "best practices" in the documentation given out by the Chiefs, which means the minimum required. Commissioner Marino asked what the thought process was when you asked for the changes last December. Chief thought the Fire Officers I course was an officers training course. Commissioner Marino said you did not do your research before recommending the changes. Commissioner Monahan reminded that Fire Officer Training I is not the same as Fire Officer I. Chief Franzone said Fire Officer I superseded Fire Officer Training I. Chief Franzone asked if Amagansett had to come here for a standby, does that mean they are not as well qualified as we are? Commissioner Monahan asked if we are less qualified to standby them since we do not have ICS300? Chief Lenahan stated that an instructor at the Academy told him that probable after this year, Intro to Fire Officer will be dropped and parts of the Intro to Fire Officer will be put into Fire Officer I which will be changed from a 6 week course to a 15 week course. Commissioner Mirras asked why did anyone not plan to take any of these classes if they wanted to be an officer? Chairman Dryer wrapped up the discussion up, saying things will stay the way they are and Board will entertain discussion again based upon this discussion. Commissioner Monahan added that if someone were to take Fire Officer I in February, 2016 and passed the course, they would be eligible to run for Chief in December 2015.

Ms. Czczotka inquired whether we will be holding the November and December workshop meetings as they are very close to holidays. Board agreed the November 25, 2015 meeting will be canceled. Board will revisit the cancellation of the December 23, 2015 workshop meeting at the December regular meeting.

Board had questioned Chief on a sign in sheet where two members had classroom heavy rescue training. There were no others signed in for this. By definition, LOSAP training points are given for training done by a certified instructor and approved by the Chief.

Commissioner Mirras said he has spoken with Paul about the heavy rescue truck, which is coming in close to \$800,000.00. He asked him for an a la carte menu as well as financing options available. Commissioner Schoen asked shouldn't Board decide when we want to replace 9-3-2? Commissioner Mirras said this would be something for us to base that decision on.

Chief's Report:

Chief Lenahan submitted a purchase requisition for 6 pairs of boots from Firematic, \$2,154.00. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chief Lenahan placed Tom Issing on medical leave effective October 18, 2015. He has been transferred to Stony Brook and he is fighting for his life. Right now they are doing tests.

Chief was notified by group that used to be Safe Haven who wants to donate eight turkey breasts for the Senior Dinner. Board approves.

Chief Franzone asked Commissioner Schoen about insurance on the antique trucks, was it under individual name, and who signs for it? Commissioner Schoen said whomever is in charge of Department will sign and they would not have personal liability, the Department would have the liability.

Open to the Floor:

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

Adjourned 20:43 hours