

*Montauk Fire District*

*November 10, 2015*

*Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours*

*MINUTES*

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

***Also Present:*** Chief Joseph Lenahan, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Vincent Franzone, Captain David Grimes, Firefighter David Ryan, John Tanzi 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.

Commissioner Mirras asked for a moment of silence for Tom Issing.

John Tanzi reported that bids for back garage were due on November 3, 2015. The results were as follows: Stalco, \$1,324,000.00; Construction Consultants, \$1,588,000.00; SJ Hoern, \$1,821,600.00. Base bid is the amount for the entire project with the exception of Alternate 5 which was an add alternate for the demolition of the building. Alternates 1-4 are deductions. Alternate 4 is a \$50,000.00 contingency built into the bid price. John will request a schedule of values from whomever gets awarded the bid which includes a time line and will be used for a schedule of payments. Prevailing wage rate adds 30% to the cost. Commissioner Marino motioned to accept Stalco's bid of \$1,324,000.00 with Alternate 5, contingent upon creation of a permissive referendum of \$1,500,000.00, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Schoen asked if our shed will be in the way. John said the shed may have to be moved temporarily.

Steven Sizse gave a brief synopsis of Aflac's accident policies. Commissioner Schoen spoke with Aflac Rep. Their rate is \$30.00 per month, or \$360.00 per year. He does not feel District should pay for individual accident policies. Chairman Dryer said the Rep should come to speak to the membership to see if they are interested.

**Secretary's Report:**

***Approval of Minutes:*** Commissioner Marino motioned to accept minutes of the October 20, 2015 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

***Budget Code Resolution R15-015:*** Commissioner Mirras read aloud a resolution for code transfer of funds (see attached). Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

***Treasurers Report:*** Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept the October Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

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

***Committee Reports:***

***Apparatus and Equipment:***

- Tabled as Commissioner Monahan is not present.
- Chief Franzone reported that 9-3-4 went for pump test. It passed, but it is becoming weak and may possibly need a pump rebuild. He will discuss with Commissioner Monahan when he returns. Next pump test is scheduled for November 29, 2015 for 9-3-14.

***Buildings & Grounds:***

- Brent will replace tiles that are coming up
- Memorial garden has been weeded and trimmed.
- Chief said that Dennis O'Reilly will be in touch with Jim Grimes about 9-11 tree.
- Brent trying to get estimates on masonry work.

***Capital Reserve:***

- Commissioner Schoen read the current reserve balances.

***Communications:***

- Commissioner Mirras said there is nothing to report on GATR.
- Commissioner Mirras is waiting on information on replacing antenna.
- Regional grant application between local Districts for 800 radios will include us.

***Fire Advisory:***

- Commissioner Mirras reported that another meeting was canceled.

***Insurance & Law:***

- A member was injured at hotel fire, paperwork needs to be given to District.
- For VFIS, an ongoing plan of action needs to be submitted (trucks need to be weighed, hoses need to be tied down and document for standby at special events needs to be created).
- Commissioner Schoen mentioned that it was noted on Facebook and Newsday that the Fire Department donated items to Greece. The District should be notified before this is done.

***Personnel:***

- Commissioner Mirras reported that we are definitely required to offer NYS Retirement to all paid employees. He will look into how we need to do this and the cost involved.

***Safety:***

- Commissioner Mirras has no report.

***Training:***

- Chief Franzone reported that this month's drill will be at Rough Riders.
- Fire School will be East Hampton's HazMat team demonstration.
- The heavy rescue class will be combined with Shelter Island's so some classes will be held there. He asked members be reimbursed for ferry costs for two meetings. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- 3 members (Chris Carillo, Dave Marmeno and Mike Martinsen) are signed up for FDIC for April 17-24, 2016. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve up to \$5,000.00 to pay for registration for 3 members and airfare, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

**Old Business:**

- Chief Schoen inquired about sign-in sheets for training. Some sheets are marked incorrectly and should be miscellaneous or drill.
- Chairman Dryer asked if any comments on Officer Requirements. Chief reiterated the same concerns as was said in past few meetings. Chief Franzone is working on getting some of these classes currently being held in Yaphank be offered in Wainscott. Commissioner Schoen said that Fire Officer 1 was not offered in 2011, 2012, and 2013. It was only offered in January, 2015. There was a waiver in place for past few years exempting Chiefs from the requirement. Captain Grimes said that he feels it is totally inappropriate to say feedback doesn't matter when a participant says they got nothing out of a course. You can't judge unless you have taken the course. Chairman Dryer said one person's opinion on it is not written in granite, not a good sample of opinion. Captain Grimes said Commissioners do not give enough consideration when they dole the courses out. He thinks it is ridiculous to expect members to go for consecutive weeks out of town to classes. February is ridiculous, everyone goes away. If it can't be offered in District 9 it should not be offered. Commissioner Mirras explained how he took his first ALS class for 2 nights a week for 5 months in Yaphank, and refreshers for 2 nights a week for 5 months in Dix Hills. Captain Grimes interrupted Commissioner Mirras saying that was his choice to which Commissioner Mirras replied yes, it was. You make a choice to be an officer. Commissioner Mirras asked Chief is what you are asking for, to delay the requirement, not do away with it? Chief said yes, he'd like it delayed to January, 2018. Commissioner Mirras feels that it is not just the requirements that stop people from wanting to be officers. Could there be a morale problem? Commissioner Schoen stated that NYS is putting together a combination of Intro to Fire Officer and Fire Officer 1, but Suffolk County is not. Commissioner Marino said that we should go back to square one and decide what courses need to be taken for a member to be Chief. We go through the same thing every year. Chief Lenahan agrees. Commissioner Schoen motioned to suspend the requirement for Fire Officer 1 for 2016, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**New Business:**

**Chiefs Report:**

**Chief Lenahan**

- Chief reported that Craig Tuttle is home from rehabilitation center.
- Chief said Tom Issing's funeral will be this Saturday at Sacred Heart Church in Glendale.
- Chief inquired about the phone jacks requested in EMT Room. Ms. Czczotka will look into this.
- Chief submitted a request for Jonathan Contreras to attend EMT refresher, \$100.00. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief presented a requisition for batteries from Grainger, \$454.30. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief presented two candidates who were approved by membership, Michael Groen and Kenneth Hedjucek. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Chief Franzone**

- Chief reported that the prime rib dinner was a huge success, selling 422 dinners and he thanks District for letting the Boy Scouts use the room.
- There has been equipment damaged at recent fires. He will make a list and give it to Commissioner Schoen for insurance.
- Chief would like to show Board where the walk in cooler is proposed to be located.
- Commissioner Schoen asked for status of new system. Porting and static IP address were hold ups. Within a week you will see stuff starting to scroll. Commissioner Schoen asked about NFERS reporting. First quarter has been done, and he guarantees it will be done by the end of the year.

Commissioner Marino asked that cars on pad not be sticking out. Chief agreed.

**Open to the Floor:**

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session at 21:25 hours for personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to return from Executive Session at 21:27 hours, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

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

**Adjourned 21:28 hours**