

*Montauk Fire District
May 10, 2016*

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

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

Also Present: Chief Joseph Lenahan, 1st Assistant Chief Vincent Franzone, 2nd Assistant Chief Dutch Riege, Captain Kenneth Alversa, Lieutenants David Ryan and Domingo Schiappacasse, Firefighters Chirs Carillo, Francisco Estrella, Thom Fleming, Ed Prado, Scott Snow and John Kessler of AARP

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:

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Budget Code Resolution R16-007: Commissioner Marino read aloud a resolution for code transfer of funds (see attached). Commissioner Marino motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

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

Audit of Bills: Commissioner Marino read aloud invoices totaling: \$ 9,771.08 (see attached journals). Commissioner Marino mentioned that Brent Becker monitors and orders fuel when price is good, and he would like to commend him for that. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$9,771.08, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chief's Car Bids: Commissioner Monahan said there are 5 bids: Monette, \$3,333.48; A Voight Towing, \$3,150.75; Marmorowski, \$3,000.00; Staulcup, \$3,679.00; Creeron, \$3,013.00). We are still waiting on the title. Commissioner Monahan motioned to award bid to Staulcup, \$3,679.00, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- 9-3-8 is about 2 weeks out. David Grimes will make arrangements to pick it up.
- Ambulances have recall which needs to be corrected by 2018.

- Chief Franzone asked about status of gas powered light from 9-3-4 that was on repair shelf. He mentioned that Firematic's accountability is getting really bad. Commissioner Monahan will speak to Brent about tracking where equipment out for repair goes.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Price obtained for crack seal on parking lot for \$3,500.00. Commissioner Monahan asked for another quote and it will be brought to next meeting. Firefighter Prado said to proceed with parking lot as he has priced it and said it's a good price.
- Ceiling tiles for game room quotes were provided. The Armstrong 32932 is the best due to its acoustical capabilities. RBS delivers, Home Depot we need to pick up. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve the purchase of the Armstrong 32932 tiles from RBS, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Mirras asked about tiles in wash station. Chairman Dryer said he has been working on it and it will be fixed within next four weeks.
- Firefighter Prado asked if we are dragging our feet with the garage. Commissioner Marino mentioned the bad weather, change in placement of building. Footings are in now and should be poured by the end of the week.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen has no report as bank website was revamped and Accountant unable to get balances.

Communications:

- Antenna is on hold.
- No further report on Dispatch situation.
- Chief Lenahan asked about regional grant for radios. Commissioner Mirras will check into this.

Fire Advisory:

- Next meeting is September 20, 2016. Knox box placement was reviewed at the last meeting.

Insurance & Law:

- No new claims, no changes in law.

Personnel:

- Tim O'Rourke was injured on his job and will be on medical leave for at least two months.
- 7 people showed up for EMS membership drive, and it looks like we may get 4-5 people.

Safety:

- There is no report.

Training:

- Training this month will be at Montauk Manor led by Company 5. Probies took their test and we are waiting for the results.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Mirras discussed updated specs on 9-3-2. There are a couple of corrections that need to be made, then it should be ready to go out to bid. Commissioner Schoen said there are about 10 changes that need to be made, one of which is payment terms which nobody asked for. He reminded about Neville's Service Department's reputation being poor. Chairman Dryer thanked Chiefs and Committee for their work on this. Chief questioned the light tower being reduced from 6 lights to 4. Commissioner Mirras asked the difference between the current truck's lights and the new one. Commissioner Schoen pointed out that six months ago Committee requested 140,000 lumens of light, now they request 168,000 lumens. Chief said that a mistake was made and the lights were written as halogen when they are actually LED

lights. Chief reminded that the Committee reduced the price of the original truck by \$130,000.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept the specs and change the specs back to 6 lights, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Board discussed next steps in the process. Commissioners Schoen and Mirras will meet to go over revised specs.

- Firefighter Prado said when truck goes out for bid, warrantee starts the day we take possession of vehicle.
- Commissioner Mirras asked if chiefs have any input on new 9-3-3. Chief Franzone said they have not seen specs. Lieutenant Ryan said they will be getting this week.

New Business:

- Chairman Dryer stated that we have had difficulty filling schedule for paid EMTs. He looked into hiring off the Civil Service list, which would allow them to exceed the 20 hour/week maximum in off season. Ken Alversa said if you hire someone who consistently works more than 20 hours per week, you have to pay them benefits. If you hire someone off the county list, you have to guarantee them more than 20 hours per week but less than 40 hours per week guaranteed for one year, but no benefits other than pension at that point. You may alienate those who work under 20 hours. Chairman Dryer said other Districts are hiring EMTs and taking the best. He said we need to look at hiring one person on full time basis and they could fill the open spot. We have to be careful on hiring off list as we could get someone we don't want. Ken asked to take scheduling away from Ms. Czeczotka and give to Walter Lynch as he has a better idea of filling blocks and it could solve a lot of issues. Board agrees.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Lenahan

- Chief submitted a request for 6 microphones from Motorola. This was from earlier meeting when Motorola ordered batteries in error. Difference in amount which was previously approved and actual price of microphones is \$142.68 more. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- There was a by-law change at last meeting that changed number of members permitted in Company 4 to 30. This might need to be increased again in the fall. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Lenahan said both probationary firefighters passed their tests and are assigned to Company 3.
- Chief is requesting a larger helmet for a member in Company 1 from Firematic, \$219.00. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Company 2 sent a nozzle in for repair but it is not repairable and is requesting new one from Firematic, \$738.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief is requesting 10 gear bags from The Fire Store, \$309.00. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chiefs Lenahan and Franzone met with Larry Cantwell about installation of extra lights on some roads. There will be additional parking added by Town and Country and a taxi kiosk. A new parking lot will be added by post office which will hold 50 cars. Chief suggested some of Board may want to join committee/attend meetings pertaining to changes in the town as it will affect our fire department operations.

- Commissioner Monahan asked Chief Lenahan why 9-3-2 was not at today's scene. Chief said he called for engine, tanker, ambulance and rescue truck. Chief mentioned he did not have his gear on and he apologized for not wearing it.
- Chief mentioned that occasionally when a custodian is out, a substitute is hired. Ms. Czeczotka was out for 2.5 weeks earlier this year and she is out another week. Is there a reason why we don't hire someone to fill in? Commissioner Mirras said the job is more detailed and someone can't just come in and do her function, but it should be looked at. Commissioner Marino said the phones will go into voice mail so it should not be an issue. Certain functions would require bonding. Commissioner Schoen said he has called upisland Districts and rarely is there someone who answers the phone. Commissioner Marino suggested that the paid EMT on duty answer the phone. Chairman Dryer said it will be brought up at the next meeting. Firefighter Prado mentioned he has come into the building and no custodian is around. Chairman Dryer replied that they could be at RBS, Becker's, taking vehicles up for service. Also both custodians are not always on duty, Brent is off Sunday and Monday, and Rex is off Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chief Franzone

- Chief submitted a requisition for medical supplies from EMP, \$1740.00. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief submitted a second requisition for medical supplies from EMP, \$1623.70. Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A third requisition for medical supplies from Teleflex, \$295.00 was submitted. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Another requisition for replacement parts which failed in the hose test for 9-3-4 from Firematic, \$576.00 was submitted. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer ; motioned/passed/carried.
- A requisition for nozzles which failed hose test from Firematic, \$1,436.00 was submitted. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A final requisition for failed hose replacement parts from Firematic, \$5,341.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief reported that when walk in cooler was ordered with a check for 50% deposit, Ms. Czeczotka neglected to send the signed contracts. Commissioner Mirras inquired why they would let the check sit for so long without calling to get the signed contract. Chief said they apologized.

Chief Riege

- Chief has not received prices yet for the EMT gear. This will be submitted at the next meeting.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Mirras wants to make it clear that the comment “to amortize that over the life of the vehicle” does not justify the cost. Either you need it and it's warranted, or it's not.

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

Adjourned 20:53 hours