

*Montauk Fire District  
January 25, 2017*

*MINUTES*

*Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours*

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

***Also Present:*** 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:**

***Approval of Minutes:*** Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

***Purchase Requisitions:*** A requisition for uniforms from Aramark, \$864.80 was submitted. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. A second requisition for NY State labor law poster from Progressive Business Compliance, \$59.99 was submitted. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

***Building Use Requests:*** Boy Scouts requested to use the Meeting Room on February 10 and 11, 2017 for Pinewood Derby. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Monahan motioned that their check be returned, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Lions Club requested to use Commissioners Room on the second Thursday of each month. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Dryer motioned that their check be returned, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

***Time Off Request:*** Rex Martin requested to use 5 personal days and 4 vacation days February 16-19 and February 23-27, 2017. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

***Audit of Bills:*** Ms. Czeczotka read aloud invoices totaling: \$302,501.44 (see attached journals). Chairman Dryer has question on why the PSEG bill is so much higher than it normally is. Bill will be removed until clarification is received. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$298,108.11, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Workshop topics:**

Building users tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Mirras wants further clarification of having three Commissioners present, if it designates a "meeting".

Commissioner Mirras said there was a Fire Advisory meeting. Dispatch was brought up. Our contract is for 6 years, starting February 1, 2015 and ending January 31, 2021. He does not want to start discussing the renegotiation of new contract 4 years in advance.

Chief Franzone discussed the transition of 800 to 700. Dispatch will need to update their system and an inventory of all our equipment is necessary. XPs can be reprogrammed at a cost of \$1,000.00 per radio. The new 6500s will cost about \$150.00 to be reprogrammed. We have 65 XPs and captains all have 6500s. Any radio 3 years or newer can be reprogrammed; older cannot. He is hearing a two to three year window to transition to 700. A new 6500 radio costs \$4,500.00. Commissioner Mirras will contact Integrated Wireless.

Commissioner Mirras inquired about disposing of old SCBA bottles. They can either have a hole drilled in them or remove valves. Chief Franzone is numbering the new bottles.

Commissioner Schoen said we can retrieve backs of checks through SCNB's website.

Commissioner Mirras said interviews have begun for first responders. Ken Alversa does not want to be involved in interview process but since a CC is requested to participate in interview process, he suggested asking Rob Rosen along with one or two commissioners. One theory as to why we are having so much difficulty filling slots is that we pay comparable to other Districts, responder feels why should I drive all the way out there when I can drive less for same pay. We may have to pay more to attract people. We are still developing handbook. A six month probation is suggested, and at that point they would be offered a salary with benefits. Commissioner Mirras has to check with Civil Service on this. October 1, 2017 is the suggested date for end of probation. The salaries should be increased by \$1.00 per hour. They need to become CIC certified and we will incur expenses involved in getting certified.

Commissioner Mirras said that Peter Joyce suggested someone from District should take ICS402 class as that allows us to recover funds from FEMA. Chief Franzone said it would be a one day class given at your convenience.

Chief Franzone said Michael Groen is off medical leave. Chief Franzone will get a letter saying he went out on leave as we do not have one. Commissioner Schoen said District has to be notified immediately when someone goes out on medical leave.

Supply closet is finished. Gym equipment in hallway and stuff in classroom will be removed. Captain's Room will be cleaned up in the next couple of weekends.

Chief is requesting to purchase six tickets for the Mega Show on February 18 and 19, 2017. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Chief Franzone submitted a letter from Sen. Schumer about grants. Copies will be distributed to the Board.

Chief Franzone submitted a bill for soup and rolls for emergency preparedness from Sysco, \$437.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

### **Open to the Floor:**

Chairman Dryer motioned to go into Executive Session at 20:03 for Personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried

Chairman Dryer motioned to return from Executive Session at 20:17, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to increase Dawn Lucas's hourly rate to \$20.00 per hour, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

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

**Adjourned 20:17 hours**