

*Montauk Fire District
February 14, 2017*

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Michael Mirras
Richard Monahan
Richard Schoen

Also Present: Chief Vincent Franzone, 1st Assistant Chief Dave Ryan, 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:

Chairman Dryer said he asked Joe Frank what constitutes a meeting. Joe said if you have at least 3 Commissioners present and you are talking about fishing, it's fine. But if you are talking about District business, it would constitute a meeting and would be illegal if you were not in a meeting.

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

Building Use Requests: American Pool Consultants has requested to use Meeting Room for pool operators class April 12-13, 2017. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer motioned/passed/carried. Check for District was received and will be retained.

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

Audit of Bills: Ms. Czeczotka read aloud invoices totaling: \$146,029.63 (see attached journals). Chairman Dryer questioned the All Island Testing bill, asking if it should have been paid through Stalco. Ms. Czeczotka will check with Commissioner Marino. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$146,029.63 pending clarification on the All Island Testing bill, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Monahan reported that old 9-3-32 has no registration and insurance to go to Fully Involved for a diagnostic. Board agrees it should be sold as is.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Mirras wants the lock fixed on paid responder room. He said if lock isn't fixed, can we put deadbolt on inside. Board objects to deadbolt, could be a safety issue. Chairman Dryer will speak to Brent.

- Chief Franzone asked about keys for Captain's Room. Chairman Dryer will look into this.
- Commissioner Schoen mentioned the sink in the bay with the under repair sign. Chairman Dryer will check with Brent.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read three capital reserve balances.
- Chairman Dryer inquired how we will pay for both new vehicles. Commissioner Mirras said once MSA packs are paid for, we should transfer excess to Apparatus and Equipment reserve account. We have the excess from the General Fund as well. Then we need to plan for any purchases in the future.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras said at the District Commissioners meeting, he asked for cost of costs of upgrading radios. Chief Franzone can add some information as there was Town meeting today. They were looking to do crossover in October 2017 into 2018, but now that Larry Cantwell is leaving, he does not want this happening in his administration. The existing repeater has no parts to repair it which is a huge problem for us. We have 121 portables and 21 radios. Any radio 10 years or older won't be worth doing. GATR site is a dead issue according to Town. There is a box that can be installed at the Lighthouse which would give repeater ability and costs \$13,000.00 so this could improve communications between Montauk and East Hampton, but it only works with the 700 system. Commissioner Mirras asked for a list of which radios need replacement vs. reprogramming. Chief is having all radios inventoried and will produce this. Commissioner Mirras asked for prices on reprogramming vs. buying new radios. A new mobile radio would cost about \$4,020. Portables will be a few hundred dollars cheaper. Chief thinks we should put new radios into the new trucks. Chiefs Association does not feel we will get a grant for radios.

Fire Advisory:

- Commissioner Mirras has no report.

Insurance & Law:

- There is one small pending claim for a windshield.

Personnel:

- Chief Ryan presented that Christopher McCracken (probie) has resigned.
- Scott Snow is on medical leave.
- Tomorrow the Department will be going to wake for Dave King , 43 member of Springs FD.
- Chief gave District copies of letters for those with non-qualifying years. There are two people being taken off the rolls which District will send out the letters.

Safety:

- No report

Training:

- Two probies going to Yaphank.
- Steve Sizse will be going to Fire Officer training.
- Several members completed ICS300.
- Next month's training will be hotels.

Old Business:

- Board reviewed list of those who used our Building in 2016. Commissioner Mirras inquired if a new condo group requested to use room, would we approve? You can't say yes to one and no to another. Commissioner Schoen said we could write that certain groups are grandfathered in. Chairman Dryer suggested making set standards of who is allowed to use. He said we need to

put the groups into categories. Chairman Dryer asked Commissioner Schoen to work on this. Chief Franzone said that PTA had a list (which he found) and on the list was “check inventory of fire department supplies”. They should not be using our supplies. Chairman Dryer said wouldn't the \$200.00 Department fee cover that. He said we need to modify the form to say you need to bring your own supplies. Pool operators will be told that this is the last year they will be able to use the room due to our new policy.

- Commissioner Mirras said we have been interviewing for full time and part time first responders. He has discovered everyone has gaps in their schedules. The candidates love working here and our volunteer staff. The issue is our distance and what we pay. We need to increase their rate from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Right now we are the same as the ninth division but upisland they are paying more. We will have more latitude and flexibility if we do away with per diems and hire only full and part timers. We need to state the number of hours that they are being hired for and you have to guarantee those hours and there is no flexibility for a year. We have to hire off list: Senior EMT, Paramedic and CC. We can hire provisionally. Commissioner Monahan motioned we increase the previously approved salary from \$1.00 to \$2.00, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Next he wants to get together for the next meeting the bare bones of what we need to hire them: salary, probation, benefits after probation. He will sit down with Commissioner Monahan and get this together for the next meeting. We are all vying for the same people.

New Business:

Chiefs Report:

Chief Franzone

- A requisition for chargers from Motorola, \$278.00 was presented. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer ; motioned/passed/carried.
- A second requisition for batteries from Grainger, \$53.98 was presented. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- A third requisition for flashlight from Firematic, \$129.00 was presented. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A final requisition for license plates from Hills Signs, \$261.50 was presented. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- All MSA bottles were put into service on Friday. Workout equipment will be gone Thursday. Officers Room - will get rid of most of file cabinets.
- We got 12 brand new extinguishers which were not ordered. He will find out why we received them.

Chiefs Report:

1st Assistant Chief Ryan

- A requisition for gloves and hoods from Firematic, \$1,043.88 was presented. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Open to the Floor:

Chairman Dryer motioned to go to Executive Session at 20:45 for personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to return from Executive Session at 20:53, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Schoen read a statement pertaining to the situation regarding fire safety magnets (see attached). Chief Franzone spoke to ex Chief Lenahan who confirmed we are doing this and it will be paid for through an advertising campaign. He has heard multiple complaints from businesses about this. We do not receive any money for this, we receive the magnets to distribute for free. Commissioner Mirras asked if this is a District issue. Board says yes. Department and District are supposed to approve first before fundraising is done. Commissioner Monahan said we should question ex Chief Lenahan. A special meeting will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 6:00PM with ex Chief Lenahan.

Chief Franzone inquired on status of 9-3-3. He wanted it on record that he has distaste for truck and the design after speaking to the mechanic. The negative information only came to light in the past few days. Why wouldn't anyone bid on the truck except Firematic? Contract is signed so there is nothing to be done.

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

Adjourned 21:23 hours