

*Montauk Fire District
August 08, 2017*

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

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

Also Present: 1st Assistant Chief Dave Ryan, 2nd Assistant Chief Mitchell Valcich, John Kessler of AARP, Rose Modica and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas.

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 Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session for Contract Negotiations at 19:01:00, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to return from Executive Session at 19:05:00, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to send agreed negotiation letter to Town via e-mail, followed up with a certified letter, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Marino noted some changes, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 Commissioners Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Budget Code Resolution R17-008: Commissioner Marino read aloud a resolution for code transfer of funds (see attached). Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Request- Brent Becker requested to use 1 vacation day for September 16, 2017. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras looked at Treasurers report, he noted looks like we might have a surplus, otherwise everything looks good. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$17,472.66 (see attached journals). Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$17,472.66, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Monahan reported everything OK, we just have some parts on order that have not come in yet.
- 9-3-14- Received proposal for replacing back lights with LED ones, cost is \$4,233.00, what are our thoughts. This came about because of a break on one of the rear poles. Commissioner Marino, Mirras and Chief Valcich feel the LED lights are more durable and should cut down on repair costs. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Marino still waiting on Howie to stripe parking lot, thinking of putting District parking in new garage area and EMT parking by District office to elevate the parking in the front of the building (NO PARKING AREA).
- Brent feels it's necessary for the District to buy a pallet jack since most of the equipment deliveries are packaged on one. This would benefit the Department also. The cost is either \$409 for 5,000lb capacity or \$450 for a 5500lb capacity. Commissioner Mirras motion to approve the 5,500lb pallet jack for \$450, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Marino stated one of the rooftop A/C units needs to be replaced its not functioning properly any longer, we already received one proposal for \$11,600.00. He will get 2 more for comparison.
- Commissioner Marino stated the floor color for upstairs that was previously approved will be Blue Spruce.
- Commissioner Mirras was curious about the mechanics lien, is it on the building or contractor. Commissioner Schoen said it's on Stalco. If we pay the last payment, then on the building too. Chief Valcich stated mechanics liens he dealt with is usually on both the contractor and project. We are following what our lawyer has told us, as long as we do not make final payment we are good.
- **House Report-** nothing to go over. Chairman Dryer wanted to mention that they put the tape up for the sprinkler heads for the Playhouse Gala on Saturday night and everything seemed to go over pretty well, came by a couple of times. Next time just need to have the debris cleaned up the next day.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read three capital reserve balances. The MSA reserve fund will be transferred into the Equipment Reserve Fund. As per Commissioner Mirras and Ms. Lucas it was already completed.

Communications:

- No report

Fire Advisory:

- No meeting, no report

Insurance & Law:

- No information. Commissioner Schoen would like to remind the members that still need a physical to do so. Chief Valcich said we remind them on a regular basis.

Personnel:

- Commissioner Mirras talked about how the paid ALS program is changing, one of our paramedics got hired with Nassau PD so we will be constantly interviewing for new. The ALS Handbook was just done, would like your feedback so it can be finalized this week.
- Ms. Lucas sent out the seven Senior EMT letters. Commissioner Mirras already warned the two supervisors they may lose their position if we decide to hire one of the applicants.
- Commissioner Mirras wants to make a motion to hire Dorothy Jacoby to replace Eileen Tuohy as our outside accountant, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Mirras received a letter from Eileen recommending we switch accounting programs from PIPS to Quickbooks. It's an easier program to work with and Ms. Lucas and Dorothy are both very familiar with it. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve switching accounting programs as long as it will work with the Retirement Reporting, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Safety:

- No report

Training:

- Nothing going on

Old Business:

- Intelli-Tech was here Friday, just waiting on proposal for providing all in services (key fobs, cameras, security).

New Business:

- Solar Panels- Commissioner Marino said we had the specs and engineering already done but realized it wasn't cost effective at the time. Commissioner Marino to get more estimates of the kind.
- Jon Forsberg wanted to make sure the date of September 18, 2018 was available for the Blood Drive. It's same day as Ladies Auxiliary meeting, but Ms. Lucas feels that they can switch their meeting or time if they had to. The date is approved.
- Commissioner Mirras wanted to make sure everyone read the Counselor and understands that municipalities are not exempt from government regulations.
- Commissioner Mirras discussed the budget, as noted in the Counsel the Real Property Tax Cap for 2018 is 1.84%, went up from last year. We can not give a percentage of increase yet because there are income sources other than property taxes that will affect the budget and what taxpayers will end up paying.
- Commissioner Mirras presented information for the Heavy Rescue Team. They would like to compete in the 2017 North American Vehicle Rescue Challenge in Canada from September 13-17th. He explained the costs, flight, car, hotel and entry fee, thought it will come to about \$10-11,000. He can not give exact amounts because fare rates change daily. Commissioner Marino motioned to allocate \$12,000.00 for the TERC team to compete in challenge, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/Commissioner Mirras abstained because he is on team,passed/carried.
- Commissioner Schoen on a related topic received a picture from Ferrera the manufacturer of the new Heavy Rescue Truck and asked where do we stand with the truck, it will not be ready next week. The cab, just sheet metal was painted. Commissioner Mirras also stated he checks up periodically to see the progress. It looks like it may not be ready till October /November.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Valcich

- A requisition for medical supplies for \$428.01 was submitted, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approved, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

- Truck check sheets were submitted to Ms. Lucas.

Open to the Floor:

John Kessler thought it was very interesting we talked about solar panels. He got them on his house about 10 years ago. They were about \$23,000 and back then LIPA paid about half. He also received \$3,000 from the government so it cost him \$10,000.00 and he recouped his money back in 5yrs. His bills are about \$10-\$13 a month and maybe \$35 in winter. He thinks it would be a great idea for us. Commissioner Mirras said there are 3 programs out there now, buy the panels, rent the panels and have PSEG rent your roof and they will pay you. Chairman Dryer thanked John and explained we will revisit, 5 years ago it just was not cost effective.

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

Adjourned 20:10 hours