

**Montauk Fire District
September 12, 2017**

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

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

Also Present: Chief Vinny Franzone, 1st Assistant Chief Dave Ryan, 2nd Assistant Chief Mitchell Valcich, Paul Giardina, Julia Prince, 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.

Chairman Dryer moved the agenda to let our guests talk. Paul Giardina of the East Hampton Town Republican Committee is requesting use of the meeting room for a listening session of the 3 candidates for Town Board, Manny Velour, Supervisor, Jerry Larson and himself on October 19, 2017. Paul stated it should be about 2 hours and anticipating about 50 people to show to voice their concerns and issues in Montauk. Chairman Dryer is worried about parking, wants to make sure our members have access in an emergency so he suggested parking near Playhouse and south side first. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Julia Prince who works with DeepWaterWind, which has recently built 5 turbines off Block Island, wanted to come and discuss the lease area they were awarded 30 miles off the coast of Montauk. This lease area took about 10 years to develop, it's in federal waters and was developed by BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management), it's an arm of the Federal government that decides what goes on with the waterways. This lease area is about 256 square miles with approximately 15-16 proposed wind turbines which will service about 50,000 homes all in East Hampton Township and any leftover will go west. LIPA put an RFP (Request for Proposal) out to the energy world for the least cost to produce power and DeepWater won the contract. They will partner with a battery storage unit to run the Turbines and that substation will be located on Buell Lane in East Hampton. Commissioner Monahan was wondering where the cables will come into. Ms. Prince stated originally it was going to be a northern route but after speaking with the fishing community and Suffolk County, we surveyed a southern route from lease area. It would be one of these 3 cites, Beach Lane, Napequa and Hither Hills. The cable itself is 7" in diameter, buried 4-6 feet underground, 1,000 feet off beach they will shoot drill, it meets drill about 10 feet under the landing they decide, insert a sleeve and connect cable.

That cable daisy chains the 15 and will come in either south or north, its hard to say where its going to land because the survey vessel just completed the work 4-5 days ago. There is a trip to Block Island to see what it looks like after its hooked up, you only see 3 manhole covers in the parking lot. Ms. Prince stated this is not going to work unless we are partnering with the fishing community and the idea of doing the project properly is becoming a fabric of the community. Chairman Dryer wanted to know about any emissions from the cable, Ms. Prince stated not more than your kitchen, its an important fact that we need to know. Commissioner Mirras asked about the construction base of operation, his concern is from a fire and ambulance standpoint. Ms. Prince stated there would be no worries about that at this point. Julia also wanted make us aware they are just starting the permit process, probably take about 2 years, maybe in 2020 and up and running by 2022, she is also trying to create more jobs out here.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Lucas wants to clarify in the previous minutes under workshop topics, the discussion of replacing the van and 9-3-80, does not mean we will have new vehicles here January 1, 2017, it means the bidding process will start after January 1, 2017. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the August 23, 2017 Commissioners Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request- was already addressed at beginning of meeting.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras looked at Treasurers report and figured our surplus for this year will be about \$150,000.00, based on what we spent year to date, less than previous years, but we will have a surplus. Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$27,947.63 (see attached journals). Commissioner Monahan wanted to hold off on one bill from VCI for compressor for AC unit on Ambulance, its the 3rd compressor now, we are holding off on a bill for Kolb regarding the AC unit for the district office and we do not pay for pregnancy test regarding physicals. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$25,755.58, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Monahan reported everything OK, new van seats have been put in and new windshield was done. The driver side window needs fixing, it sticks. Chairman Dryer was wondering about new carpet inserts for the Van. As per the other Commissioners, no need we will be getting a new van next year.
- 9-3-17- had a minor accident with a deer, needs a light, which was ordered and Brent will fix the grill portion.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Marino discussed the back building, John Tanzi got all his measurements and within the next 2-3 weeks will address the change to the back stair for emergency egress.
- Commissioner Marino also noted that John was unaware of the contractors lien, but there is a clause in our contract that Stalco can not give us the building free and clear unless all contractor liens are satisfied. So Stalco owns the building, but we have use of it. Commissioner Schoen wants to know why are we insuring then, he is going to talk further with the attorney and insurance company to find out exactly what the situation is. Right now if the building was to burn down Stalco would get the insurance money, since they own it.
- Chairman Dryer noted that the gasket on the doors are not sitting properly, Mike is aware of this and will take care of.

- Commissioner Marino also noted the key fobs were installed on both doors and Brent is waiting for the guy to come out to install the audible alarm push bar for upstairs door for emergency egress.
- Chairman Dryer brought up putting the boat and pickup truck in back garage. All Commissioners were in agreement, once everything is put away.
- Commissioner Marino brought up cage issue for the propane BBQ tanks, we had one previously with old building, need to figure out what size we will need. Chief Franzone noted that because we use Bay as our propane provider they should be able to supply us a cage for free. He said a cage that will hold 16 tanks would be great.
- Commissioner Marino discussed the 440 gallon tank at the substation, we received estimate to remove old tank for \$1,800.00. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve estimate, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Mirras noted at a storm meeting recently it was brought up that the substation is very damp, if we are keeping supplies in there are we bringing in a DE-humidifier, also black mold is developing. Commissioner Marino stated we need to address the exterior to alleviate the water coming in, because of the age of the building it wasn't properly waterproofed. Chairman Dryer suggested getting Tanzi to give a recommendation and start the cost analysis process, he also noted anything perishable we can start storing in back garage once floors are done. Commissioner Marino will call Tanzi to discuss this project.

House Report- nothing to go over. Chairman Dryer noted after this weekend only minor things left to set up in garage.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read three capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras stated we have talked about the radios and the Chief advised we missed one thing the installation cost, but we can handle this. Other than that nothing else to report.

Fire Advisory:

- No report

Insurance & Law:

- No information

Personnel:

- Commissioner Mirras stated we need to approve the hiring of 3 more paid paramedics. He stated he just released one and one other is in training for Nassau PD, want to have extra on. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve 3 more paramedics, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Safety:

- No report

Training:

- Chief Ryan stated September 21, 2017 Town wide brush fire at Northwest Road and Old Northwest Road. We will be working with other departments, Sag Harbor has a new truck, doing chainsaw work, use of hoses and how to operate trucks off-road. September 27, 2017 high angle rope rescue at the Montauk Lighthouse. September 28, 2017 RIT training at the Larry Franzone training Center in Wainscott.
- The probes started there Fire Fighter 1 training in Yaphank, the two that are going are Eddie Schnell and Will Hamilton.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Monahan wanted to discuss the new First Responder vehicle for Springs or Sag Harbor, a number of \$49,000 was thrown out there, that compares to our \$43,000 Chiefs vehicle, we do not know the extras, they are itemized on a sheet and just waiting to see those numbers.
- Commissioner Monahan also wanted to know about the senior EMT letter that was sent out, we did hear from one candidate, he sent his resume, have not interviewed because he is not ALS. Dawn waiting to hear from Civil Service if we can state our Senior EMT needs to be ALS certified.
- Commissioner Mirras states everything seems fine with the budget, just need to go into executive session to finalize salaries.

New Business:

- Ms. Lucas brought up that Thom Fleming would like to take the EMT basic refresher course in Hampton Bays. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, Chairman Dryer seconded; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Monahan also noted that October 1, 2017 at the firehouse there will be a skills test for the ALS providers, but need to confirm with Yaphank its approved. The cost is \$125.00 per person for 5 total, not to exceed \$625.00. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Paid ALS Monthly Update- Emily states they need a new printer, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approved \$200.00 for a new printer, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Mirras is mandating Emily work one 12 hour shift during the day on a weekday while Dawn is here to get more work done and have better procedures in place. She also noted they need lockers for their personal items. She will research,
- Commissioner Mirras noted at the storm meeting it was mentioned that before a storm the District should make sure we have enough fuel in all tanks. Chief Franzone also stated we have this transfer pump, but not sure if it works, we should make sure it does. As per Commissioner Mirras the storm planning seems be going good.
- Commissioner Mirras wanted to make sure we saw the Counsellor in regards to dates for budget, resolutions, petitions, advertising, etc., Ms. Lucas is aware and keeps a copy of all the dates. Also in another Counsellor, it talks about a huge issue; Social Media, changed handbook, there is a 0 tolerance for anything on social media for our paid ALS providers.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Franzone asked Ms. Lucas who else got physicals besides Lavery, she stated Chief Valcich and wasn't sure of the other member, but will let Chief know tomorrow.
- He also ran into Ed Michael's and he is saying there is still some problems with getting insurance on Marine II., Ms. Lucas stated Dorothy took care of this directly with John Ecker Insurance on September 1, 2017
- The trailers have been brought back to the Community Center, we also brought the Red Cross trailer as well. Chief Franzone made great contacts with the Red Cross, gave us combo numbers, and said if we need to get in, no problem, he will get the info over to District office as well.
- Chief Franzone mentioned the combined Chief's and Commissioners meeting to meet the Town candidates, since we are hosting and its usually a dinner meeting, do you want to split the cost. Commissioner Mirras suggested each of us contribute an amount of \$1,000.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas to call Kent Howie to find out if there will be a meeting beforehand and since we are hosting this month, we do not want to host again in October.
- Chief informed us of the water main installation on Madison Dr, he is requesting a hydrant be placed at the EOM (end of main). He also stated we need to add the Coast Guard Station to our

hydrant rentals for the District. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approved hydrant install and hydrant rental, seconded by Commissioner Marino. We just have to send a letter on District letterhead to SCWA (Suffolk County Water Authority). Ms. Lucas will take care of that. Commissioner Mirras

- A purchase requisition was submitted for new turnout gear, totaling \$11,142.07, Commissioner Schoen stated lets submit a claim for the one jacket, and go ahead with the other ones. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the gear totaling \$9,839.18; seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

- A another purchase requisition for MSA seat belt extenders totaling \$118.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

- Commissioner Mirras talking about turnout gear our Paid First Responders do not have any type of turnout gear and under the Federal Registrar for Blood Born Pathogens as employers we are required to supply them gear that fits them at no cost to them. What do we want o give them, jackets, helmets, etc. First thing is we need to get estimates and measurements. We could just order Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large.

- Chief Valcich turned in the truck checks

Open to the Floor:

- Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session for personal @ 20:45pm, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 21:10pm, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras stated with a minor adjustment to salaries, he motioned to approve the proposed budget of \$2,671,796.00, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

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

Adjourned 21:15 hours