

Montauk Fire District
November 14, 2017

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

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

Also Present: Chief Vinny Franzone, 2nd Assistant Chief Mitchell Valcich, Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas and John Kessler

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 Marino motioned to approve the October 17, 2017 Budget Hearing/Commissioners Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras looked at Treasurers report, one adjustment will be made, new radios were entered into wrong account, should be in Capital Reserve account. Looks like we will have a \$427,000 surplus that will last us the last 2 months of the year and the rest going into the equipment reserve account to cover the 2 new trucks we are getting. The bank statements everything reconciled and looks good, the Equipment Fund should be good for next year. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$144,120.03 (see attached journal), Commissioner Marino motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$144,120.03, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Schoen noted he will be going down to Louisiana to inspect one of the new trucks that is supposedly done. Since we are getting in a new Rescue truck and Hose truck are there any plans for the old ones.
- Chief is concerned about how trucks are getting repaired or not, maybe we need to talk with John about this to rectify situation. Commissioner Mirras will talk to Dick about this and see what can be done.
- Commissioner Mirras noted he drove 9-3-9 and it was a mess, played with tire pressure not much better, he feels it needs to be sent out for balancing or change tires, etc. Chief Valcich stated it was discussed at the last officers meeting that it really isn't safe and would like the old tires put back

on. He said Barnwell would come, pop off and switch tires in about an hour. Also there was some question about a bench seat in that truck, after researching the VIN # it originally came with a bench seat. Chief Valcich said he would like to see a bench seat back in. Commissioner Mirras will do some research on it and see what we can do.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Marino noted that we are in the final stages of the back building. Stalco has bonded the monies to cover the lawsuit they are facing and waiting to hear back from Joe Frank, once he says OK then we can pay final bill. Commissioner Marino wants a letter from Stalco stating the alarm system warranty does not start until its completely fixed. Also the set of stairs that needed to be fixed looks like they are getting torn out, they are short a few inches so they need to be repaired. Stalco will take care of this no problem and address the other issue with the stairs.
- Commissioner Marino noted that the old fuel tank at the substation was taken out the other day, new tank installed on side of building just need to get it hooked up. Commissioner Schoen stated he needs all the information on it so he can put on insurance policy.
- Commissioner Marino also met with John Tanzi to get some ideas on what to do with the substation. John suggested excavating for better drainage, he will work up a proposal for us to see.
- Chief Franzone said the lights need to be fixed at substations, there were none on last night.

House Report- None

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read three capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras stated we put the radio purchase requisition of \$328,000 in which does lower the equipment budget, but we are putting in \$500,000 next year. Projected equipment budget is \$1,284,000.00 which is enough to cover both new trucks and a few other things.
- As per Chief Franzone he spoke with Peter Van Scoyoc and it seems they are pushing to get the gator site up and running.

Fire Advisory:

- No Meeting

Insurance & Law:

- Commissioner Schoen stated we received check in for the lost turnout coat.

Personnel:

- Chief Franzone mentioned at the next department meeting in December they will be voting on 7 new recruits. Also Eddie Schnell and Will Hamilton should have finished their classes, their results should be back shortly.
- Commissioner Mirras stated we need to go into executive session, Chairman Dryer said to wait till end of meeting
- Chief Franzone stated we will not recruit any more EMS members, we are maxed out. He also proposes to drop age of new members from 65 to maybe 55 or 60. It previously was 45 years of age in 1984. Chief says it's also becoming more expensive to run the department.
- Chief Valcich mentioned he received the application for Brody Keogh for junior fire department back in his box. All paperwork is there. Commissioner Mirras made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Marino to accept him into the Junior Fire Dept. if not already done at a previous meeting and Ms. Lucas will check, motioned/passed/carried.

Safety:

- No issues

Training:

- Chief Franzone said going to try to get the fire boat running with water supply at Carrillo's marina at Liar's.
- Chief also stated he is in talks with the County to do some burns to clear some county land, only preliminary stages right now.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

- Parking for building use- Chairman Dryer wants to add to the building use application information on parking and attach a diagram for where to park. We will cord off the area where they can not park. This arose because of an event that took up all the parking and if there was an emergency our personal could not park anywhere.
- ALS Report- Chairman Dryer stated its like a house report and comes directly from Supervisor Walter Lynch. To review he noted Nicole Klein was removed due to inactivity, hired new paramedic Nick Knoebel. The last couple of people hired are very eager to work. Walter also noted how we compare with Amagansett on filling all hours, gave a list of all employees and their seniority, explained full time contracts will be given out for review and discussed at next Commissioners meeting. In regards to ordering medical supplies, Walter will continue to do so, submit to Ms. Lucas for approval at the Commissioner's meeting then a copy will be given to Chief and Captain of Company 4. Walter is happy to do it and may delegate to another full timer to help. Chairman Dryer stated that now that Walter is in charge it has made all the difference. We are very lucky to have him.
- Chief Valcich after the last Commissioner's meeting spoke with Commissioner Monahan and Commissioner Mirras about the AED in 9-3-32, he said Walter is top notch, he was waiting for him the next day, checked the AED, changed the battery and the leads because they have a shelf life too, stated there should be scissors, gave him a pair. He wanted to commend him for that.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Franzone stated that we had some purchase requisitions submitted directly to us, Boundtree for medical supplies, totaling \$545.74, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies, totaling \$894.86, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies, totaling \$885.69, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition from Mercury Medical for medical supplies, totaling \$500.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition from Mercury Medical for medical supplies, totaling \$560.00 Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition from Lifeguard Systems Inc. for ice sled, totaling \$2,346.43, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisitions from Hill Signs for license plates that go on front of cars for \$424.50, Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- As per Chief Franzone the hydrant that was just installed at Coast Guard station, they are ripping out because of the oil spill. We just need to call the water Authority and make sure they do not bill us for the hydrant.

- Chief Valcich has the truck checks for October. At the Company 5 Meeting, they turned 9-3-12 into the winter mode now. MSA we have 49 packs, 60 class A masks and 20 extra masks.

•***Open to the Floor:***

- John Kessler from AARP informed us of a Driving Class coming up November 30th at the library from 10am till 5pm and if you are a member of the National \$20 if not \$25.

- Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session for Personal @ 20:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 21:15pm, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

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

Adjourned 21:15 hours