

**Montauk Fire District
January 24, 2017**

MINUTES

Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
Michael Mirras
James Wright
Joseph Dryer, Chairman- late

Also Present: Chief Vincent Franzone, 1st Asst. Chief Dave Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas and Donna Hitscherich

Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairman Schoen 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 Mirras motioned to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Requests: Montauk Beach Property, Assoc. requested use of meeting room May 26, 2018, no conflicts. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud invoices totaling: \$548,214.66 (see attached journals). Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$548,214.66, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop topics:

Training Center for NAEMT Classes; Ms. Donna Hitscherich started talking about the approval of Montauk Fire District to become a training center for NAEMT classes. She states there is no cost to fill out the application, it would benefit the EMT's and Paramedics. Ms. Hitscherich and Tom Barbieri have already taken these classes, all they have to do is take an online class for \$60 to be able to teach, get audited, then they become instructors. Walter Lynch contacted the Districts medical director Dr. Miraz and he is in approval of this. They would request to use the building like any other person requests. Commissioner Mirras wanted to know what if they would need anything from the District in the future. Ms. Hitscherich stated right now only DVD's for each course. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

AFG Grant; Ms. Hitchenrich would also like to get approval for applying for The Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA, Chief Franzone has been extremely helpful in getting the data we need to do this. There is no cost to apply, need to be in it to win it. Commissioner Mirras asked to explain what this grant is, its a pot of money from FEMA that comes out once a year. The grant is for a specific thing, like a cardiac monitor. If we get the grant, we have to follow proper procedures for new equipment that the District has in place already. This grant is specially for four life pack monitors,

service plan for all four, one adult and one child mannequins. Total amount of grant is \$184,340.00, District responsibility would be \$8,778.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Reserve Account balances; Commissioner Mirras stated can not give exact numbers because bills are still coming in for prior year so until all are paid then we will have a better grasp. But the equipment account as of December 31, 2017 was \$1,112,864.00, just paid \$699,330 for 9-3-2 brings it down to \$412,000.00, then added \$500,000.00 to budget for a new first responder, ambulance and other equipment.

Building fund; we have \$409,000 and added \$45,000 to that budget, should be OK with fixing substation, making it a good proper building and any other building projects that might come up. Commissioner Wright wanted to know what was going on with the equipment pad. Commissioner Mirras stated Carmine wanted to see about making it bigger, was going to talk with Town to possibly narrow road, and do a trade off with Water Authority, as per Commissioner Wright, Water Authority is not giving property up. Commissioner Mirras stated Tanzi will have to get us plans for the biggest pad we can put at sight then.

Substation cleanup; Chief Franzone wants to get a dumpster at substation to clean it out, asking for access to upstairs of new building to put some items in, big bucks stuff, emergency preparedness stuff, etc. Before we do anything, we need to get flooring done upstairs. According to Commissioner Wright any type of flooring that you might do in the future they will put some sort of barrier down then 1/8" plywood so to paint it would just be a waste. Chief Franzone also suggested rhino lining, he did his freezers himself. Commissioner Wright will look into flooring options. After discussing, a 10 yard dumpster should be OK for cleaning out substation, will wait to put anything upstairs until flooring is done. Commissioner Wright discussed since the new building is in a lawsuit, should we really be doing any work on it or to the building, Commissioner Schoen will ask Joe Frank about.

Chief's Report:

- Chief has a purchase requisition for a pruning pole for \$65.16, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief has another purchase requisition for fire boots for \$1,316.25, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- There will be 9 members receiving letters for not making good standing points, Jamie Quaresimo, Keith Grimes, Patrick Keogh, Marta Albronda, Myrsini Fatsis, Jonathon Contreras, Steven Forsberg, Lonnie Akkala and Kathy Weiss.
- Ferrara is coming out to replace windshield again, fix air horn and install thermal imaging camera that will be coming in tomorrow. They also want to know if they can take a picture of the truck and put it in the 2019 calendar they love it so much. They want to bring truck to Nassau show February 23-25th and park it next to a Pierce truck, they will pick up and bring back.
- Commissioner Mirras stated do we have keys for the cab of the new 9-3-2, should have copies in different places in case we need them. Ms. Lucas stated we have a total of 4 and also have manuals on a flash drive that she will make copies of.
- Chief asked for copies of key for Captains room, as per Ms. Lucas just received today.
- Chief Ryan asked about application and certification for permit to use air force base for training. Commissioner Schoen gave application and certificate of insurance to Tom Dess.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Mirras asked about the siren on Industrial Rd., Chief Franzone said it is temporarily fixed, he is hoping to replace it this year with a new one. Chief already got approval by the supervisor doing the wiring here in Montauk to help put a new pole up for us. Commissioner Mirras said Peter Joyce is helping with this, cost with installation for new siren is about \$20,000.00. Ms. Lucas will ask Brent to get quotes. Commissioner Schoen asked if we need to replace entire structure, as per Commissioner Mirras not sure yet, pole looks good, but platform might need to be redone. Also the one on Industrial needs rust proof paint to make it last longer, Peter to check on this also.

Commissioner Mirras also would like to start researching solar panels to be more economically friendly.

Commissioner Mirras stated he was off on his estimates for the budget how it was going to affect the taxpayers. We thought it was going to be a 12% increase, after reviewing the tax bills it looks like it ended up to be a 16% increase, they probably will not notice it but still, I was off.

Commissioner Mirras asked Ms. Lucas about the 1099's any individual that made more than \$600 needs to be sent a 1099. Ms. Lucas will look into and send out whoever needs one. He also wanted to make sure the LOSAP money was paid, Ms. Lucas confirmed it is in bills to pay tonight.

9-3-2- Commissioner Mirras wanted to let us know that he accepted truck last week but was pressed for time, so finally going over everything and it all looks to be in order. We are just waiting on a detailed invoice from Neville for labor.

At a Town Board meeting, Amagansett's Fire Protection District contract was discussed and a lot of complaining, but at the end it was approved. We just need to be prepared to defend our stance on the cost if need be at the February 1st meeting.

Commissioner Schoen stated we received insurance check for repair to Chief's vehicle. Brent will coordinate with Chief to bring to Suburban to get estimate for repair.

Commissioner Schoen also noted that we were unaware of anything going on tonight in meeting room. It worked out that nothing was scheduled but next time really need to know so we can prepare.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried

Adjourned 20:30 hours