

**Montauk Fire District  
February 28, 2018  
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Dryer, Chairman  
Richard Schoen  
Michael Mirras  
Dick Monahan

**Also Present:** Chief Vincent Franzone, Peter Joyce 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.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Ms. Lucas read aloud invoices totaling: \$213,009.12 (see attached journals). Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$213,009.12, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Workshop topics:**

**Treasurer's Report; Commissioner Mirras** said report looks good just one item needs fixing, the purchase of 9-3-2 went into wrong line item, will be fixed. Also Chief will need a copy of his budget line items to keep track of how much has been spent. Commissioner Mirras asked if everyone sent in the letter from Cullen & Danowski for audit purposes. Ms. Lucas stated they should be here at end of March, need to keep Commissioner Mirras informed of exact date.

**Follow Up from February 13, 2018 Minutes;** Chairman Dryer asked if any update on air conditioner letter for 9-3-17, Commissioner Monahan left messages with the original executive and it looks like this is going to require another letter to their chairman regarding the matter. There was also question about 9-3-16, 17 & 18 bills. John's response from Fully Involved was the PM Service is from bumper to bumper, which also includes an oil change. Commissioner Schoen is OK with this.

Chairman Dryer spoke with John Tanzi about the stairs for back garage, he doesn't think they will go past \$15,000. Chairman Dryer told him we want the stairs fixed, so they are going to take the stairs down and put them back the way we wanted it to be done.

Back garage- material for floors, the type we are considering is a floating floor,we will wait for Commissioner Wright to get back to discuss.

Chairman Dryer and Dick White met with Jenny Nielsen from the assessors office regarding Fire Protection boundaries. They are doing their homework and it might take a few months to figure out. Lenny Bernard stated the Protection money seemed excessive. We based our numbers on the expenses to do the protection, the paramedic program, vehicles and dispatch fees. Nothing can be done until the boundaries are set.

**Sirens;** At last meeting we had a discussion about replacing the siren on Industrial road which is a 7.5HP siren running as a 5HP because of age with a 15HP siren, Chairman Dryer along with the other Commissioner's thought it was excessive, a 10HP siren would be adequate enough. Commissioner Schoen motioned for the 10HP Siren, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried. An inspection of the poles is needed to make sure they are sound. Ms. Lucas to contact PSEG and Town Highway Department on help with this. Commissioner Mirras motioned to buy the siren for \$6,348.27 which was a proposal cost now because of lead time and Ms. Lucas to clarify what we will be getting is same as on postcard, Chairman Dryer seconded, motioned/passed/carried. On a side note, Commissioner Schoen contacted Joe Frank because a comment was made that we are required by federal law to have a backup system, we are not. Joe Frank's opinion was while redundancy might be a good thing, no federal law that he is aware of requires it.

**9-3-3 Status;** Robert Gosman and Chief Ryan went and saw truck yesterday, body is on chassis, no doors, trying to finish up, get into paint and striping and expected ship date is end of March. Chief Franzone was wondering how to handle the equipment Captain Gosman needs to complete the new 9-3-3 truck coming in. Commissioner Mirras stated to get a complete list on what is needed and the Commissioners will go over with you the Chief on exactly what is needed now, can be brought in at a later date or if needed at all.

Chief Franzone got preliminary numbers to refurbish old 9-3-3 to a Brush Truck of \$50,000 which includes the bed, skid pack, lights, tail lights, wiring, pump, 1" hose reel and 1,000 gal of water. It does not includes the cross lays (soft hose). Commissioner Mirras asked is there is any way to test vehicle to make sure it will perform the way we expect it to perform. Chief stated Sound beach has same exact truck (1yr difference) and is meeting with their Chief to test run, see how it performs and get the pro's and con's of it.

**Old 9-3-2;** As per Chief Franzone he is done with this truck (9-3-2). Commissioner Mirras motioned to put old 9-3-2 out for bid in the East Hampton Star and Newsday, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Schoen will give Ms. Lucas description details for bid to be put in paper next week. The opening date for the bid will be April 25, 2018.

**Alcohol Resolution;** Commissioner Schoen presented a comprehensive defining Alcohol Resolution that was written by our lawyer Joe Frank and we will vote on at next meeting.

**9-3-80- OGS Bid Process/Permissive Referendum;** Commissioner Monahan first wanted to let us know that 9-3-5 parts are on order and Pat will be back to finish repair. 9-3-14 we were never able to duplicate the problem, but John found that the generator was not performing at right capacity, he will check manual and see if it can be adjusted. Also found out that they do not make that generator anymore. Chief Valcich has the paperwork for the back-up camera. 9-3-17 has a problem with the

DEF tank stating it's short on fluid, but it really is full, it could be a float is clogged, had same problem with 9-3-16 and found float in tank got clogged.

9-3-80 cost for shell is \$44,395, price for add-ons is \$24,402 which includes stripes, sirens, lights and climate control box which brings total cost to \$68,797. Commissioner Monahan would like to put a permissive referendum in for \$72,500.00. Chief Franzone is just requesting that there is an inverter for the portable finger reader that will be going into 9-3-80. Commissioner Mirras motioned for a Permissive Referendum for the purchase of one new First Responder (including equipment add-ons) not to exceed \$72,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Tank Butler;** Ms. Lucas received quote for installing a device on propane tank to monitor propane usage. As per Chairman Dryer the primitive way has been working, why change it now. Commissioner Mirras agreed we have employees that can check, no go for now.

**Gas Boy;** Ms. Lucas explained the fuel monitoring system is antiquated and we have been having some issues with it. Robert Hendrich came out and went over 2 different systems to replace what we have already. One is upgrading to a newer model Gasboy that requires new programming and a little more expensive or changing to a cloud based system, it's like signing into your e-mail to get the reports which is less expensive, just waiting on actual proposals to explain what would be needed and cost. Commissioner Mirras was asking about warranties. We will invite Robert out to explain in detail at another meeting.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Franzone noted the Chiefs Association dinner is next Tuesday here at the firehouse and is inviting the Commissioners. He will be signing off on the probes this coming Thursday so they can start scheduling their Firefighter 1 classes up at Yaphank, one probe might postpone to fall due to sickness in family and a child. Instructors that have been working with them are Brian O'Connor, Steve Size, Chris Carillo, Richie Weiss, Dave Marmeno, Jeanine Miedziewiecki, Chris Kiesewetter, Mike Martinsen, Mike Groen, Eddie Schnell. All probes really like Brian O'Connor and his energy and enthusiasm. Chairman Dryer stated the training and dedication these guys are providing is overwhelming, Commissioner Mirras said we have one of the best training programs in the county. EMS probes seem to be doing good too, one will postpone to fall also.

- Chief has a purchase requisition for items (books, honorarium fee, online course fee, and card fee) to become a NAEMT training center for a total of \$1,740.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief has another purchase requisition for batteries for radios for \$441, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief would like to try out these gear dryers that dry the gear in about an hour. We need to get on some sort of system, they will send them to us to try out at no cost. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motion/passed/carried.
- Chief was speaking with the Captain and Lieutenant of the Ambulance company, they was discussing maybe going with a four wheel drive ambulance to be more secure in the colder months. Chief said we could always use chains if need be.
- Chief also brought to our attention an item called back stop which is a black rubber bumper that attaches to your bumper and instantaneously applies the air brakes to stop if you get too close to something. This goes into your existing air brake system. He thought we might be interested for some trucks. Commissioner Monahan will have John from Fully Involved look into.

**Open to the Floor:**

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras;  
motioned/passed/carried

**Adjourned 20:45 hours**