

*Montauk Fire District  
April 10, 2018  
Commissioners Regular Meeting 17:00 hours*

*MINUTES*

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Dryer  
Richard Schoen  
Michael Mirras  
Richard Monahan  
James Wright

**Also Present:** Chief Vinny Franzone, Captain Robert Gosman, Kathy Weiss, John Kessler, Leon Day and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 17:00 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 March 20, 2018, Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Building Use Requests:** Rough Riders Landing HOA put a request to use the Commissioners room, received check and Chief Franzone is the sponsor. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Time off Request:** Rex Martin requested to use a vacation day for 4/12/18, Brent will be here, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Purchase Requisitions:** A requisition for new oxygen tanks for all ambulances from Peconic Fire Equipment totaling \$420.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Commissioner Mirras mentioned that we should have the capital expenditures broken out by dollar, what we started with, spent, balance just like the general fund, he has a call into Eileen Tuohy to find out the appropriate way to do that. Commissioner Mirras was just concerned about the training budget, didn't see the detail. Ms. Lucas stated we had to pay for the training center, CME classes and books. She also noted we can transfer from the Indy line because no one is going this year. Chairman Dryer motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$31,829.77 (see attached journal), Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$31,829.77, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Apparatus and Equipment:**

- Commissioner Monahan noted 9-3-16 engine light was fixed, also the DEF tank was replaced.

- 9-3-17 there was a noise in the right front, the brakes were done and the two inner tires were swapped out and the old ones get redone by John at Full Involved.
- 9-3-18 the rail should be taken care of this week, Alan Burke is on top of that.
- 9-3-4 had a problem with the display screen for the foam, they do not make it anymore, its shot will need an upgrade, just waiting on a dollar amount.

***Buildings & Grounds:***

- Commissioner Wright noted the stairs have been taken out, waiting on good weather to put new ones up
- The flooring should be going in tomorrow
- John Tanzi is working on proposals for substation.
- Also been talking about the pad where they cut up cars, the expansion that previous Commissioner Marino discussed is way off in the future. We should start cleaning up that area, which needs a new fence, suggesting a chain link instead of stockade, holds up better. He also thinks if we talk to the town we should be able to get it approved to finish the pad out to the road weather it's paved or concrete. Commissioner Wright will get proposals for a new fence and see about getting all the debris cleaned up.
- He was also having some issue with the gas boy system, we are already aware and Brent is on top of it.

***Capital Reserve:***

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances. Was also wondering about the Appropriated Funds when will that be transferred in from last year. Ms. Lucas to check on that.

***Communications:***

- Nothing to report at this time

***Fire Advisory:***

- Nothing to report at this time

***Insurance & Law:***

- Commissioner Schoen received an e-mail from Joe Frank about the payment to Stalco, he thought we paid the whole thing, but we still owe them about \$80,000.00, we can not pay remaining balance until the lien between Stalco and Keith Grimes has been satisfied.
- Received paperwork from Tom Barbieri regarding his needle stick back in August. He has been getting notices from a collection agency for payment. Commissioner Schoen spoke with Jill at PERMA since it went through insurance and is handling it, will let Tom know.

***Personnel:***

- No Report

***Safety:***

- Nothing to report at this time

***Training:***

- Nothing to report

***Old Business:***

- Alcohol Resolution, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Mirras was concerned on how it was going to be enforced. Commissioner Schoen stated as usual it is posted and the chief makes the members aware of the policy and the ownness is on them.
- 9-3-80- Purchase Order went out yesterday to Van Bortel in Rochester for a 2018 Tahoe in the amount of \$44,246.82. We also budgeted another \$24,400 for add-ons, Commissioner Monahan sent out six requests for bids with a list of things that needed to be done and received

back four, Firematic at \$19,190; Proliner at \$19,206, John from Fully Involved at \$24,451 and Sagamore Lights at \$19,969, he recommends going with Sagamore Lights because he got an extensive overview and was informed that NYS requires that all three sides to show Montauk Fire Department with lettering 3" high. Commissioner Monahan told him to just bid the way I sent you the pictures because that is how everyone else did and asked what would it cost for doing the lettering that way and was told nothing. Commissioner Monahan would like to go with this organization even though they are not the lowest bid, Commissioner Schoen stated that is OK. Commissioner Monahan also stated Sagamore Lights recommended three other items, an auto eject (on board charger), charge card and battery isolater totaling \$2,200, which he discussed with Brent and agrees. Total cost comes to \$66,424.00 within the permissive referendum. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept bid from Sagamore Lights for add-ons to new 9-3-80, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Monahan motioned to accept the recommendations from Sagamore Lights for additional add-ons, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Schoen asked about a delivery schedule, can't give one yet, just gave PO, but order has to be in by April 26<sup>th</sup> because they are changing the dyes on next years cars. Possibly 6 weeks and then it has to go to Hauppauge for the add-ons, which looks like will take 35 man hours to do. Chairman Dryer stated Commissioner Monahan did a tremendous job on this and wanted to thank him for it.

**New Business:**

- Annuity payments- LOSAP- Commissioner Mirras had a problem he had with the benevolent, which brought up what happens when someone passes away who takes care of LOSAP because there is a death benefit. Commissioner Schoen called LOSAP and spoke to Tony Hill about Dennis Snyder. Tony was able to pull up on his computer that he is entitled to a \$30,000 death benefit payable to his wife, Commissioner Schoen told him he is deceased. He then found that anyone can call and report someone is deceased, then LOSAP will get the gears in motion and verify death certificate. So Commissioner Schoen then proceeded to request a list of all the vested people in LOSAP to see if there are any members on there that shouldn't be. He found one, Dick McGowin explained he has been deceased for about a year. Tony said they were never notified so he ran a check from notices of deceased persons in the paper, no obituary but a mention in the East Hampton Star. They also checked with social security and they haven't been informed. Tony also found out that payments were directly deposited to him for October, November, December of last year and January, February, March of this year. Commissioner Schoen then told Tony we need to get that money back. Commissioner Mirras then suggested we should have some sort of procedure that we initiate the process of death benefits if we have to.

**Chiefs Report:**

- Ms. Lucas noted at last meeting that she wasn't paying any invoices from Firematic for 9-3-3 until she receives notice/packing slips that items have been received by them. She finally got a hold of who is in charge of this, e-mailed him and he will get info for us.
- A purchase requisition from Power Equipment Plus for a STIHL Chainsaw for new 9-3-3, totaling \$569.95 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition from Firematic Supply Company for Fire boots, totaling \$399.00, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried

- A purchase requisition from Northern Tool & Equipment for a self priming pump for a supplemental water source with swimming pool usage, totaling \$549.00, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition from The fire Store for various equipment for new 9-3-3, totaling \$1,099.81 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition from Firematic Supply Company for turnout gear, totaling \$4,696.00 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition from Dell.com for a new desktop computer, totaling \$739.00 Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen motioned/passed/carried
- Two invoices from Adept technologies for windows updates and WiFi capabilities for finger reader totaling \$712.00 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Franzone was asked to start cleaning out the substation so we can start putting certain items upstairs after floor is complete. If we are not going to use it either sell it or throw it away. Chief would like to get all the M Re's that are still good to go upstairs.
- Captain Gosman is dissatisfied with Firematic, not the workmanship but with how long its taking to complete the new 9-3-3 truck. The chassis was delivered July 1<sup>st</sup>, it should have taken 10 weeks tops. Dave Horton just yeses you to death. It seems to be excuse after excuse. Chairman Dryer said after truck is done we will have a sit down with them to discuss.

**Open to the Floor:**

Kathy Weiss came to speak to the Commissioners about her LOSAP points. She sent them a letter that she is disputing her points based on several things, first thing is several years ago Carmine Marino mentioned that any calls the Department does over 500, you need to make 7.5% of. Kathy knew 2017 was a busy year for her work and new she was going to be close. She went and reviewed policy in game room, read it and based on what Carmine said in past felt comfortable that she would be OK. Kathy returned back in February to find a letter from the Chief about her points. She came up and discussed with Chief Franzone, he explained the points and stated they stack them, she didn't understand. Kathy explained to Chief Franzone that it states any calls over 500 you need to make 7.5% of. She also stated we are the only department doing it this way. Commissioner Schoen wanted to correct Kathy we are not the only ones doing it this way, there are many more departments on the island doing it the exact same way we are doing it. He also stated there is no "law" to support your argument, it's up to the districts to establish what they feel is the proper way to issue LOSAP points. Since 2002 we have decided to issue the LOSAP points for calls as stated in our policy and its perfectly legal to do so. Kathy wanted to know why a previous Commissioner only a few years ago stated otherwise and an attorney for the Comptrollers office stated similar things. It was all their opinion. They are not legally binding, they are not judges, we are not saying Kathy, you have no rights, you are more then welcome to go before a judge. Commissioner Schoen just wants her to be aware we are totally correct in enforcing 10% of first 500 calls, 7.5% of next 500 and 5%, if it ever gets that high of the next 500. It is not a law, it's a recommendation, a guideline. The state has jurisdiction and allows under the LOSP guide for us to to give a whole number of points if we so desire for sleep ins, standbys, elected positions, for teaching fire prevention but we don't. We give LOSAP points for 5 categories; Training, Drills, Meetings, Calls and Miscellaneous, which is unique

to Montauk. Chairman Dryer explained to Kathy, the fact that we can take these guidelines and establish our own way of doing it for 16 years with being successful, we are keeping it the way it is. Commissioner Mirras wanted to say he has been a Commissioner for 3 years and not sure what Carmine had said but its always been the understanding that from 0-500 calls is 10% and that locks in and then from 500 up, even after reading your Bridgehampton report it says from 500 to 1000 7.5%, if it wanted to be clearer it should have said 7.5% of all calls but it doesn't. Chairman Dryer thanked Kathy for coming and we continued with meeting.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 17:45 hours**