

Montauk Fire District

April 25, 2018

Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Paramedic Supervisor Walter Lynch 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 Monahan noted some changes that needed to be done and then motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Regular Commissioner Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud invoices totaling: \$45,338.54 (see attached journals). Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment on the invoices totaling \$45,338.54, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop topics:

Old 9-3-2 Bids; Ms. Lucas read aloud the bid received for the Old Rescue Truck (9-3-2) from W.F. McCoy for \$15,002.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

LOSAP Procedure for Death Benefits; Commissioner Mirras stated as discussed previously, we all need to be aware because there is no formal way of notifying LOSAP that someone has passed. Anyone can call to inform them that a member has passed. As per Commissioner Wright he heard it is a law for Funeral homes to notify Social Security about the passing, Commissioner Schoen agreed. Chairman Dryer was wondering about Dick McGowin since LOSAP was paying out still and he has passed. Commissioner Schoen stated it was handled, we received money back within about 4 days. The board will know most likely when someone passes away.

Turn Out Gear Cleaning; As discussed at last meeting, Minerva is the company that is offering the cleaning of turnout gear, cost is \$70.00 per turnout gear. We discussed sending a few out at first to test. As per Commissioner Schoen there is no contract involved, they will pay to and from and if we like we can start sending out for cleaning. Commissioner Mirras stated if we want to clean in house

we still can, correct, yes. Chairman Dryer will tell the chief we are going to try and to ask the District Office for the information.

District Flowers; Ms. Lucas requested \$450.00 to purchase flowers for the district. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Personal Phone Usage; Ms. Lucas discussed how Brent and herself use their personal phones for District use and wanted to know if there is a way to get compensated for that. Commissioner Mirras stated to put a requisition in for approval.

Montauk Manor Letter; Commissioner Mirras explained the letter was discussing the Montauk Manor wanting to put an Equalization Tank on its property, which will allow for the receipt of waste water flow during the peak summer months and the metering of the flow to downstream processing units at a controlled lower rate. This interferes with the SCDHS set backs. They wanted to know if we would support the request for a waiver of setback distance for the construction of the Equalization tank. Commissioner Mirras will call Janice Nessel, Property Manager to discuss before we sign anything.

Building Use Request; Ms. Lucas received a building use request form from Rough Riders Landing HOA for Sunday 5/27/18, 9am set up for a homeowners gathering. Check was not received but will be given to Ms. Lucas by Monday. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions; A purchase requisition from, EMP for medical supplies totaling \$567.54, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

- A second purchase requisition from, EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1,333.15, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

ALS Report; Supervisor Walter Lynch wanted to discuss some personal issues, went into Executive Session.

Open to the Floor:

- Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive session at 19:30 for Personal, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

-- Commissioner Mirras motioned to come back to General Session at 19:45, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motion/passed/carried.

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-- Commissioner Schoen discussed that we received a response back from the letter we sent out to Neville with a detailed accounting for the \$20,000.00 part of the contract concerning installation. The whole total came to \$26,955.00 which he is settling for the \$20,000.00.

-- Chairman Dryer brought up the bonus for Walter that was discussed in Executive Session, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

-- Commissioner Schoen wanted to bring up that the Department has currently 29 members in the Ambulance Company and usually has their EMS drive in May. It was discussed earlier with Chief Franzone that he was not going to have the drive this time around. Commissioner Monahan remembered that there is one individual that is taking the course on their own and might join after completed. We should notify the Chief that you do not need to have a drive this year.

-- Commissioner Mirras wanted to know the status of the e-mail with Firematic on the penalty for not having 9-3-3 completed on time. Commissioner Schoen heard back and their response was there was additional changes, a step was added that caused delay, expected delivery date is 3/28/18 which would

put them past the 280 day delivery date. Chairman Dryer stated they are suppose to go up tomorrow, and doubts it will be ready for Saturday, they had wires everywhere and stuff. Lets see what they say once they get up there. Commissioner Mirras wanted to know then what are we going to pin on them for delay. Chairman Dryer said as Commissioner Schoen stated the new penalty date should start from the 28th of March. Also what are we going to do with the old 9-3-3. Commissioner Mirras stated the Chief was supposed to get back to us with some prices to convert it, its been 3 months now, maybe we should put it out to bid. We are also getting inquiries that the Ambulance squad wants to keep 9-3-18 as a spare ambulance. We are not a used car lot, absolutely NO.

-- Commissioner Mirras wanted an update on the new building, CO, flooring, etc. Commissioner Wright stated the flooring is all complete, stairs are starting on Friday, should take 2 days to complete. The mechanics lien on the building might propose a problem with getting the CO. Mickey was contacted about cleanup for the pad area and that will happen soon. In regards to putting up a chain linked fence, Commissioner Wright feels it will create more of a hassle, lets just put up a stockade fence and it can be done for about \$3,000.00. Also in regards to extending the pad, spoke with Nesbitt who is in charge of the Town Highway Department out here and he said he has no problem with us extending to the street. Mickey and Scott Snow said they can do that, just waiting on proposals for cost.

-- Commissioner Mirras wanted to bring up some information that was in the Counsellor about confidentiality especially when in executive session, we need to make sure nothing is said outside of that session. Also if you are going to recuse yourself from a vote you really shouldn't say anything that could sway anybody. As stated in the Counsellor; being present or participating in the discussion raises question regarding the validity of the decision even though the person abstains from voting, they argue that his or her presence in participation discussions improperly influence the result even though that person abstained from voting. Just so that we are all aware that is the proper way of doing things. Commissioner Monahan stated that sometimes he may not be aware of something and with further discussion realizes he is not for or against but will abstain, Commissioner Mirras says that is a valid argument, but if you know already that you are going to abstain, then you shouldn't say anything at all.

-- Commissioner Schoen discussed in the District Affairs that it looks like they are pushing for charging for Ambulance calls, one thing is can't discriminate against local or out of town people. We will discuss further once it gets passed.

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

Adjourned 20:15 hours