

Montauk Fire District

May 08, 2018

Commissioners Regular Meeting 17:00 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Vinny Franzone, Assistant Chief Dave Ryan, Lieutenant Bob Mautschke, Ernie Volpe, Jack Kosinski and Jeffrey Connolly of East End Financial Group, John Kessler 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 Mirras motioned to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018, Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Requests: Congressman Lee Zeldin's office requested use of the Meeting Room for a mobile office on May 30th from 10am -1pm for the constituents. Ms. Lucas to call and explain we are a working firehouse and can not entertain this request at this time.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras looked at report all looks good, will have to take a further look at the telephone, seems to be going over budgeted amount. Also Ms. Lucas to work with Dorothy and Eileen on the capital expenditures be noted on front page of report just like the general fund. Commissioner Monahan motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$107,340.89 (see attached journal), Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$107,340.89, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Monahan stated all vehicles are in service
- In regards to 9-3-80, the earliest we can expect it is 12 weeks after April 7th which puts us receiving in early July.
- Chief Franzone asked as per repair log for 9-3-4, is it true the LED screen is antiquated, Commissioner Monahan stated yes and awaiting cost estimate for new one.
- Chief also asked about District Van, is it still being serviced. Commissioner Monahan stated it's back and window is working.

- Chief mentioned there has been discussion about the headlights for the new 9-3-2, they seem to be weak when driving. A couple of people have said that, Peter Joyce, Joe Lenahan and Commissioner Mirras also confirmed it's dangerous. Chief Franzone is requesting the purchase of the upgraded lights for 9-3-2 totaling \$1,200.00 labor included, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve upgrade, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Franzone discussed what he would like to do with the old 9-3-3, he did not want to jump into anything, knowledge is power. He wants something simplified, and lightweight. As it turns out after speaking with John at Fully Involved we can use the pump that is currently on the front of the truck, which serves multiple purposes, it can pump and drive because its a crank driven pump, it will also allow the truck do its own drafting so if we were to fight a brush fire we could go to a lake or a pool and it would create its own draft. Also it could hold 750 gallons of water. Chief would like to make it into a Brush Truck and has been speaking with Long Beach, they have same chassis and seems to be fine, the only time they have to air down is when it's super fine sand like sugar. It would drop the price dramatically because we would not have to put a pump on the back. We would need 2 hose reels, 2 side jockey seats that you could stand in, so in theory when you are standing you would have little jumper hoses that you could shoot from the sides of the truck or when traveling you could sit back and buckle into a jumper seat. So instead of a 2 man cab, you could have 4 people which becomes a more usable truck. Chief stated we wouldn't need roll bars because jump seats will be behind cab, behind tank. The two reels would come off the side and give us 200 feet of hose. We are getting bids from Firematic, Neville and a company up island that builds brush trucks.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright discussed the proposal for replacing the stockade fence with a new, received a quote for about \$2,900 and a verbal one for \$3,200, would like to move forward with the \$2,900 quote from DSM Home Renovations Corp. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Wright received a proposal for the testing of lead paint at the substation, cost is \$2,920, he also stated he has a meeting with Tanzi to discuss this further. He would like to get more information first and get back to us before we make a decision.
- Received two proposals for the concrete work to extend out the extrication pad, one from Lupercio Masonry for \$15,235.00 and one from Mickey's Lawnsapes, Inc. for 12,650.00. Chairman Dryer was concerned about the how that would work with a the new and old, Commissioner Mirras said they could pin the new to the old for reinforcement. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the proposal from Mickey's, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Also Commissioner Wright noted Eddie Stein will be cleaning the game room carpet and would like to ask him to do the Commissioner's room too. What about cleaning the exterior windows, Chairman Dryer motioned to have Eddie clean carpets and exterior windows, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- House Report- All looks good. Chief Franzone noted the Oxy/Acty tanks we should be owning out right, they took our old ones and swapped out, we should have them hydro tested and sent back to us. For the amount we use it we should not be in any sort of maintenance plan, we should own them.
- Railings are going on new stairs for new building tomorrow as per Commissioner Wright. Chairman Dryer noted that was the way to go with the stairs, looks good.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Mirras read two capital reserve balances. He noted the building Reserve should be fine for the work to be done at the substation, The equipment Reserve we will have to increase due to new equipment needed in next few years, just wanted everyone to be aware. Commissioner Monahan was wondering about leasing a new van and pick-up. Commissioner Mirras said no, because leasing ends up being more than buying. Chairman Dryer states the van seems to be working well, would love to see new carpet possibly put in, but if we are going to replace within the next 2 years, should just leave alone as per Commissioner Mirras.

Communications:

- Sirens are due to ship out next week on May 17th as per Ms. Lucas. Commissioner Mirras spoke with Peter, the PSEG crew here was called out for an emergency in Albany, tornadoes, they are due to come back and Peter will make contact to see if they can still put it up for us. Also what about painting the one on West lake to preserve it, we received a quote but thought it was pricey, we need to figure out what to do.
- Commissioner Mirras also suggested we contact PSEG about the energy efficient lighting, bulbs and rebates going on. Chairman Dryer stated the guys name is Bruce Hanenick @appliedenergysouthfork.com, to speak to about this.

Fire Advisory:

- Nothing to report at this time

Insurance & Law:

- Commissioner Mirras discussed as noted in the Counsellor, Cancer Insurance for firefighters. They went out to Insurance companies and found it could be up to \$250 per firefighter, we will have to provide for that in our 2019 budget. We will need to do a census. Also they are concerned most districts will exceed their real property tax caps because of that. He does not feel it should be a problem for us, but we will need to get the census going and include it in next years budget.

Personnel:

- Chief Franzone would like to put Kenny Glogg back on the rolls, it was voted and passed at last Department Meeting as long as he passes department physical. Chairman Dryer motioned to accept, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Also requested on the Fire Rescue System, take off Jonathan Contreras, Sean Christman and Sammy Grieco. Ms. Lucas to make sure that is complete.
- He also wanted to discuss the fact that there was some concern the Ambulance Company has 29 members and usually has a drive about this time, but you are going to see an attrition rate of transfers to Fire police because they can't make their points. Chief will also be sending out letters in June to the ones that did not make their points last year reminding them they need to make it this to keep current with fire department.
- As per Chief Ryan, Joel Cidlowski is off medical.

Safety:

- Nothing to report at this time

Training:

- As per Chief Ryan, Wildfire training at Teddy Roosevelt Park, we will get our brush truck to run a circuit out there and use chainsaws, water supply this month.
- Ladder training was done last month and a ton of certificates were given out.
- June we will taking 9-3-8 to Yaphank to finish the Wildfire training, the Grimes family has graciously donated flat bedding it up for us so we do not have to drive it on the highway.

Old Business:

- Montauk Manor- Commissioner Mirras spoke with Janice and told her we have some checking to do, but would most likely give a positive response. Ms. Lucas sent back to them already. He also discussed raising the antenna to get over the hill and would hope the board would not give any opposition to it, She stated absolutely not, we would not oppose anything the Fire Department wants to do, that was verbal.
- Chairman Dryer wanted to let Commissioner Schoen know, he was concerned, should we replace the whole extrication pad, but we were reassured the old one is sound and pinning the new pad to the old would alleviate any kind of problem.

New Business:

- Ms. Lucas requested another tablet, case, keyboard and pen for the EPCR program not to exceed \$1,200.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Fire Department Fire protection allotment money, Dick White was wondering about, stated he received in February last year. We only received in April, it will be forth coming.

Chiefs Report:

- A purchase requisition from Heiman for Wild land Fire Gear, totaling \$1339.66, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Amazon for TruFuel 2 Cycle Fuel, totaling \$263.36, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition from The Fire Store for various equipment, totaling \$1055.90, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Grainger for Thermal imaging IRC, totaling \$1080.83, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright, motioned/passed/carried
- Chief Ryan spoke with Chief Franzone about the identification numbers on the railroad tracks as your heading out of town, has anyone checked them to make sure they are still there. Chief Franzone stated he checked by his house for about 2 miles and they are still there and the path is still there. They should be still there because they just replaced a lot of the railroad ties.
- Commissioner Mirras responded to the Chief's request about budget for Fire Equipment, right now it's at \$37,551 and the EMS supplies are at \$61,000
- Chairman Dryer reminded the Chief about the gear cleaning. Chief stated he did not have enough info to present at officers meeting. Ms. Lucas gave info to Chief in meeting. He wanted to know procedure on sending out. Get gear all together, we will request box and Brent or Rex will send out.

Open to the Floor:

Ernest Vorpahl from The East End Financial Group, which handle the LOSAP Benefit Plan discussed how the plan is moving in the right direction. When they took it over it was 73% funded and with a good investment last year of about 11% it brought it up to 78%, but it still needs to go up because Montauk is an aging Department. We are going to have lot of guys collecting soon so the money needs to be there sooner than later. This years contribution or cost will still go up to get us closer to a 100% funded plan. We have members that will be entitled this year and new active participants that are coming into the program that will also need contributions which add to the costs going up. Overall the plan is moving in the right direction. Commissioner Monahan asked how our performance was for 2016, Ernie stated 2016 was 4.85%, 2015- -4%, 2014- .12% and 2013- 1.4%. Jack Kosinski discussed our investment allocation is a 50%/50% blend which is the target portfolio of half equities and half fixed income/cash. The return was 11.10% last year, our assumed interest rate of return was 5.50%

which is the target over long term we need to hit and as of January 78% funded. Penflex, the actuaries would love to see the plan 100% funded which is the ultimate goal, but if the plan is 85% or more funded it's considered a healthy plan meaning we should have enough money to pay the benefits out to all the members. Jeff Connolly talked about the volatility in the stock market, especially in the fixed income and bond side. This year he thinks we should get some interest income coming in and bonds will be flat. The current allocation is approximately 52% in stocks and 48% in bonds, broken down on stock side 70% large cap stocks, stocks that are in the S&P 500, 30% in mid to small cap stocks. International exposure is about 15.4% of overall portfolio, which we will see more opportunity over the next 5 years, especially in Europe and the emerging markets, they are behind the US on the recovery process so stocks are cheaper over there. The fixed income portfolio is investment grade with an average maturity of 6 years. The risk of the portfolio is .49% half of the S&P 500 which is what we would expect since half the portfolio is in stocks. These plans are designed to last well past the lifetime of people in this room, we want to average that 5.5% over 100 year time period. So as long as you hit that assumed interest rate over time and you make your funding into the plan there should be enough benefits going forward.

Captain Robert Mautschke discussed a program with the 911 call center that would have an emergency room nurse with certain protocols sitting next to the dispatcher to field non-emergency calls like when an ambulance is not needed, the caller would not be abandoned but instead helped to a doctor or clinic at no cost to them. An example someone broke their finger and the paid Paramedic, 5 EMT's and ambulance was at scene. Robert thought it waste of our resources, what if someone was having a heart attack. What about the millennials coming out to have a good time, drank too much and now doesn't feel good, so they call an ambulance. Commissioner Mirras said we are just talking about the frivolous calls, if they are drunk they should be treated wherever they come from. Chief Franzone thought there was a NYS Protocol, if an ambulance was called you had to treat unless medical control would release them. So bottom line Medical Control would have to be on board with this type of policy for anything to change. A lot of research still needs to be done before anything can move forward. This would have to go through REMSCO, they have a lot to say on how it operates, they control everything. Chairman Dryer discussed what Robert brought up earlier, which we could start implementing without stepping on anyone's toes, evaluate the situation and explain what they could do, but someone needs to speak up on the call and of course if you get resistance you would back off. Chief Ryan noted that if someone is in trouble, we do not want them to hesitate calling 911. The whole idea of volunteering is to help our community, which means some days you have to take the good with the bad. Robert stated this is a pilot project that is happening in DC and 3 other cities because their 911 system is being inundated. Chairman Dryer noted based on your presentation we need to have a next step on this, Commissioner Mirras will speak to Bob Delagi at REMSCO to see their position on this, he also stated you can't stop them from calling 911, but need to be able to triage and make certain decisions. Chairman Dryer said we also need to get together when Walter is here to discuss further too. Also we will revisit at either the next meeting or one after that to see where we have progressed. This is a real issue that needs to be kept alive.

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

Commissioner Mirras motioned to come back into Regular Session at 21:02, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried

Commissioner Monahan wanted to bring up the cost of painting the siren to preserve it longer. He has this compound that works well on rust, will take away what is there and will not progress further, he is offering that so we can save some money. What about using 9-3-14 to help with completing the painting. Commissioner Mirras motioned to use the Tower Ladder to go up there and paint the siren, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Chief Franzone stated that in the past we disagreed because of the weight of the siren, if only getting painted by all means lets use it. He also wanted to know what is going on with the backup camera. Commissioner Monahan said it was left in Chief Valcich hands, Chief Ryan said it's between Brent and Chief Valcich. Chief Franzone stated we are ready to move forward and Commissioner Monahan stated we have no problem with doing so.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session regarding contracts, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

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

Adjourned 21:10 hours