

Montauk Fire District

June 12, 2018

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:03 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, Lieutenant Peter Joyce, John Kessler, Ross Groffman, Michael Dowling and Charles Asheim from NextEra Energy and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 17:03 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes with corrections of the May 23, 2018 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Time- off Request: Brent Becker requested three vacation days for 6/14, 15 and 16th. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried. Rex Martin requested two personal days for 6/21 and 6/22. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned /passed/carried. Dawn Lucas requested ½ a vacation day for 6/19 and a vacation day for 6/22/18. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition from EMP for various medical supplies, totaling \$979.62, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Boundtree for various medical supplies totaling \$970.70, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for various medical supplies, totaling \$956.62, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Aguilar for patchwork to parking lot at Substation, totaling \$800.00, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

- A purchase requisition from John Tanzi Architects for architectural/engineering services, totaling \$1,300.00, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras looked at report and noted that we need to re-class one item in the communications line. Training and telephone are over budget and need to keep an eye on Department Services, getting tight. Commissioner Mirras will start the budget process for next year. He will need insurance, LOSAP and Dispatch numbers and wanted everyone to be aware that he is trying to keep it flat with no substantial increase. He asked John Kessler of the AARP if they wanted him to come and make speech, John said yes. Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Dryer brought up the EPCR's, wanted to know why we weren't using the program yet. The ambulance and paramedics are in the process of getting everything ready to use by October 1st. There was an administrative delay that we were unaware of but has been taken care of.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$118,458.469 (see attached journal), Commissioner Schoen stated we can not pay Stalco until lien is settled. As per our attorney, Joe Frank, we need confirmation from Stalco that the bond we received previously to cover the lien is still valid. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills minus Stalco payment totaling \$38,456.75, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Monahan stated the solenoid was replaced on 9-3-8 along with some bad wiring for the winch and the back up alarm will be dealt with at a later time..
- 9-3-18 some lights on control panel aren't working, will be addressed and fixed.
- In regards to the headlight issue that was noted in previous meeting with new 9-3-3, it has been resolved and all set to go.
- Commissioner Monahan wanted to make everyone aware the replacement cost for the husky LED screen for 9-3-4 is about \$4,000.00 and it will be repaired.
- The generator for 9-3-14 is operational for now but requires a permanent fix. GT Power will evaluate. An inverter and LED lights could be a solution, we are waiting on quote.
- As per Commissioner Monahan the new 9-3-80 was delivered to Van Bortel on Friday, its being prepped and then delivered on either a Tuesday or Thursday to Hauppauge for the add-ons. A representative of the district will have to accept and inspect vehicle. The vehicle will also need insurance. Commissioner Schoen stated he will need the VIN#, value and weight so he can get it insured.
- Chief Franzone asked about the pump testing, do we have a date on that yet. Commissioner Monahan confirmed test date is July 9th, they are trying to get us in earlier and will let us know. Chief said he may have Company 3 swap the hose over earlier so the new truck could be put into service.
- Chief also wanted to know about the ox-setaline tanks, did we receive ours back yet. Brent spoke with Prest-O-Peconic and found out they just swapped them out for us and we should not get billed.
- Chief thanked us for installing the back up camera for 9-3-14, company seems to like it.
- Chief needs to be informed when taking apparatus's in and out of service.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright stated the roof may be leaking at substation, he will let John Tanzi know to incorporate this into his scope of the project.

- Extrication Pad will be done next week. Chairman Dryer asked the whole pad, Commissioner Wright stated the extension that was discussed previously.
- Commissioner Wright received two proposals for redoing sidewalk in front of District Office, handicap ramp in front of building and repairing red brick where the key box was installed for the doors. The cost \$14,550 and \$13,000. Commissioner Monahan suggested adding a handicap ramp for District side too. Commissioner Wright will get updated proposals and we will revisit at a later date.
- A monitoring device for the propane tank was discussed, cost \$144 for the year. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- One AC unit needs to be replaced as per Kolb, received one quote and waiting for another.
- Amagansett replaced their stretchers and offered their old ones to us as spares.
- Chairman Dryer noted an inventory book exists and should be used whenever equipment is put into storage.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances which doesn't account for the appropriated funds from last year.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras inquired about the radios, what is going on? Chief Franzone said the Town needs \$130,000.00 to extend antenna another 30ft. They really should just program, release and get them to us so we can start using, they have the capabilities of both bands. Chairman Dryer and Commissioner Mirras will speak with Van Scoyoc directly about this situation.

Fire Advisory:

- Nothing to report at this time

Insurance & Law:

- At the last District Officers Meeting the cost of insurance for the new Cancer Law is between \$205-\$240 per eligible member. A list of qualifying members will be put together on a yearly basis. To qualify you need to pass a fit test.
- We must educate the public about unnecessary 911 calls. All districts were in favor of putting an ad in the Star. We need to raise awareness. They have a committee that will be working on this and we will follow up at next District Officers meeting.

Personnel:

- The policy on reimbursement for EMT's to take the paramedic course was discussed and the board determined we will not reimburse at this time.
- When a member is on medical are they entitled to LOSAP points, what about good standing points? Commissioner Schoen stated the member is entitled to 5 points a month, if they are on for a year they will make 60 points but can not be on medical for more than a year.

Safety:

- Nothing to report at this time

Training:

- Chief Ryan stated that two cadets will be finishing up the boot camp at the fire academy.
- Will Hamilton and Laura Burke will be finishing up their EMT course.
- This Friday is the mandatory refresher.
- Chief Franzone explained the Wildland Fire Class was an excellent training experience and 9-3-8 handled well. He also wanted to thank the Grimes family for towing the truck all the way up there and having a guy stay there and then tow it back.

Old Business:

Old 9-3-3

- Chief Franzone said that Firematic and Fully Involved are very interested in the bid process, he should have prices and specs by next Commissioner's meeting.
- Also Breezy Point donated two brand new super single tires and rims, just need to figure out how to pick them up.
- Chairman Dryer discussed if we were to move forward with making old 9-3-3 into a brush truck would we still need the BRAT? Commissioner Mirras said it could potentially be the most used apparatus in the department if used properly for car fires, has foam capabilities and fits into narrow places. Chief says its a useless vehicle if it never leaves the garage.
- Chief wants to move forward and try getting 2 sets of bunker gear cleaned, will need 2 boxes. Ms. Lucas will call and see what we need to do.

New Business:

- Commissioner Mirras asked Peter Joyce if we can still use the gentlemen he recommended to install the new siren. Peter will contact them and see about scheduling. He will also get the wiring specs so we can coordinate with Joel the electrician to wire it.
- Peter asked about the siren on West Lake, are we going to paint it because it needs some attention. Commissioner Monahan has this compound, its like grease that works well on rust, will take away what is there and will not progress further. We already have one proposal, need another one and then we can move forward with a plan.

Chiefs Report:

- A building use request for Event Power for the Lighthouse triathlon registration on July 14th from 11-5pm, Chief Franzone is the sponsor and a check for \$150 was received. Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- We have a new member that was voted into the department, her name is Laura Burke and will be in the Ambulance squad. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motion/passed/carried.

Open to the Floor:

-Ros Groffman, Michael Dowling and Charles Asheim from NextEra Energy discussed the solar project for the Montauk Fire Department. They are excited about the energy storage projects here in Montauk and East Hampton and offer the ability to have solar on top of the firehouse. As Ross stated they will put in a system at their cost as a community benefit. They are partners with National Grid.

-Rooftop solar provides great benefits

- cost savings
- save on kilowatt hours
- reduces carbon footprint
- helps achieve sustainability
- decrease peak electricity demand

-Lifespan of unit is 20yrs, degrades slightly over time about 20%.

-Charles Asheim explained that they will install solar modules fixed on a racking system, install DC wiring which collects to an inverter or invertors, which will convert to AC power, then run an AC line

to the existing electrical room either down the side of the building or through the building. They will work on that with us.

-Commissioner Schoen asked after the panels are installed, are there monthly maintenance costs. It was explained that you can assume little or no maintenance cost within the first 10 years. They usually do an annual inspection of every site. He also was wondering when survey is done can you determine percentage of current usage that would be used by solar. Ross said they will need to see what can be installed on the roof ,the capacity of the panels and look at our bills.

-Ross stated they are hoping to have system installed in 2018, can't guarantee right now, but that is the plan.

- How does this play together with the battery storage facility? Battery storage charges usually at night when there is very little energy demand and cost is low, then during the day when there is high energy demand it will discharge instead of using a fossil peaker, the battery will work in it's place for 8hrs which comes from energy on the grid.

-The question was brought up, does the system get monitored? No it does not, after it is installed we own it, our local electric company should monitor usage. They will provide us with local maintenance companies that know about solar and explain the system to them.

-So next steps are to do a preliminary design/survey, detailed engineering drawing stamped, modules are in stock right now, hire a local contractor to work with you, get a building permit and have local contractor order any other construction material that might be needed for project, install on top of the roof.

John Kessler complained about the dirt roads by where he lives, excessive potholes (Old West lake and So. Greenfield). The Town usually cleans it up but nothing has been done yet this year. If an emergency vehicle is requires passage would be very difficult. Chief Franzone suggested contacting the highway superintendent, discuss with him and then take it to the town with your neighbors. If they get a big enough stink maybe they will entertain fixing the roads again.

Lieutenant Peter Joyce wanted to let us know its hurricane season and he hasn't heard anything from the Town about Emergency Preparedness yet. He ran into VanScoyoc's assistant and she said there is a committee and coordinator regarding this. According to Suffolk County, New York State and the Federal Government, the plan was supposed to be done already.

The Community Center will be making some interior changes which means we will need to relocate some trailers.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn , seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 21:24hours