

**Montauk Fire District
July 10, 2018**

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Michael Mirras- 7:30pm
Richard Monahan
Rich Schoen
James Wright

Also Present: Lieutenant Peter Joyce, Joey Lenahan, John Kessler, Leon Day 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: Chairman Dryer noted excellent improvement, short, concise to point, great job Dawn. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2018 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition from EMP for various medical supplies, totaling \$951.17, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for various medical supplies totaling \$638.44, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of the Bills:

Treasurers Report:

- Commissioner Mirras is starting budget process and is requesting a separate line item under 430- Insurance- Cancer Policy, Ms Lucas will take care of that.
- Chief to give us the definition and requirements of an interior fireman. The district will find out from Insurance Company their definition and then we can determine the outcome.
- Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept Treasurers report, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$14,957.68 (see attached journal), Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$14,957.68, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- We need to address how to properly fill out repair sheets with the Chief.
- 9-3-16 leak in air horn needs to be addressed.

- 9-3-32 breaks keep locking up and will be addressed.
- 9-3-80 is currently having the extra's put on vehicle, we also gave them a brand new 700 radio and a low band to install. The low band is not working, they are just going to size up for now and give us all the wiring and we will take care of when it returns.
- Commissioner Monahan was concerned about the notice we put in paper for 9-3-80. If potential buyers wanted to see vehicle it might not be in the where is, as is condition.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright will make a recommendation to paint or get rid of the picnic tables.
- Received two proposals for the Asbestos and Lead based Paint Inspection for the substation, one for \$2,920.00 and the other for \$4,345.00. Commissioner Wright would like to move forward with the lower bidder, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Extrication pad is under construction and should be done by end of week.
- POD should be gone within the week.
- We are waiting on another proposal for the AC Unit for meeting room.
- Concrete work with the handicap ramp is still being worked on.
- Ms. Lucas to call Solar Company and find out what is going on with project.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras stated we cleared the air at the meeting with VanScoyoc but found;
 - 1/ Town needs to raise antenna in East Hampton.
 - 2/ Fix the antenna in Montauk.
 - 3/ Montauk building is leaking, needs new building.
 - 4/ Equipment requires more power, need a new power supply.
- The pessimistic outcome is that it wouldn't be ready until Memorial Day 2019. Commissioner Mirras emphasized the importance of this matter, there are no parts available to fix system currently. If we go down Fire department will have no communications, this also includes the Police Department.
- There are two issues that could happen; 1/ microwave link goes down, a portable unit will be brought out to handle communications, 2/ if equipment goes down can only tone out, we would use low band and dispatch out of our command center. Commissioner Mirras told the chief that people need to get trained on the procedures if our system was to go down at any given moment only to find out our low band system is not working. We will talk with Eddie Schnell to find out cost factor to fix low band system.
- We need to go to a Town Board meeting and emphasize to the public the crisis in the event the communication system goes down. Ms. Lucas to check next Town board meetings and e-mail everyone.

Fire Advisory:

- Nothing to report at this time

Insurance & Law:

- Application for next years insurance was submitted. Commissioner Schoen will research why we are paying for an antenna here in Montauk and East Hampton if we don't own them.
- Regarding Cancer Law, law states it covers interior fireman who have; 1/ been in department five or more years as an interior fireman, 2/ verification you PASSED a FIT TEST in those years, 3/ had a prior physical with no indications of cancer, 4/ fireman remain eligible 60 months after they leave the department or active duty status, 5/ forms will need to be provided

for claims. Also Fire Districts will have to provide by January 1st , 2019 and annually thereafter an attestation that the Fire District has arranged to provide the enhanced cancer disability benefit. Which means we will have to provide a list of eligible personal every year.

- The Law regarding charging for Ambulance calls was NOT APPROVED by the state legislature during this session.
- There is word that a paid Ambulance Company plans to operate service in our area. Commissioner Schoen researched and found its a private boutique ambulance that people would contract with on a yearly basis to provide trips to the doctor, doctor to clients, going to hospital and helicopter service if needed. They do not respond to ambulance calls, not certified in Suffolk County, they work under NYC REMSCO.

Personnel:

- Commissioner Mirras is keeping the full time paramedic line the same during the budget process because we could hire another in the future.

Safety:

- Non skid pads will be put under trucks again.

Training:

- Nothing to report at this time

Old Business:

- Active Shooter Course, Chairman Dryer discussed reimbursing a member for their out of pocket expense when they had to cancel trip. The total cost is \$606.00. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Schoen would like to have a written policy about reimbursement if we do not have one already.

New Business:

- Audit report will be discussed at next meeting.
- Commissioner Monahan discussed the possibility of leasing an Ambulance. Commissioner Mirras stated when we require a new ambulance we can get leasing and purchasing estimates, review the terms and decide what is the best financial option.
- Commissioner Wright will have housemen rotate ambulances once a week though September 15th.
- Commissioner Schoen discussed the law on driving an ambulance, by law you can drive 10 mph over the posted speed limit and when you come to a stop light you need to come to a full stop, then proceed with caution.
- One chief will be required to attend every Commissioner Meeting or a captain if no chief can attend.
- Physicals for this year only 24 members out of 79 have taken them so far.

Chiefs Report:

- Nothing to report at this time

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

Adjourned 20:25 hours