

Montauk Fire District
November 13, 2018
Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Vinny Franzone, 1nd Asst. Chief Dave Ryan, Rob Rosen, Steve Margraf 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.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session regarding Personal @ 19:02 hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer, motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session at 19:35 hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer, motioned/passed/carried.

As discussed, Steve Margraf will be evaluated and remain suspended until next meeting.

Rob Rosen EMT-CC of Ambulance Company 4 discussed the need for laryngoscopes. Explained the reasons for having them and then presented a purchase request for 4 from Physio Control for \$9,848.40, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve pending state bid, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the October 16/17th Budget Hearing/ Commissioner Regular/Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request:

- Montauk PTA requested to use Meeting room and Kitchen on January, 26th for their Annual Pasta Dinner. Brian Mooney sponsored and two checks were given one for \$150.00 to the District and the other for \$200.00 to the Department. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve pending approval from the Department, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

- Ambulance Company 4 requested to use meeting room on November 17th and 18th for CME classes. Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Requests: Brent Becker requested to use one vacation day for 11/28/18. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried. Rex Martin requested to use a personal day for 11/15/18. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned /passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition from EMP for various medical supplies, totaling \$697.92, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$675.48, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Amazon for tablet and supplies, totaling \$1,200.00, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras reviewed, everything looks good, we need to do code transfers. Dorothy and Ms. Lucas are working on that. On the Summarized Budget Report the 900 line can be moved after the totals, it just shows transfers in and out, does not effect the budget. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept Treasurers Report, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motion/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas read aloud bills totaling; \$269,550.32 (see attached journal), Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills totaling \$269,550.32, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- 9-3-16- water in the fuel will be addressed with John from Fully Involved.
- 9-3-8- door issue was completed.
- LED lights are done in 9-3-14 including the blinker in the back that was out.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Sub-Station Water In-Filtration Project- Five interested parties requested bid documents, Fidele Construction was the only contractor that presented us a bid. John Tanzi the architect was able to get them to come down \$7,000.00 to a bid of \$161,000.00. We budgeted \$200,000.00. Chief Franzone was inquiring if it included any electrical stuff that might arise. Commissioner Wright stated that is a different project all together. This project was about the water coming into the building. The contractor will be excavating around the building, installing a drainage system below the footings where it will catch all the water and bring it to a dry well. Installing a neoprene layer where the grade comes back up against building to keep water away. All exterior paint will be coming off, then they will use an epoxy coating to withstand water. Inside not completing stripping paint, prepping paint, installing new floors like in main building. Minor repairs of roof is not included and should cost about \$800.00. The building will need to be completely emptied out and Chief Franzone is already starting to prepare for that. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve bid from Fidele Construction for \$161,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Wright will contact John and inform him of the acceptance.

- Calls are out to research new Architects, no response yet, but John Tanzi has been returning calls. He gave us estimates for three different projects; HVAC- \$12,500, Roadwork- \$3,200 and Windows- \$9,500 which are his costs for the job.
- As discussed at previous meeting, heavy rescue was inquiring about putting pins into the concrete pad to stabilize the cars when they are training. These pins would stick up about 3” from the pad and be placed strategically between the jersey barriers, areas around the pad and be painted a high glow orange also. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- House Report- everything looks good.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances. Commissioner Mirras stated we are on target with the things we will be needing, new ambulance, van, etc. We will keep adding to the balance for future.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras spoke to Peter about the siren work on West lake and he stated it's already been started.
- Low Band Base Radio- Re-Install Quote- was discussed via e-mail, proceeded since it was an emergency. Commissioner Mirras has been in contact with Eddie Schnell about this too, he stated there could be additional costs, will not know until put back together, but he also feels the control room should have some sort of safeguard on it. Also JP Foster will come out and train us on the use once its operational.
- Chairman Dryer went to the Town Board meeting today, they are progressing on the towers and gator site, moving quickly and Eddie seems to be happy with the progress. He did state the FAA is doing a review of the gator site and we should include our input. Eddie will forward info to Ms. Lucas.

Fire Advisory:

- No Meeting

Insurance & Law:

- There was a lightening strike to our fuel system, a claim was put in and a check was received for \$10, 550.00. It will be put towards upgrading the system.
- Gas meter claim was approved and a check for \$229.00 was received.
- Incident with ambulance en-route to Southampton Hospital, ambulance driver side mirror struck drivers side mirror on vehicle that was stopped heading eastbound and ambulance didn't stop. The law stipulates, if an ambulance is involved in any form of an accident it must stop, get out to access the situation and if it can proceed on it's own accord it can. However driver has to contact control and have a police officer respond to scene and explain to other party that the police will be coming to take their information. Leaving a scene of an accident is breaking the law. The vehicle involved put in a claim for damages and Commissioner Schoen authorized our insurance company to pay since our driver broke the law by leaving the scene of an accident.
- For the future any accident/incident that may occur with an apparatus the chief needs to be made aware.
- Incident involving 9-3-7 which was damaged during fire school. No claim was put in place but an accident report was filled out.
- Personal Injury report was written, member injured his ring finger while performing a truck check. Workers comp. claim was filed.

- Received quote for cancer insurance, 65 qualified members, approximately \$137 per member. We budgeted about \$200-\$250. In order to qualify you need to have a physical with no indications of cancer, 5 years of service and 5 fit tests which do not have to be consecutive.
- Chief Franzone raised a question then, should he change the departments policy to have all firefighters fit tested. What about EMS personal are they covered? Eligible volunteer firefighter means, a volunteer firefighter having 5 or more years of faithful and actual service in the protection of life and property from fire in the interior of a building and have subsequently passed a physical. Commissioner Schoen will speak with our attorney to clarify more.
- We had a great year, everyone took their physicals 100% complete.
- Commissioner Schoen stated in the Newsday about 4 days ago another Fire District up the island was put to task by the State Auditors for putting people on the payroll part time that was not listed in their budget. He was concerned about the fact that throughout the year he has noticed Andy covering shifts. He thinks we should address this. Commissioner Wright stated this was discussed several times at the table and approved. There is a line item in our budget for a substitute custodian.
- Commissioner Schoen discussed the eight letters that were sent out to members last year for not achieving their points. It looks like four will make it. We need to make sure we are on top of it so we are not scrambling at the last witching hour.

Personnel:

- Chief Franzone stated two members handed in their letters of resignation, Maria Cruceta and Kyle Pomerantz. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept both letters, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Safety:

- Winter is approaching, remember no car washing in freezing temperatures.

Training:

- Confined Space training trying to get moved from Yaphank to Wainscott.
- Getting packet together for Indy this year which is in April, should have complete by next meeting.
- Chief Franzone stated the eligibility restrictions on taking Officer 1 is getting difficult, you need Pump Ops and Ladder Ops now as a per-requisite. IC 300-Intro to Officers are being done locally. Chief will contact Bob Holly to discuss further. Right now we will have a deficiency in members being eligible for Chief.

Old Business:

- Fuel System- We requested from the Town of East Hampton to participate in the upgrade and replacement of our fuel system since the Town Police Departments use is 75% and we use 25%. A resolution has been approved by the Town to provide the funding for the fuel pump upgrade and replacement in the amount of \$26,000.00.
- Chairman Dryer spoke with Peter Van Scoyoc about the fuel system and was asked if the project had started, he said to go ahead and move forward. Chairman Dryer motioned to move forward on new fuel system, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- We will also need to upgrade the Omntec system that was struck by lightening which should be done since we will be installing a new fuel system. Commissioner Wright motioned to upgrade the system, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

New Business:

- Fire Rescue System- received a quote for another report to have the points for LOSAP be cumulative. Some members thought this would bring moral up. Chief Franzone stated it was done once before and it didn't seem to make a difference. The Board is going to pass at this time.
- Commissioner Mirras asked about False Alarm Fees are we getting paid by the Town and if they are correct. Ms. Lucas responded, we are getting paid from Town but some alarms are getting dismissed. Chief Franzone explained its because of Town Law, if its over 30 days old the Town can not collect the fees, so now they changed it to be due each month instead of each quarter.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief submitted truck checks for the month.
- A purchase requisition for batteries from Grainger totaling \$84.00 Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for a new projector from Amazon totaling \$489.00, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for CME classes from Critical Concepts totaling \$1,563.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for NYS Association of Fire Chiefs \$175.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief brought old 9-3-3 up to the fabricator, Chivvis Enterprises. They are going to give us back a contract and expect the numbers to come in at \$63,000. They will not be able to start this project for at least a month or so because they are finishing up some state vehicles. Commissioner Schoen motioned to put bid in paper for Beach Truck Build with specs that Chief supplies us, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Ryan explained Co.1 would like to put 5” hose for a supply line up top on 9-3-1. They would like 1,000ft but we have 700ft right now in house to start and maybe more for future. A divider will be needed to do this, Chief Valcich is looking into cost on that. Also would like to see Co.2 do the same, but will see how 9-3-1 handles it first.

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

Adjourned 21:16 hours