**MINUTES** 

Montauk Fire District March 27, 2018 Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer, Chairman

Richard Schoen Dick Monahan James Wright

*Also Present:* 1st Asst. Chief Mickey Valcich, 2nd Asst. Chief Scott Snow 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: Some changes were discussed and noted, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes with corrections of the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

### Audit of Bills:

- Treasurer's Report will be discussed at next meeting.
- Ms. Lucas presented the bills totaling: \$28,061.46 (see attached journals). Commissioner Monahan questioned the bill for shirts, Ms. Lucas stated we discussed this at the last meeting, it's in conjunction with the donation that was given. He also questioned the bill regarding trainers, he thought that these were included with the grant money. Ms. Lucas stated this bill was for the 4 CPR trainers for teaching the CPR classes. Any remaining grant money could be used for new AED's or trainer AED's as explained by Donna at last meeting. Commissioner Schoen motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

#### Workshop topics:

**Siren Work;** Peter Joyce has been working on it, he will be able to paint when he has weather of at least 50 degrees for a couple of days. Ms. Lucas will send another letter extending completion deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ceiling Tiles; After discussing with our architect, John Tanzi and counsel, Joe Frank we can move forward with the ceiling tile John spec'd out. According to our procurement policy we do not need a bid package but will need 3 bids. Bids will need to be as John spec'd out. It was brought up, will

changing the ceiling tiles make a difference in the sound quality of the meeting room. John stated it would make a considerable difference but could not say 100% because it's objective depending on the person. Commissioner Schoen has a problem with spending taxpayers money on this when we don't know for sure it will even make a real difference. After a lengthy discussion Chairman Dryer stated lets ask the Chief to bring this up at the next department meeting with an explanation of; do we think changing the ceiling tiles in the meeting room will have a better acoustic value?

**Bathroom Substation;** As per Commissioner Wright, Joe Frank and John Tanzi the bathroom at the substation can be included as an add on to the original water infiltration project as long as the public referendum was set with enough money to allocate for it. Ms. Lucas will double check. Commissioner Schoen motioned to move forward as long as the cost is covered with the referendum, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

## Chief's Report:

- Chief Valcich presented the truck checks for the month.
- Chief Valcich informed us the MSA project is about halfway done, still sending out about 4 per week for inspection. CO1 is complete, CO2 is halfway done, CO3 not as many and then CO5. He also stated he has received reports on them and hopes to have complete by June.
- As a reminder we will need to replace the MSA packs soon because parts are scarce. Donna Hitscherich was asked to help possibly secure another grant for us. Ms. Lucas spoke with her and she stated she has to finish up the current grant process first but has no problem helping, probably for next budget process.
- Chief Snow was curious what is going on with his vehicle. As per Commissioner Monahan, they had to order a sensor. He will notify him when done.

# **Open to the Floor:**

Commissioner Monahan wanted to discuss emergency meetings, what if we are all out of town at the time of the emergency, could we have a conference call to discuss.? No, according to Commissioner Schoen we can not, state law is very clear. The public needs to be able to witness that expenditure of funds that is authorized. Chairman Dryer will contact our attorney Joe Frank to discuss and ask what should be done if we have a true emergency and majority of the Commissioner's are out of town?

In regards to ambulance questions from last meeting, Commissioner Wright spoke with Andy from Nassau Fire Apparatus about trying to find us a box similar to or the same as the ones we have. Andy said he will look around and thinks he can do it. Commissioner Monahan was reading over what Andy left us about a standard remount and wanted us to be aware if any irregularities are found, they will be reported to customer before work is done to correct the problem. That means there could be additional costs from the original proposal.

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

## Adjourned 19:50 hours