

Montauk Fire District

April 10, 2019

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Richard Schoen
Richard Monahan
James Wright

Also Present: 1st Ass. Chief Mitchell Valcich, 2nd Ass. 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: Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$732.89, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Boundtree totaling \$764.55, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$806.62, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$802.07, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for fire equipment from Heiman totaling \$479.95, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Rough Riders Landing HOA requested to use Commissioner's Room for their Board meeting, April 27th, 2019. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: We are tabling until next meeting.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$21,477.19 (see attached journal), Commissioner Monahan questioned the All American bill for badges, thought it was a little high. The badges are for new officers or members and for reference when taking in a new member the cost to the District is more than \$8,000 as per Commissioner Schoen. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Monahan reported no problems.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Received e-mail regarding substation bathroom renovation from John Tanzi with recommendations on tile and grout. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept recommendation from Tanzi and move forward on the project, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- HVAC project walk through happened the other day as stated in House Report.
- Commissioner Wright has been talking with Andy from Nassau Fire Apparatus about the ambulance. He is pretty busy and trying to get out to us with an ambulance, looks like we are not even in line yet and it could be a process to move forward. Chairman Dryer stated we have everything in place for the new one and everybody feels it's a good idea to do a re-mount with our own box in the future.

Capital Reserve:

- No report

Communications:

- No report

Fire Advisory:

- No report

Insurance & Law:

- Three claims sent in for incident that happened on February 17th, but no record was found for that day and time. Could be a possible scam.
- If we change the night of the Commissioner's meeting we should inform the Chiefs too since one of them are required to be in attendance.

Personnel:

- As per Chief Valcich, Laura Burr gave her resignation letter which was accepted by the department and by unanimous vote accepted Sara Stuckart as a new Junior member. Also Joe Lenahan is off medical and back to active duty with no exceptions as of April 8th 2019. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept resignation letter and new Junior member, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Safety:

- Nothing at this time

Training:

- There are five members taking Confined Space, Joe Ferrara, Heather Matthews, Justin Raynor, Peter Joyce Jr. and Michael Groen with other departments being held at training facility in Wainscott. Commissioner Monahan brought up a good point, no one was aware that 9-3-2 was being taken out of district for training. What if we had an MVA? Chief Snow is well aware of the situation, and addressed it already.
- Commissioner Schoen was curious why the ambulance (9-3-18) was parked outside the Church the other day. Captain Dustin Lightcap explained Donna and Tom were doing CPR training for the religious ed classes.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Monahan would like the record to reflect the discussion from the prior meeting on emergency purchases and approvals. Chairman Dryer followed up with our attorney and sent out the following e-mail- "After a discussion with Joe Frank on the issue of emergency purchases, if a true emergency is determined with the permission of two other Commissioners the purchase can be made and formerly approved at the next meeting." Commissioner Schoen

would also like the record to reflect the law states you can't. Joe Frank our attorney confirmed this but he is OK with it for an extreme emergency.

- Emergency purchases could be smoke bombs, bandages, a repair to the building that can't wait, not equipment. It depends on the situation at the time, you can not predict what an emergency purchase will be because the emergency hasn't occurred yet. Chairman Dryer stated when he spoke with Joe Frank and passed along that e-mail to the other Commissioners, he informed Joe on how it occurred, what transpired at the meeting and though he did not emphasize the issue with the law, he gave his opinion on how to handle it which Chairman Dryer was satisfied with.
- Good Standing Letters- Ms. Lucas never received copies of letters that should have been sent to members that were not in good standing for 2018. The district sent out letters dropping Pat Keogh, Steven Forsberg, and Lonnie Akkala from the rolls of the Montauk Fire Department for 2 consecutive years of not being in good standing. Chief Valcich will check on those letters and let us know.

New Business:

- Flagpole Repair- A proposal was presented to repair the current flagpole that was donated by the White family in memory of Dick White Sr.. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept proposal, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Meeting Room and Ceiling tiles- We did our research and changing the tiles would make an improvement. Commissioner Schoen stated it was addressed at the previous meeting to have the Chief bring up the noise issue in the meeting room at the next department meeting but it wasn't. While speaking with two other board members outside of a regular Commissioner's meeting the Chairman stated this would create an unnecessary precedent that we have never done before and now is not the time to start. A vote was taken to move forward on the ceiling tile concept, Commissioners Wright, Monahan and Chairman Dryer motioned to move forward, Commissioner Schoen opposed; motioned/passed/carried.
- Building Use Request- Whenever there is a need to have a meeting or training for non-members, a building use request form needs to be submitted to the District so we can check dates, set up for and have proper coverage.

Chiefs Report:

- As per Chief Valcich still waiting on some back-ordered items from the Fire Store for 9-3-3, than that project will all be complete.
- Old 9-3-3 is still about 2 months out, waiting to take delivery on the tank for it.
- MSA pack inspection project- Co1, Co2 and Co3 are complete working on Co5 now. Another 2 weeks and the project should be complete.
- New MSA packs with mask included no bottle approximately \$5,500.00 each; with thermal imaging camera option about \$6,500.00 each.
- The Chief will check to see if other pack manufacturers will work with our MSA bottles and provide a report to the Board. We are good right now for about 2 years.
- Memorial Service this year for EH Town Wide Chief's Association is in Montauk and it's May 5th.
- Chief is requesting reimbursement for Justin Raynor, he had glasses put in for his face mask. After discussing, Commissioner Wright motioned to pay for members who need glasses in their face mask, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief presented truck checks.

Open to the Floor:

Jim Angelidis discussed the weight room, it's pretty small and was wondering if there was any consideration for making part of the room on top of the back garage the new weight room. Chairman Dryer's response, the building was originally considered a maintenance and storage facility. No provision was made for personal use at that time. If we were to entertain any type of plan to further develop the building, it would include bringing in the board of health and making a change to what it was designed for. We do have a policy in place to subsidize any member that has joined Bodytech.

Chief wanted to make us aware of the paint chips on the embankment behind the substation, seems like they pushed it up the slope. Commissioner Wright will address with contractor.

Captain Dustin Lightcap was inquiring if there is any way to make his brother an honorary member. He does not get out much due to his disability. He likes the feeling of being part of something. Both Chiefs feel it is a great idea. Dustin will present it to the Chief for future discussion.

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

Adjourned 19:50 hours