

*Montauk Fire District*

*May 14, 2019*

*Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours*

*MINUTES*

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

***Also Present:*** Chief Dave Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Scott Snow, Lieutenant Robert Mautschke, John Kessler 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:*** Commissioner Monahan questioned the statement about the trade-in amount of \$12,500.00 for the ambulance. Commissioner Schoen stated it was discussed when we were thinking of re-boxing the ambulance verse a new ambulance. That number was brought up which lowered the overall cost of a new ambulance. Commissioner Monahan thought it was Andy Buglione that brought it up, he only stated that's a good price and if you can get it great. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

***Budget Code Resolution R19-01:*** Commissioner Mirras read aloud a resolution for code transfer of funds (see attached). Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Dryer and Commissioner Wright noticed Commissioner Schoen recording the meeting, asked if there was a reason, his response was I want to and have every right too. Commissioner Monahan stated it's nice to know we are being recorded for a second time. Commissioner Schoen stated any Commissioner meeting can be recorded or videotaped by anybody provided it doesn't interfere with the meeting. Chairman Dryer was just questioning because it was never done in the past.

***Time off Requests:*** Ms. Lucas requested to use 5 vacation days for 5/24, 5/28 and 7/10-7/12 and Brent Becker requested to use 5 or 6 vacation days starting 6/13/19. Commissioner Schoen questioned if we have any requirement about taking vacation days, half verse full days. Commissioner Mirras suggested we can discuss this topic in a workshop session. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

***Building Use Request:*** EH Reform Democrats submitted a building use request form for June 12<sup>th</sup> to use the meeting room for a speaking engagement with local political candidates. Check is in the mail. Commissioner Mirras questioned occupancy and parking issues if its a big event. Ms. Lucas was told

should not be a big turnout but will explain room capacity and parking with Jennifer Siedun. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Ladies Auxiliary requested to use meeting room and kitchen on July 7<sup>th</sup> for a pancake breakfast fundraiser. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve as long as the Department has no issues, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Commissioner Mirras noted summary page was adjusted to add the column for outstanding PO's that was previously discussed. Also we have collected about \$102,000 more than what was projected. He is looking to have a surplus to put into the building and equipment funds since we are starting to do a lot of work. Commissioner Mirras stated he sees no variance, nothing out of order and signed off on the reports. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$175,362.04 (see attached journal), Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Committee Reports:**

***Apparatus and Equipment:***

- Commissioner Monahan noted some warranty issues with 9-3-3 which Firematic is aware of.
- 9-3-80 is having issues keeping the EPCR charged. Fully Involved will be out to make one of the cigarette lighters in the console hot. This will allow for the EPCR to charge when vehicle is turned off.

***Buildings & Grounds:***

- HVAC Project – There were 5 bidders, 3 were over \$100,000, Weber and Grahn came in at \$70,500.00 and Intricate Tech Solutions at \$58,100.00. John Tanzi's recommendation is to award project to Intricate Tech Solutions as long as they qualify. He needs to check credentials and make sure all their paperwork is in order. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept Intricate Tech Solutions proposal pending the approval of John Tanzi the architect, if that fails then accept next lowest qualified bidder Weber & Grahn, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed carried. Permissive referendum will be put in for next weeks paper.
- Fidele Construction trying to finish sub-station project for later in week. Should be able to start moving back in soon.
- First Light Electric will be here first week of June to install new electric panel.
- Ceiling Tiles- Commissioner Wright will discuss with John Tanzi his recommendation on the project and see about this other bid that came in with adding a layer of foam to existing tiles. Will discuss at next meeting.
- **House report-** As you can see, flagpole has been repaired. Commissioner Mirras will check siren work that was completed and asked if we could straighten out the back garage. Commissioner Wright stated a lot of the items will be going back to the sub-station once completed, he will discuss with Brent and get on top of it.

***Capital Reserve:***

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances.

***Communications:***

- Commissioner Mirras as stated before will take the Tower ladder over to West Lake to check on the paint work that was completed on the siren. As per Chief Ryan, he said Peter Joyce did a great job.
- Antennas- As per Commissioner Mirras he went to the town and spoke with Eddie Schnell, all the other antennas in town are being worked on, Montauk's is being held up because we are doubling the height. We were told they are working with the FAA on the required lighting.

Ms. Lucas stated our antenna here in the back of the building is on back order, its due to arrive within the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Mirras stated after installed we will need the village to come out and train us on how to use the backup system if we were to go down.

- Chief Ryan at last town chief's meeting was given more info on the radio situation. We should be able to start using them by the end of September. The whole project should be complete a year from now. Commissioner Mirras was asking about the warranties on the portables, are they going to be extended. According to the Chief, the clock is ticking on them.

***Fire Advisory:***

- No meeting

***Insurance & Law:***

- We have two claims pending- One is the accident involving 9-3-16, Commissioner Schoen wanted to know if we are repairing. Commissioner Monahan stated the scratches were already buffed out and it looks fine, we can close out that claim. The other claim is still pending regarding the damage caused to 9-3-3 at a drill from the nozzle of a hose.

***Personnel:***

- Executive Session to discuss.

***Safety:***

- No issues

***Training:***

- 5/18/19- Gas Simulator Training at Larry Franzone Training Center, Vinny Franzone and Steve Sizse will be attending.
- 5/29/19- Yaphank Drill-Town wide, Amagansett is organizing and requesting Montauk supply 9-3-14 (which will be used in a search and rescue mode) with a safety officer and a chief, possibly an ambulance, haven't decided yet. They are looking for about 8 guys, total of 30 town wide.
- As per Chief Ryan, he stated he has never seen the training budget, would like a copy of it.
- Billy Pitts is retiring from being a representative at the Larry Franzone Training center and the chief will need a replacement or candidate.

***Old Business:***

- Ceiling Tile Quotes- previously discussed
- HVAC Project Recommendation from Tanzi- previously discussed
- Good Standing Letters- As per Chief Ryan, need to contact previous chief Franzone about this.

***New Business:***

- Commissioner Mirras discussed cancer prevention that was mentioned in the last Counsellor. It listed best practices that should be taken. Should this information be posted, it is up to the Chief to decide. Chief Ryan would love to have a washer/dryer at sub-station so department could wash their own gear. This will be discussed further at next workshop meeting.

***Chiefs Report:***

- Chief presented a purchase requisition for radio straps and flares from the Fire Store totaling \$487.95, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief presented a purchase requisition for a windshield cutter from Firematic Supply totaling \$612.30, Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Open to the Floor:**

Lieutenant Bob Mautschke discussed the hand sanitizers in the ambulances, need new cartridges. We will check to see there are any in stock and replace them.

New EMS recruits, we had one person out of three that were interested, as per Chief Ryan we are waiting for a copy of her drivers license then the paperwork will be put in for a background check.

Bob also stated we are in need of drivers. We have a total of 134 members, why can't we require them to drive 3 times a year, he doesn't feel that is a lot to ask a member or start a new company of just drivers. We could also have each company drive for a month or so. This is a department issue and needs to be addressed with the chief. Chief Ryan stated he is working on the issue but to tell a member that joined a volunteer organization you have to do this, or you have to do that will not get you anywhere. You need to entice them to want to do it.

Bob also discussed the issue we are having with the LIRR/MTA. If someone is sick or injured, the LIRR should call the police and get them off at the next stop, don't wait till the end of the line just because you want to keep the schedule moving on time. People's lives need to be taken into account. Bob would like to have a meeting with the higher ups to determine the correct means to rectify this situation as soon as we can. Commissioner Mirras stated we will need to do our research to determine the hierarchy of the LIRR/MTA first to make sure we are contacting the right individuals. Chairman Dryer and Bob Mautschke will decide a course of action and move forward with this problem. Commissioner Schoen suggested contacting our lawyer Joe Frank on this matter, he might know who and how to go about this.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session regarding personal at 19:55 hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session at 20:00 hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

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

**Adjourned 20:00 hours**