

*Montauk Fire District*

*June 11, 2019*

*Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours*

*MINUTES*

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

***Also Present:*** 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Scott Snow, Lieutenant Robert Mautschke, Donna Hitscherich, 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:*** Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes with one correction of the May 22, 2019 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

***Time off Requests:*** Ms. Lucas requested to use one vacation day for June 20<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

***Building Use Request:*** Red Knights Motorcycle Club submitted a building use request form for August 19<sup>th</sup> for their monthly meeting. We did receive check, decided to give back. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

***Treasurers Report:*** Commissioner Mirras went through all the documentation and transfers back and forth, all perfect. Commissioner Mirras is going to start the budget process. To all the Chief's and officers we can't do a good budget unless we know what you think you are going to spend. He does think we will be able to stay with in the tax cap. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

***Audit of Bills:*** Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$78,925.65 (see attached journal), Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Committee Reports:**

***Apparatus and Equipment:***

- 9-3-16- has an engine light on, it's an air temperature intake, may need a new sensor. Commissioner Monahan said it's a minor thing John from Fully Involved will look into.
- 9-3-14 had unreported damage to back ladder compartment (chrome steps). John will take care of by welding or rivets. As stated before any type of damage to any apparatus needs to be

reported and documented so we can find out what happened, possibly put in an insurance claim and avoid any member getting hurt.

***Buildings & Grounds:***

- Sub Station project is complete, started moving trucks back.
- Commissioner Wright discussed the two other projects that we might consider doing. The windows, engineering fees \$9,500.00 and the Extrication pad with engineering fees of \$3,200.00. He will talk with John Tanzi and ask his recommendation on the lifespan of the current windows and the energy improvements if we were to change the windows. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve John Tanzi's engineering fee of \$3,200 for the extrication pad, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chairman Dryer mentioned problems with cars creeping up side road trying to park, so yellow tape has been put up on Saturday's to deter them from coming in.
- Ms. Lucas left a message for the Town PD to put the NO PARKING signs back up in front of department.
- Ceiling tile issue- Commissioner Mirras stated echoing in the past might have been an issue, but now no issues. Commissioner Wright even stated adding insulation to a reflective tile is not going to make a difference, we are functioning so let's just drop it. All Commissioner agreed.
- ***House report-*** All looks good.

***Capital Reserve:***

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances. Commissioner Mirras stated the new ambulance cost will leave the balance at about \$230,000.00. We will also be replacing the van, pick up and probably 9-3-1 in the next couple of years. Chief will need to map out the next couple of apparatus trucks that will need to be replaced so we can plan accordingly.
- Chairman Dryer was wondering about the type of accounts we have, can we put them into some sort of CD's. All accounts are interest bearing. Commissioner Mirras said he will look into the CD's but they would have to be laddered.

***Communications:***

- Commissioner Mirras discussed antenna's as it was addressed at the Commissioner's and Town Chief's meetings. All antennas have been worked on except Montauk, they are waiting for FAA approval and waiting to hear about the Noyac Tower because Southampton does not own it. The real problem is we spent all this money on radios and the warranties are up already. Eddie Schnell was looking into this matter. Since the Town forced us to purchase the radios, any problems the first year the Town should be responsible. We will comprise letter and send it to Van Scoyoc
- Our Antenna- is on back order, Ms Lucas will find out status. Commissioner Mirras stated he talked with JP Foster about training personal from the department on how to work our communication system.

***Fire Advisory:***

- Meeting is next Monday

***Insurance & Law:***

- Commissioner Schoen discussed an article from the Counsellor about having paid Chiefs for departments that have 6 or more paid firefighters. He checked with Joe Frank our lawyer and found this does not pertain to us.
- Commissioner Mirras mentioned we should keep an eye on the new qualifications coming for volunteer Fire Chief's that was also mentioned in the Counsellor.

***Personnel:***

- No issues at this time.

***Safety:***

- No issues at this time.

***Training:***

- Chief Snow stated Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> Fire School Refresher.
- Ocean Rescue Drill in Fort Pond Bay organized by Steve Sizse.
- Department Drill is the Picnic on June 24<sup>th</sup> then we head into the summer

**Old Business:**

- Good Standing Letters- Ms. Lucas verified with ex-Chief Franzone, the current Chief of the department is responsible for sending out the good standing letters.
- Cancer prevention- Commercial Grade Washer and Dryer Quotes were received, will need more information, dimensions, water output, electrical requirements. Commissioner Wright will talk with Brent about this.
- LIRR/MTA Meeting- Chairman Dryer has no updates on meeting date. He will follow up and inform us when he does. He did say they have implemented more police presence on those canon ball trains to help evaluate passengers better. At the meeting we will be able to address our concerns on everything we previously discussed.
- Solar letter- Commissioner Mirras asked if it ever went out. Ms. Lucas responded yes it did see attached copy.
- Commissioner Mirras discussed the fact once the substation was done and antiques moved back in, the custodians were going to clean up back garage. If they can't handle it then lets hire some one else. Chairman Dryer spoke with the Chief about this, he stated some of the stuff will be going back onto the old 9-3-3. Commissioner Wright will go through with Brent and figure out where everything goes. Chairman Dryer even suggested a memorandum to the Chief with a certain date everything has to be cleaned up or it will be disposed of.

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Monahan brought up 3 topics that could be discussed; Ambulance Coalition, Ambulance Billing Rights and Fire Boat Training.
- Fire Boat Training- 16hrs of operating @ helm and operating the equipment, 4 people per class, \$1250 per student. Commissioner Mirras thinks it's a good idea, one person should be Dave Marmeno he knows that boat better than anyone and maybe 1 or 2 more people. Ed Michael's is trying to find out who is interested. Nothing is set up in stone. We also need to find out name of agency, people giving course and their credentials and will there be future requirements for access to the fire boat.
- Ambulance Coalition- This is regarding the PAID PARAMEDIC. Allowing them to be able to go on a mutual aid call to neighboring departments as long as its an ALS call. Commissioner Mirras stated we pretty much work like this right now anyway. He does not want our paramedic re positioned and doesn't want Springs involved at all since they are not reciprocating. Commissioner Schoen feels our paramedics should stay in district.

**Chiefs Report:**

- Chief presented a purchase requisition for boots from the Fire Store totaling \$363.22, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief presented a purchase requisition for foam from Coastal Fire Systems totaling \$480.00, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

- Chief Snow discussed the Beach Truck build, 9-3-9, will need some extra fabrication and the cost is \$1,500.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve as long as the cost will stay within the public referendum, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Donna Hitscherich requested a cabinet from the District for all the equipment she was able to get through the grant process. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve up to \$500 for a new cabinet, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Open to the Floor:**

The discussion of Ambulance drivers came up again and some suggestions were given;

- Increase company 4 membership to 35.
- Amend department by-laws to have new members also drive the ambulance.
- Set up a Drivers Auxiliary and their sole purpose would be to drive the ambulance. This idea is something that we will research, find out the legalities of it and discuss with Joe Frank.
- Have more members of company 4 get EVOC'D.
- As Commissioner Mirras stated there is not one solution for the problem, there are many that could make it all come together and work for this department.
- Another question was raised, can the 80 drive the ambulance if there are 2 paramedics on scene, it's an ALS call and no one responds to drive.
- Also can the custodians drive the ambulance if there is no one available, All Commissioner's said NO.

**Adjourned 21:00 hours**