

Montauk Fire District

August 27, 2019

Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer, Chairman
Richard Schoen
Michael Mirras
Dick Monahan
Jim Wright

Also Present: 1st Asst. Chief Mitchell Valcich, 2nd Asst. Chief Scott Snow, Ex-Chief Charlie Grimes, Ex-Chief Billy Pitts, Ex-Chief Peter Joyce, Charlie Morici, Dick White, Jr and District 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 noted some corrections, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request;

• Rough Riders Landing HOA requested to use Commissioners Room on September 1, 2019 for their board meeting, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

• Rough Riders Landing HOA requested to use Meeting Room on October 12, 2019 for their Annual Homeowners Meeting, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions;

• A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$703.95, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

• A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Boundtree totaling \$499.38, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

• Ms. Lucas presented invoices to be paid, totaling \$16,111.44. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

• **Workplace Violence Prevention Policy-** The adoption of this policy in form of a resolution was duly put to vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows;

- Chairman Dryer- yes
- Commissioner Schoen- yes
- Commissioner Mirras- Yes
- Commissioner Monahan- Yes
- Commissioner Wright- yes

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted, August 27, 2019.

• **Cancer Prevention- Washer/Dryer-** Commissioner Mirras after doing some research found the drying cabinet which allows 4 sets of turnout gear and a rack for gloves and boots, goes anywhere from \$8,900 to \$15,000. Washers that would hold 2 sets of turnout gear is about \$14,000. Waiting on more price quotes to determine.

• **Antenna at Firehouse and Dump-** Antenna is up but still needs a connector, which is ordered. JP Foster from Dispatch is ready to train the individuals selected, maybe 2 from each company, it is up to the Chief. Antenna at dump, FAA requires that the height must be reduced, may have to make adjustments on the receiving tower in East Hampton to get the signal and or cut down trees.

• **Budget-** Commissioner Mirras made no changes from the previous budget that was presented, just need to do the calculations from the state to make sure we are within our 2%. The 2020 Proposed Budget will need to be approved by the 10th of September. Commissioner Mirras also discussed replacing the P/U truck, Van and within the next 3 years 9-3-1. He would like to get some numbers on a new pumper. There are no other major pieces of equipment due to be replaced. Commissioner Mirras will also have to factor the new power stretchers and a washer and dryer into the budget. Commissioner Monahan noted we could get away with one power stretcher for the new ambulance and the following year get the remaining two.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Valcich noted there are two potential EMS candidates, Charles McClean and Carolyn Blackmar.
- Helen Turnbull passed her EMT test.
- As you all know 9-3-9 was delivered.
- Chief Valcich presented a purchase requisition from Forestry Suppliers for nozzles for 9-3-9, totaling \$899.00 not including shipping. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- John from Fully Involved will look into 1" hose line for booster seats on 9-3-9.
- Incorrect day on Department dinner invitations, the correct day is Friday October 11, 2019.
- Jeanine is working on Radio call signs with Eddie Schnell.
- 9-3-1 had a hose divider made so it can include 5" hose, it has not been put on as of yet.
- Coast Guard hose has not been tested, as per Chairman Dryer we usually send a truck down there.
- Extrication Team going to Ohio, total cost will be less than \$10,000 for all that will be attending.
- Town Chief's Meeting, Tuesday, September 3rd here at the Montauk firehouse and all past Chief's are invited.
- Henderickson Equipment is having an open house on September 20th at 140 Hoffman Lane in Islandia if anyone is interested.
- Truck checks will be given to Brent.

- Chief Snow thanked the District for being on top of the center island, he suggested putting in fountain grass, which is low maintenance.

Open to the Floor:

Peter Joyce discussed Hurricane Preparedness, he met with Vinny Franzone, Joey Lenahan, Edna Steck sent info and Town Councilwomen Silvia Overby. They discussed ICS300 which is what the entire storm plan revolves around. Peter will get us a copy of what was discussed. Vinny Franzone also brought Silvia up to speed on the radio system situation. Someone's life may be at stake, which could potentially be a liability for the district and dispatch. We need to start thinking of another form of communication if system goes down. Silvia had no knowledge of all this or what would happen if a major storm occurred so she took lots of notes. Peter also found out that in order to be covered by insurance with the Red Cross the Town needs to have a contract with a location to be deemed a shelter. Right now there are no contracts with either the school or the state (Montauk Downs State Park). All requests go through the Town. Peter suggested now is the time to write a letter to the Town questioning the Emergency Preparedness coordinators abilities and a letter to Suffolk County Legislator Bridgett Fleming explaining the situation at hand and remind them about their plan. The Board will address these concerns and draft a letter to the Town once they receive Peter's notes from the meeting.

Commissioner Schoen discussed a workers compensation case that came in from years ago in relation to a potential member, named John Lesneski, Chief Valcich stated yes he was a company 1 member. Charlie Morici remembered he got injured when an Amagansett Chief ran into the back of the brush truck at the Overlook, he got thrown and the Scott pack saved his life. He is going to research more and get to the bottom of this.

Chairman Dryer motioned to go into Executive Session at 19:52 hours regarding Personal, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to go back into Regular session at 20:12 hours, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer explained after discussing with the rest of the board Ms. Lucas's salary in regards to the 2020 budget will remain unchanged as previously noted.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting at 20:15 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 21:23 hours