

Montauk Fire District
September 10, 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, 2nd Asst. Chief Scott Snow, Lieutenant Bob Mautscke, Charlie Morici, Peter Joyce, Leon Day, 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 Mirras motioned to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mirras checked to make sure checks were written properly, went over bank reconciliations everything was found to be in order. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$18,192.11 (see attached journal), Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- **9-3-2-** Warranty issue will be taken care of after Big Bucks.
- **9-3-3-** Warranty issue for check engine light.
- **9-3-16-** back in service, the upper and lower ball joints were replaced.
- **9-3-17-** went out for service today (9/10/19).
- **9-3-80-** will be going up on Columbus Day for repair damage.
- **9-3-14-** might have some play, Commissioner Mirras will drive around town and check into it.
- **9-3-9-** had some complaints about the handling, there is proper air pressure in all 4 tires and now handles much better. The Chief stated it will have a beach test next week.
- New ambulance should be here before end of year.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright discussed proposals for Replacing existing Mini-Split system in training room (cooling only) with new Mini Split (cooling & heating) and all associated work, cost

\$8,500.00. Add new above ceiling Dehumidifier with duct work and grills and all associated work for \$8,400.00. He feels the cooling and heating will be sufficient, we are trying to improve air quality in the room. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve replacing existing mini-split system with new one that heats and cools, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

- Sub-station Water Filtration project- Fidele fixed the water proofing system where the paint met below grade and caused a gap. They moved a drain to the front of the building as asked, more re-pointing and repainted everything. Payment will be made once we are satisfied the fix has worked and they are well aware of that.
- DE-humidification system for Sub-Station- Commissioner Wright received a proposal to install a commercial grade dehumidifier with automatic pump and pipe into waste system for \$2,520.00. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve commercial grade dehumidifier at \$2,999.99 to take into account prevailing wage rates for public works job, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. legal notice will go into the paper Friday.
- Extrication Roadwork - We found there is a concrete roadbed underneath what's out there. Before we start doing anything we should get core sampling done to see exactly what we are dealing with. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve core sampling for \$1,750.00, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Air duct cleaning- As per Commissioner Wright he suggests getting them cleaned every 3-5 years. We have received one quote already, need 2 more.
- **House report-** All looks good.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Schoen read two capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- As per Commissioner Mirras, Jeanne Miedzwecki has been put in charge of getting all the call signs for the radios.
- Antenna in back was installed and found the tower needs to be replaced. Commissioner Mirras will talk with Brent to get more quotes and talk with planning department to make sure we do not need any permits.

Fire Advisory:

- Meeting next week

Insurance & Law:

- As per Commissioner Schoen case involving John Lesneski is now closed. The letter was just a formality.

Personnel:

- Lieutenant Bob Mautscke discussed a PHTLS (Pre-hospital trauma life support) CME Course- an instructor will be giving right here at our firehouse with Tom and Donna as the other instructors, class is limited to 18 students and the cost is \$3,000.00. Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras.

Safety:

- No issues at this time.

Training:

- Fire School next month the Chief will have an instructor here to train on solar panels as they pertain to a burning house and lithium batteries.
- Chief is also looking for a building that is going to be torn down to train on towards the end of the year.
- Commissioner Mirras is working on getting a house to train with, not burn.

- Battery storage facility, do we need some type of training on it? Peter Joyce stated its an automated system, first the damper shuts, then a gas fills the building that removes the oxygen, then the 8” main that goes to the sprinkler gets activated and pours water on it.

Old Business:

- Cancer Prevention-Commercial Grade Washer/Dryer- Commissioner Mirras would like to be able to do 4 sets of gear at one time. Brent will get quotes from Coastal on a bigger unit and then we can go from there.
- Emergency Preparedness- Peter Joyce just found out the County has an emergency plan, which has been put into effect but as of now has no evacuation routes on it. They are hoping by the end of the year to have that done. Now is the time to sit down with the Town Board and put some pressure on them to produce a plan, they are aware we want answers. Commissioner Mirras is setting up a meeting with Bruce Bates to discuss the emergency preparedness plan. He wants to see what kind of paperwork they have in writing. After this meeting we will determine as a board if we need to discuss this matter further at a Town board meeting. Also the county instructor for the ICS300 course for administrators is putting together dates to set up for teaching the course out here.
- Stretchers- A discussion was had about purchasing new power stretchers for the ambulances. Commissioner Mirras motioned to purchase one new power stretcher for the new ambulance, totaling \$45,810.48 from Stryker, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Public referendum will be going out in paper . We will discuss other two stretchers after we find out the percent of increase.
- Budget talk 2020- Commissioner Mirras discussed the budget, presented the formula from the state on how to figure out the tax cap. This year the board did not want to break the cap, wants to stay within the 2%. Next step is filling in the numbers on the state website and this year there is a 1% growth factor plus the 2% cap. The total budget is \$2,546,751.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the proposed 2020 budget of \$2,546,751.00, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- As you may be aware people think we are a bottomless pit and can do anything we want, but we can not. On September 2, 2019 in Newsday, Mount Sinai Fire District got nailed from the State Comptrollers office for not going out to bid, not having quotes, or good estimates and there 2% was off.

New Business:

- DE-humidification System for Sub-station- discussed previously
- Air Duct Cleaning- discussed earlier in meeting

Chiefs Report:

- Chief presented a purchase requisition for batteries, totaling \$137.94, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approved, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief discussed having a meeting to discuss updating our storm plan, maybe get a crew together with Peter Joyce to help. In reality we will have to depend on ourselves.
- Our plan is good, but we can't activate it unless the Town declares a state of emergency.
- Chief Snow was inquiring about the gen lights, as per Commissioner Monahan they are going to John at Fully Involved.
- Commissioner Mirras asked Chief his plans for the sub-station- he wants to keep the antiques there, if a storm arises we will then put an ambulance and an engine a few days before.

- Chief is requesting to put 9-3-8, 9-3-9, 9-3-12 and the boat along with the wild land gear in the back garage. As per Chairman Dryer we will revisit this before any moves are done.

Open to the Floor:

Charlie Morici brought up a discussion about the importance of keeping a 4th ambulance. Call volume is up, what if all are out at one time, less mutual aid possibilities. All Commissioners agreed to keep an open mind and get all the facts and information before we make a final decision.

Commissioner Monahan stated he will not be running for re-election this year. All Commissioners thanked Dick for his time and are sad to see him go.

Ex-Commissioner plates will be ordered and one will be given to Carmine Marino.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting @ 20:40 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:40 hours