

Montauk Fire District
October 15, 2019

MINUTES

Budget Hearing 19:00/Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:12hours

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer, Chairman
Michael Mirras
Dick Monahan
James Wright

Also Present: 2nd Assist Chief Scott Snow, Billy Pitts, Donnie Schnell, Eddie Schnell, Joey Lenahan, John Drewes and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the Budget Hearing to order at 19:00 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Mirras stated we approved a proposed budget of \$2,546,751.00 at our last meeting. When we inputted all the numbers into the state's formula and based on their computations for the 2% increase on top of the normal cost of living increase, we can increase the budget by \$40,000.00. We couldn't make any changes until the Public Hearing, Commissioner Mirras's recommendation is to increase the Equipment Fund with all the upcoming equipment that is needed. Ms. Lucas discussed the electric line item, since we do not have enough history with the solar panels, the determination is to put \$10,000.00 into the electric line item and \$30,000.00 into the Apparatus and Equipment Fund. So our new budget amount is \$2,586,751.00.

Resolution to Approve Final Budget for 2019: Commissioner Mirras read a resolution to adopt final budget for 2020 of \$2,586,751.00 (see attached). Board unanimously adopted and Ms. Lucas will now forward to the state and town.

Chairman Dryer motioned to adjourn Public Hearing on Budget @ 19:12 hours and continue on with Public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 Workshop meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$925.15, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$758.02, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$789.99, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$229.99, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$689.89, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$465.89, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

• ***Treasurers Report:*** Commissioner Mirras checked to make sure checks were written properly, went over bank reconciliations, budget looks good till end of year. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented invoices to be paid, totaling \$136,608.33. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Monahan; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- As per Commissioner Monahan everything good except 9-3-14 has a problem with a sensor for the ladder down in the cradle.
- 9-3-18 has a few lights out that Brent is working on.
- 9-3-17 is in back garage because bay door is not working, waiting on a part, should be fixed by Wednesday or Thursday.
- New ambulance update- WiFi unit being installed.
- 9-3-1- Hose divider being installed tomorrow, department to pull hose off and re-install after complete.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright stated sub-station seems to be good, no water in building.
- DE-humidification system will be installed after the referendum to the taxpayers has past it's 30 days.
- Road project, waiting on Tanzi to come back with some plans and proposals.
- Brent on top of bay door not working.
- Training room split system was installed and working. Commissioner Wright found that the system can be used as a DE-humidification system as well.
- Commissioner Mirras noted there has been some talk about the bay's not being air conditioned and the state could come in and shut down our services, NOT TRUE. None of the departments have air conditioning in their bays and the state has never shut down an ambulance company for being too hot. Also temporary AC is not an option because of legal reasons.

House report- All looks good.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Mirras read two capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- As stated before, Commissioner Mirras was supposed to talk with planning department to make sure we do not need any permits for replacing old antenna, meeting was cancelled. After talking with Brent the base that pivots is recommended for the antenna.

- Emergency Preparedness- meeting with Bruce Bates has been postponed, should be within the next week and told Peter Van Scoyoc that we must have some sort of plan in writing for when a storm could potentially happen.

Fire Advisory:

- No meeting

Insurance & Law:

- No issues at this time.

Personnel:

- as per Chief Snow we will be losing Dan Sisco as a member of the department
- Physicals are being taken.

Safety:

- No issues at this time.

Training:

- The gentleman coming out to train on lithium ion batteries and solar panels will be here Friday during Fire School.
- Company 4 is requesting funding for a CME weekend, Dec. 7 & 8th conducted by Don Hudson who has taught here for several years. Commissioner Monahan motioned to approve \$2,000 to cover cost of class and lodging, seconded by Chairman Dryer, motioned/passed/carried.

Old Business:

- Cancer Prevention-Commercial Grade Washer/Dryer- Discussed previously. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve spending \$17,500.00 out of the Apparatus and Equipment Fund account, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Cascade System- Coastal Fire- previously discussed. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve spending \$80,000.00 out of the Apparatus and Equipment Fund for a Cascade/CAT system, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Antenna- firehouse- Commissioner Mirras was supposed to have a meeting today with planning department regarding back antenna, but it got cancelled and postponed till next Tuesday. Eddie Schnell stated remind them it's pre-existing non-conforming.
- Air Duct Cleaning- Received quotes from All Island Duct Cleaning, Quality Air Care, and a verbal quote. We need to find out from All Island Duct Cleaning if their price will include everything that Quality Air Care offers. We need to compare apples to apples. Ms. Lucas will check and get back to the board.
- 9-3-18- Commissioner Monahan stated we were going to have a discussion on keeping/not keeping Ambulance 9-3-18. Since Commissioner Schoen was unable to be present, he documented some points on keeping vs selling the ambulance (see attached). Commissioner Wright agrees with possibly keeping the ambulance as a spare in the event the other rigs are down for an extended period of time. We could simply just transfer the necessary equipment over. Commissioner Mirras after speaking with Walter our paramedic supervisor, who said Nassau keeps spare rigs for the same circumstances is going to look into certification requirements with the state.

New Business:

- Workshop meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday October 23, 2019 will now be held on October 30th. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Snow presented Joey Lenahan so he can give a brief synopsis of their trip to Crash Course Village in OH. Chairman Dryer took the time to thank Joey for handling the paperwork properly, everything was broken down the way it was supposed to be and is a model on how it should be done.
- Joey stated there were five members that attended the Pro-Board Certified Rescue Technician Course which is a NFPA 1006/1670 class. It was taught by two professional firefighters from the Ohio USAR Team. First day was classroom training going over multiple scenarios, then tested on what we learned. Next three days was hands on training broken into groups, went over Rescue operations, man vs. machinery, rigging, heavy equipment, school buses, and packaging. After each day they were tested, as a group and individually tested, all 5 members passed. A complete description of each day is attached for you to read.
- Joey also noted this Pro Board Certification is an International accreditation that certifies Joe Lenahan, Thom Fleming, Chris Carillo, Domingo Schiappacasse and Francisco Estrella (Tado) under the NFPA 1006/1670 Professional Qualification Series of Standards as Level 2 Technicians in multiple disciplines and levels in Vehicle Rescue, Rigging, Shoring, and Man vs. Machine techniques. What this means is they can go anywhere in the continental United States and work with any USAR Team. Joey also stated this is one of the best training's he has taken.
- As per Chief Snow there will be a lot of training with the Town Wide Chiefs and other departments utilizing the Wainscott facility. Yaphank training with Fire Police, Intro to Fire Officer1 and Styco.
- Had a little structure fire at the Surf club, turned out to be an electrical problem but still got trucks out to roll.
- We had our open house and a pancake breakfast, everything went well.

Open to the Floor:

Cascade System

John Drewes from Coastal Fire Equipment presented information on a Cascade System since our current vendor will no longer be able to provide that service to us. There are several options available to us.

1- A refurbished machine for \$20,000.00 and includes a 1yr warranty- doesn't handle a 5.5 cylinder system. Machine is 10yrs old and maintained by them. This machine can be installed within a 2week time as long as you have electrician lined up.

2- CAT System- Cylinder Accountability Tracking- keeps track of your cylinders- can tell you which ones are up for hydro testing, replacement, a good system for budgets too. Also keeps track of who fills them, you can determine how many people have access and what level of access. This system can be added onto the machine at anytime. Machine is set up to automatically stop after the programmed pressure is met.

3- New Scott HushAir Compressor with RevolveAir- Its a 3-phase system, more efficient, works on a lazy susan concept, 2 bottles at a time. This machine has a 3yr warranty on the compressor, 5yrs on the fill station, it's a 2 piece system. Fill time is 1400 PSI a minute. Machines can be set up to automatically stop after the programmed pressure is met.

Commissioner Wright inquired about training, John stated minimal training needed, he would come out and train whomever we wanted. Both Machines can be set up on an auxiliary whip line so you can fill the air tank on the tower ladder.

Chief snow asked about how many hours do you get on the machine before replacing? As per John, the city just started replacing the compressors which took them 8yrs to reach the amount of hours needed to be replaced (15,000 hrs). We will never hit the hours/life expectancy of the machine.

As with any piece of equipment you need to maintain the unit. They provide a service contract for about \$3,500 per year which includes coming out 4x a year, 2x a year they do a full service- oil, filters, belts adjusted, purge system and air quality test. The other 2 times is just air quality test, run machine to make sure no leaks. As per NFPA suppose to have quarterly air tests done every year. Also part of the service, if at any point the machine goes down, Coastal will come and fill our bottles at no additional cost to us.

If we went with new machine, it would take approximately 8-10 wks to produce. In the meantime they can come out and fill our tanks with their mobile unit.

As per John the new Compressor is is on state contract.

Washer and Dryer

Commissioner Mirras asked if there was a bigger machine. John stated there would be an additional electric cost for a bigger machine. The one where you can wash 2 sets of gear is just like a homeowners machine, runs off a 110 outlet. The dryer vents itself and takes 4-6hrs to dry.

Joey Lenahan asked about a schedule for cleaning gear. Commissioner Mirras responded that the gear will be cleaned after any interior fire and then a schedule would be set up for those that are not interior fireman.

Radio System Project

Eddie Schnell discussed the Radio System project;

- Town Hall site is up and running.
- Amagansett antennas are being scheduled since the Osprey's have left.
- Wainscott, the microwave link was put in, new equipment is in the building but not wired yet, Integrated Wireless scheduled for end of this week, beginning of next.
- Police Headquarters, new tower was installed at end of August and microwave link is up and console installation scheduled for November.
- Village Dispatch electrical work was completed, equipment in place probably in November.
- Noyac, permits and paperwork done, just waiting on notice to proceed, should have that tomorrow.
- Shelter was supposed to be here already but might not get here until December.
- Springs- both the firehouse tower and camp blue bay site are in the planning go around stages.
- Montauk site- 300 ft tower got nixed by FAA but 194ft was approved above ground level. Re-designing for a 180 ft tower with antenna to reach 194ft. Next step is to re-submit plans to the FAA and a bid could be accepted in March. We are not going to wait, we are going to put the 2 antennas that we really need now on the current tower, replace the microwave link in the building, replace the new rack in the old shelter and make it work.
- Path heights confirmed back to town Hall, need to increase Tower at Town Hall another 20ft, engineer is modifying that design package.

- Looking at January 2020 to flip switch on new system, will need to work out some kinks but realistically move users over in March.
- Montauk's portable radios are basically done, just have to finish some call signs.
- Gator site received NFAA approval to replace 2 poles on the south side of the property, 85ft instead of 88ft. They were going to use old building, but it smells like diesel fuel. Eddie stated they changed the plans to use 2 poles on the north side of the property and install a new shelter, just waiting on approval for the 90ft poles. Site has been bonded. Probably will not break ground until March.

Chairman Dryer motioned to go into Executive Session regarding personal @ 20:45hrs, seconded by Commissioner Mirras, motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 20:49hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to adjourn meeting @ 20:50hrs, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:50hours