

**Montauk Fire District  
November 26, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Workshop Meeting 19:00 hours**

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

**Also Present:** Chief Ryan, Lieutenant Robert Mautschke and District Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Commissioner 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 Wright motioned to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Purchase Requisitions;**

- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Mercury Medical totaling \$421.50, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Stryker totaling \$164.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Teleflex/Vidacare totaling \$562.50, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. **Time off Request;** Brent Becker requested to use three vacation days 12/26/19 and 12/27/19 and 12/28/19, coverage is available, Rex will be here. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:**

- Ms. Lucas presented invoices to be paid, totaling \$45,146.72. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Treasurer Report- Commissioner Mirras reviewed and stated we will have a surplus this year. We collected \$164,000 more in income than projected. Budget is good overall. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

### **Workshop Topics:**

#### **New Ambulance;**

- Chairman Dryer discussed the need in making a decision about keeping or getting rid of the old ambulance. Chief Ryan expressed that the ambulance company said we are replacing 9-3-18 for a reason, this is no need to keep it. Commissioner Schoen motioned to get rid of the existing 9-3-18 either by trading it in or putting it out to bid, Commissioner Wright seconded; motioned/passed/carried. Bid information will go out in the East Hampton star and Newsday. Chief Ryan asked about possibly donating the ambulance to the Bahamas who lost all their equipment. Commisisoners” thought that could be an option. We will need to know what the ambulance is worth first.

- Ms. Lucas informed us of the new ambulance being ready for inspection the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>. She wants to make sure once the inspection is done and signed off on she can pay the invoice without having to come to another Commissioner meeting. All Commissioner's agreed.

- Ms. Lucas will inform Pete that we will install radios and safe here in house and ask him when we can come to inspect the ambulance.

- At a previous meeting about air conditioned bays, Commissioner Mirras after extensive research, found there are no firehouses with air conditioning in there bays. Walter our paramedic supervisor stated the temperature would have to be well over 80 degrees for many days before the drugs would be affected. Another option would be climate control boxes instead.

#### **9-3-9 and Sub Station;**

- Possible storage for 9-3-9

- Chief would prefer to leave it in back garage.

- Commissioner Mirras stated that the back garage is not meant to be a front line of defense, its a storage and maintenance facility.

- Is 9-3-9 completely done, nozzles and jumper hoses? Chief Ryan stated John from Fully Involved ordered the hoses and they were suppose to be delivered directly here. Some minor adjustments that need to be done. Lets get it into service and take in from there.

- Chief was wondering about storing the Xmas gifts Dennis collect from the town in one of the rooms at eh substation. All Commissioner's agreed.

- Commissioner Mirras mentioned the 3 antique trucks, what is the department going to do with them? It is a department issue, they just need to make a decision.

#### **Compressor Discussion;**

- The discussion right now is do we buy a new one for about \$75,000, a used one for \$20,000 or do we get 10 new bottles.

- Commissioner Wright motioned to buy 10 new bottles, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, motioned/passed/carried.

- Ms. Lucas will get 2 more quotes before anything is done.

#### **Antenna at Firehouse;**

- Commissioner Mirras spoke with gentleman at planning board, he is researching for us, will follow up tomorrow on progress.

#### **Procedures for becoming a new member;**

- What are the proper procedure for becoming the member? The district will come up with a checklist for each new member that gets voted in. Commissioner Mirras will work with Chief on that.

#### **Chief's Report:**

- Chief has nothing at this time

**Open to the Floor:**

Bob Mautshke is requesting use of the closet in the training room for the ambulance company. Commissioner Schoen motioned to allow the ambulance company to use the approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Monahan discussed the \$745 approval of new lights for 9-3-9, just wanted to clarify if you wanted them replaced because Captain Gosman opposed. Chief Ryan stated he would like them replaced. Commissioner Monahan will take care of.

Chairman Dryer discussed suspended members and allowing them to participate in a department meeting. Chief Ryan stated he only knew of Jim Grimes, who stated he never received his letter. Michael Lavery took his physical in October, he is following up on that. Commissioner Schoen wants the Chief to understand any members that were suspended as of November 1<sup>st</sup> are not allowed to participate in any fire department functions.

Commissioner Mirras just wanted to reiterate the procedure of not discussing any calls with the press, forward them to the Chief or Eddie Ecker. Also any discussion on social media about the nature of a call is not tolerated. Commissioner Schoen will devise a policy on social media posting and it will be the discretion of the Commissioners the serverity of the violation.

As per Commissioner Mirras just checking on the new radios, do we have any ETA on them? Chief Ryan has been communicating with Eddie Schnell and found out they should be ready soon.

Commissioner Schoen is still waiting on information, an accident report and name of lawnmower owner from accident that occurred on August 24<sup>th</sup> for insurance company. Chief thought it was already given to you. Commissioner Monahan stated 9-3-16 will be going in for repairs on December 9<sup>th</sup> and due back by the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Dryer discussed the incident with 9-3-7, was there a report filled out? Commissioner Monahan said yes, not sure if going through insurance yet, waiting on repair estimate.

Chairman Dryer noticed during a drill the other night, there are no mats under the trucks and there was oil spills on the floor. Commissioner Wright will talk with Brent to make sure mats are under all trucks.

Commissioner Mirras wanted to know status of washer and dryer, Ms. Lucas stated dryer was delivered, washer should be here at end of week or beginning of next week.

Commissioner Schoen brought up that \$48 charge again, as stated before this will go against the travel expense in the budget., What is the policy of the board? The board will determine on a case by case basis and need pre-approval. We will double check with Joe Frank on some issues and get back to the board.

Commissioner Monahan motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 20:20 hours**