

Montauk Fire District

MINUTES

April 14, 2020

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Rich Schoen
James Wright
William R. Pitts

Also Present: Chief Dave Ryan, 1st Asst. Chief Mickey Valcich, 2nd Asst. Chief Scott Snow and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 19:10 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2020 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurer's Report: held due to the COVID-19 epidemic

Audit of Bills: Chairman Dryer discussed paying the bills totaling \$15,667.47 (see attached journal), He was curious about the telephone bills, is the total of about \$400 correct? Ms. Lucas stated that is correct. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- 9-3-2- exhaust has been completed and wrapped.
- 9-3-3- back in service, just waiting on reflective piece, should be in tomorrow.
- 9-3-18- Commissioner Pitts spoke with Allen Burke and Pete Caliendo from VCI about getting the warranty repairs done, need to hold off right now due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- 9-3-17- Commissioner Pitts stated Pete Caliendo is ready for 9-3-17 to install new bracket and stretcher. The cost to retrofit is \$1,500.00 which is discounted from \$1,800.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to purchase new stretcher and bracket, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas noted we need to post in paper first and then we can order.
- Chief Ryan added the trucks were checked over the weekend by the captains and Chief Valcich took all of them out to make sure they were running good.

Buildings & Grounds:

- House report- was looked at and no questions.

Capital Reserve:

- No information at this time

Communications:

- No information at this time

Fire Advisory:

- No information at this time

Insurance & Law:

- Commissioner Schoen stated we need an accident report for the valve damage to 9-3-3 so we can submit for reimbursement to the insurance company. Commissioner Pitts will talk to Brent about this.

Personnel:

- Charlie Grimes is anticipating coming up by May 1st. He will need a physical before he can join the department. A question arose about possibly extending department physicals due to the COVID-19 crisis. According to our attorney Joe Frank, it is too early to make that determination. We will address this further down the line.

Safety:

- No information at this time

Training:

- All training has been postponed until this COVID-19 pandemic has cleared.

Old Business:

- 9-3-18- previously discussed
- COVID-19 Update- a memo was previously sent to all Commissioner's and Chief's via e-mail. The memo is also posted by district office, elevator and game room. Also posted on the members only section of the website.
- Stretchers- previously discussed. Ms. Lucas also noted just waiting on quote to place in paper.

New Business:

- LOSAP- Commissioner Wright asked if anyone saw or listened to the webinar information regarding LOSAP. At the time no one saw that info.
- Commissioner Schoen did confirm with our attorney Joe Frank that the Department can give credit for meetings, drills, trainings, etc. for a qualified good standing year.
- In regards to LOSAP credit, members can only receive credit when they physically attend that such meeting, drill or training. Chief Ryan stated there is legislation going before the state to change the LOSAP requirements during this pandemic. It was done during 9/11 and super storm Sandy for a limited time. Commissioner Schoen stated until it passes we go with what is in effect now. With that note, we can always schedule additional meeting, drills, training's to have members gain their LOSAP credit.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Ryan stated members are practicing social distancing by staying away from the fire house unless there is an emergency.
- Chief also asked about the radio installs for the trucks. Ms. Lucas spoke with Integrated Wireless regarding an install quote. They may have to actually come look at the trucks to see what is needed and there is a possibility it will have to wait until after this crisis is over.
- Chief also asked about the pagers that were requested at last meeting, Ms. Lucas ordered them and just waiting for them to arrive.
- Chief Ryan demonstrated scene lights at last meeting and would like to buy six of them for a total of \$3070.00 from National tool Warehouse. We do have 2 quotes as needed. Commissioner Schoen motioned to buy the six lights, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Pitts was curious about FIT TESTS, what is the status on them. Chief Ryan stated about 90% of the department have completed them already, only a few are still open. Commissioner Pitts suggests we cancel until this crisis is complete. As stated previously they haven't been given in awhile.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to change the meeting time to 6:30 pm. for our next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Pitts inquired about the PSEG property. Chairman Dryer was able to get in touch with Van Scoyoc's office just waiting to hear back from them on any further information. He will update us at next meeting.

Chairman Dryer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:30 hours