

*Montauk Fire District
May 12, 2020*

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 hours

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Rich Schoen
Michael Mirras
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 18:30 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Also noted the welcome back of Commissioner Mirras.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Pitts noted the correct Workshop topic on the April 14, 2020 minutes should read Suffolk County Water Authority not PSEG. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes with correction of the April 14, 2020 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$883.37, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$780.01, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$248.75, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$337.60, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Teleflex/Vidacare for medical supplies totaling \$562.50, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras, motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$432.40, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies, (to prevent cyanide poisoning for a fireman) totaling \$1307.09, Commissioner Wright motioned to pay, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Chairman Dryer discussed paying the bills totaling \$81,996.99 (see attached journal), Commissioner Mirras asked about the \$9,550 bill for Firematic, Ms Lucas and Commissioner Schoen

stated it was for the MSA cylinders. Commissioner Schoen questioned jerky purchase. Chairman Dryer will investigate. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment: Commissioner Pitts informed us of the status of our equipment;

- 9-3-5- rear dump valve has been taken care of.
- 9-3-18- warranty work completed.
- 9-3-16- paint work completed.
- 9-3-9- siren working, leaking oil seal but part is on order.
- 9-3-3- flag was too short while sitting in cab- checking on the possibility of using a hydrant flag which would be bolted on the diamond plate instead of going inside the bumper.
- 9-3-14- bucket serviced, it has a water sensor issue and part is on order.
- 9-3-17- mounting brackets for stretchers. We are going to hold off and wait to see if we receive the grant that Donna Hitscherich put in for.
- Commissioner Schoen was curious if we could put a grant in for the packs we need. Ms. Hitscherich noted that would be another AFG period. Right now she put in for an AFG- (Assistance Firefighter Grant) for the fiscal period 2020 and a supplemental grant for PPE. We will know if we received that grant by end of summer. She does not know when the next AFG grant will be available but she did note it's a high priority item.. Chief Ryan is always good about letting her know when the information is available.

Buildings & Grounds:

- As per Commissioner Wright road project has started. John Tanzi will be out to inspect prep work and if OK, they will lay new asphalt down on Monday.
- As per Chairman Dryer we have to adhere to the masking wearing mandates as much as possible.
- ***House report- was looked at and no questions.***

Capital Reserve:

- No report at this time

Communications:

- Commissioner Schoen spoke with Eddie Schnell at he fire, the FAA just approved the antenna at the dump, which will be 185 ft and East Hampton's will be raised another 25ft.

Fire Advisory:

- No report

Insurance & Law:

- Commissioner Schoen noted we received insurance check for the repair on 9-3-3. Commissioner Mirras asked if there was any development on the LOSAP information with the state. Commissioner Schoen's response was no, its in the hands of the politicians.

Personnel:

- Commissioner Pitts stated Charlie Grimes got his blood work and physical completed and is now ready for the department to vote him back in.
- Chief Ryan stated they will do a department vote in the parking lot either Wednesday or Thursday to vote Charlie back in.
- Chief Ryan also mentioned another very qualified individual that would like to join the department as an EMT. She lives in Montauk, filled out an application and Donna Hitscherich sponsored her. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve this person to get a physical,

seconded by Commissioner Mirras. Then after she passes her physical, she is presented to the membership and voted on, then we vote on the approval.

- Commissioners Wright suggested posting her picture on the members only side of the website. Ms. Lucas stated that could be done.

Safety:

- Chief was asking about the sanitizing procedures that are being taken after all calls Commissioner Wright noted the custodians are wiping down all apparatuses as stated in House report.
- A sanitizing machine is available for purchase, everyone should have received information regarding this. Concept is great, cost is high and other districts have it and seem to love it. Definitely something for us to consider but we need to do some more research first.
- Chairman Dryer was informed by various members that they couldn't find masks, etc. when at the last fire call. As per Chief Ryan he personally put masks, gloves, hand sanitizing spray in each piece of apparatus.
- We need to remind members to stay safe and social distance as much as possible during and after a fire.

Training:

- Carolyn Blackmar will be taking a hybrid course that is being offered by Suffolk County.
- Chief Scott Snow and Peter Joyce are taking Officer 1, they should be finishing up tonight.
- We are looking into online training courses, have been putting up some training on the website to check out too.

Old Business:

- Received insurance check for 9-3-3
- Communications Contract- already discussed previously.

New Business:

- Chairman Dryer brought up the an issue, non-members riding around with department plates and sticker. Commissioner Schoen will speak with our attorney for advise on how to handle and advise at next meeting.
- Payment for EMT-HYBRID Course- Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Ryan discussed purchase requisitions;
- A purchase requisition from Curtis for pro-tech gloves totaling \$149.97, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Motorola for 18 batteries totaling \$1,389.60, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve with stipulation, check on warranties, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Cutter's Edge for new chains for chainsaw totaling \$623.70, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Power Equipment Plus for a 20" Rescue Safety Saw totaling \$1,299.95, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried. This will be placed on 9-3-4.
- Commissioner Pitts was wondering if all the radio's were distributed yet. Chief Ryan stated they were waiting on the installation of all the new equipment into the apparatuses first.

Open to the Floor:

Chairman Dryer discussed the SCWA project with Van Scoyoc and in the grand plan of things, East Hampton will be using the property for a sewer treatment plant, which will mostly be underground. We might have to initiate a study to see if we can share the property. Commissioner Pitts wasn't sure what he was talking about because there are various treatment plants in Montauk doing very well. If the Town owns that property then we have no say on what they might do with it. Commissioner Wright will talk with John Tanzi and pick his brain on the subject and get back to us.

A second e-mail was sent out to the other districts regarding the communications contract and very little response. Chairman Dryer will reach out personally to each one. Commissioner Schoen stated we really need to know what East Hampton Town expects our payment is going to be negotiated from. Chairman Dryer said he will reach out to Becky Molinaro Hansen again and see if there are any updates on this matter. Commissioner Mirras also noted we need the breakdown of calls for each department so we have something to build upon.

Commissioner Pitts suggested the Chief's write a thank you letter to Amagansett for helping in the that fire the other night. Chief Valcich stated they did thank those that were at scene already. He did agree they were a tremendous help. Chief Ryan complimented our guys for how well they handling the situation.

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

Adjourned 19:30 hours