

*Montauk Fire District
July 14, 2020*

MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

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

Also Present: Chief Mickey Valcich, 1st Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2nd Asst. Ken Glogg 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.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Schoen discussed some minor changes that needed to be corrected, then motioned to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Time off Request: Ms. Lucas presented a time off request from Rex Martin for July 17, 2020. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills totaling \$42,805.24 (see attached journal), Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas questioned if the District is paying for COVID testing for members, only if the member was involved with an EMS COVID related call.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- 9-3-31 which is now 9-3-30 had issues with the volume control. Buzz Chew had to disassemble the dashboard and put a whole new system in.
- John from Fully Involved started the installation of the radios with 9-3-1 and 9-3-4. He found a problem with the back up alarm on 9-3-1 and will be back to fix.
- 9-3-32- having issues with no A/C and a tire light coming on.

Buildings & Grounds:

- ***House report-*** The washer and dryer are up and running. The membership needs to be aware that after fires their gear needs to be cleaned. Chief Valcich will remind the members.
- A discussion arose about the garage doors. Our architect John Tanzi has the notice to bidders ready to go for the project but Ms. Lucas feels the bidders might need more time and the project

was not approved yet. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the Overhead Door Replacement Project, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas will adjust dates with Tanzi and get info in paper Friday.

Capital Reserve:

- No report at this time because of COVID-19.

Communications:

- No report at this time.

Fire Advisory:

- No report at this time

Insurance & Law:

- A claim was put in regarding accident with 9-3-2 and a shed.
- A claim was also put in with PERMA, one of our paramedics injured his arm.
- Received an achievement award letter for no claims in 2019.
- LOSAP catch up payments were received beginning of July and starting August 1st the additional \$30 a month will be forthcoming to all members that receive a payment.
- Commissioner Schoen received information from PERMA regarding PPE, masks, gowns, etc. that was able to be secured and they are offering half off to their membership. Ms. Lucas will email tomorrow and order supplies that are needed.
- IGA is offering a 10% discount to all Montauk Fire Department members, Monday through Friday from 7-8 am in appreciation of their services. Chief Valcich will bring up at next department meeting.
- Meeting House Lane Medical is completing physicals now. Blood work procedures have changed, now you can either make an appointment online for the location of choice or call Southampton Hospital directly and do the same. Also members should NOT give any medical insurance cards, district will pay for physical. Chief Valcich will inform members.
- Commissioner Schoen discussed the Big Bucks Bonanza with our attorney Joe Frank and was informed that the state will not allow that sort of group activity and does not see any change for the future. He did say that everyone should be informed of the fact that there will be no food, but drawing should take place on ZOOM, be videotaped and done in public. Commissioner Schoen motioned to cancel Big Bucks, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Valcich discussed the department dinner that is usually held in October, what are we going to do about that? As per Commissioner Schoen the district does not get involved in that, it would be decided by the venue for that time frame and the Chief would make the decision to have it or not.

Personnel:

- Chief discussed 3 potential new members that were voted on at the last department meeting. One actually decided not to join and was voted down by the membership, but Erika Uribe and Lauren Chakraborty were voted in. Chairman Dryer motioned to accept both members, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned passed/carried.
- Chief also addressed the point system, need to know what is going on with them. Commissioner Schoen explained that the LOSAP points have already been decided by the state. Good standing points are the department's responsibility, they are in your by-laws. The chief can modify the by-laws and deem the members in good standing, all the district does is support the decision.

Safety:

- No report at this time

Training:

- Chief stated training being done on a company level only.

Old Business:

- Dispatch contract- The village proposes an initial increase of 12% for the first year and then over the next 4 years the most of 2%, the 5yr total is about 19%. The initial increase is steep but there is no need to upset the positive. Let's see what the other districts are doing and go from there. Ms. Lucas will contact the other districts about their stance with the village dispatch contract.
- Town Fire Protection contract- Chairman Dryer received a call from Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc and needs supporting documentation why these increased numbers are justified. Commissioner Schoen will write a letter, but we are not legally responsible for giving a reason because they go over our budget and that is sufficient enough for our increase, As a courtesy we will justify for Mr. Van Scoyoc with the 12% increase in dispatching services, our depleted equipment reserve fund, MSA replacement and PPE equipment. This should satisfy his justification request.

New Business:

- See Chief's report for purchase requests.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Valcich asked about chains for the cutter edge saw. Ms Lucas informed him they came in today.
- Chief would like 9-3-12 to roll on ambulance calls that are beach related, it has a stokes basket that could be needed.
- 9-3-5 and 9-3-9 are switched around because it's brush fire season.
- Purchase requisition for an adapter for the fit test machine, cost \$340.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to purchase, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition for a RIT E100 tool, cost \$6,995.00. Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition for a RAM PAK which is a telescopic RAM for extrication at a cost of \$9,160.00. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition for Indian cans, cost \$847.00. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Purchase requisition for a Stihl saw, cost \$1,200.00. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief would like to research getting the department physicals done at the firehouse. It does not hurt to have a wealth of knowledge.
- Also East Hampton Town is now accepting applications for Gansett Meadow Affordable Housing in Amagansett. What is the best way to get this information to the membership. It was decided to handle it with the captains of each company.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Pitts had questions about procedures for sanitizing the ambulances after hours or at night. The procedure is after every call the ambulance is cleaned regardless of the circumstances. The chief will discuss with Captain Lightcap tomorrow. A DE-Con log book will be provided for each ambulance by the district.

SCWA- Chief Valcich wanted to know about the hydrant proposals for Laurel Dr, how did we make out? He also informed us he got help from Robert Gosman and Charlie Grimes who are fully knowledgeable of water main requirements. Ms. Lucas informed the board that SCWA received the request but they might have to cut in at a later date because we missed the deadline. She is going to see if there is anything that can be done.

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

Adjourned 19:50 hours