

Montauk Fire District

July 22, 2020

Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Richard Schoen
James Wright- late
William Pitts

Also Present: Chief Mitchel Valcich, 1st Asst. Scott Snow, and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Dryer called the Workshop meeting to order at 18:30 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular Commissioner meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition from EMP for medical supplies totaling \$808.04 Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition from Amazon for a new time clock and time cards totaling \$250.00, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Time off Request:

- Ms. Lucas presented a time off request from Brent Becker for July 24 & July 25, 2020. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Audit of Bills: Invoices were presented for payment, totaling \$65,714.82, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Dispatch Contract- Springs agreed-

- A discussion arose about agreeing to the terms of the contract. Chairman Dryer thought the 12% increase was a big jump from last amount we paid. Chairman Dryer motioned to except contract the way it is, seconded by Commissioner Pitts. Ms. Lucas will inform the Village we agree to accept the contract.

Fire Protection Contract- Letter to Van Scoyoc-

- A letter was sent to VanScoyoc outlining the increased costs for the Fire Protection District.

FEMA Award Letter-

- This FEMA grant was the highest priority grant and The Board of Fire Commissioner's would like to thank Donna Hitscherich for all the work she put into securing this grant for respiratory need. Chairman Dryer explained she had to provide a story in why there was a need for these and she did.
- Moving forward any applications for grant money should be approved by the Board of Fire Commissioner's. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned passed/carried.
- Chief Valcich has seen these grants and usually they are time sensitive.
- There is also a grant that was submitted for 2 new stretchers that the District is aware of and a determination should be known by September.

Apparatus Report; Commissioner Pitts discussed the following;

- 9-3-30- music radio was replaced.
- 9-3-31- new battery was suppose to be replaced, will follow up on that.
- 9-3-32- will check about AC issues.
- 9-3-14- waterway line and hydraulics are being dealt with.
- All radios were installed in the trucks, only thing that is missing is 2 or 3 portable chargers for the rigs. The chargers are on order and once received will be installed.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Valcich spoke with Big Bucks committee about party being canceled and they are putting a plan together to see what will work best for viewing the actual drawing.
- DE-Contamination of ambulances was concerning so the Chief spoke with Captain Lightcap about what should be done. District provided books for them to write everything down.
- Chief stated Ms. Lucas did a great job with SCWA and getting the hydrants installed on Laurel Drive exactly where we wanted them, one on top of Davis and one at house #114 on the east corner of that property. So both hydrants on the north side of the street. He also wanted to thank Robert Gosman with the actual placement of the hydrants, he is very knowledgeable of what is needed.
- The Housing Authority applications were given out.
- Chief received a letter from Homeland Security stating we are allowed to have a meetings with 50 people or less, socially distanced with masks. We are going to have a Big Bucks Department meeting for anything that needs to be done. For future department meetings was thinking of 2 meetings broken down by companies on 2 separate nights.
- Chief informed us they lost an anchor with that water rescue the other day so they got a new one from the Montauk Marine Basin.
- Needed a new face piece for Peter Joyce Jr and spoke with Commissioner Pitts about and ordered one with Firematic.
- Company 2 has a Typhoon fan that is gas powered but would like to get a new one and came up with three quotes, they would like to go with a battery operated one. This fan would be compatible with existing fan, greater ease of use and transport and battery operated so no fumes. Received 3 quotes, Firematic \$5383, Coastal \$5400, Air One \$5585. Chief would prefer Coastal. We need to check line item in budget before we can make that determination.

- Since radios were installed on the trucks, Chief has a purchase requisition for 10 spare microphones for the portable radios from Integrated Wireless for a total cost of \$3,975. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief has another purchase requisition for 15 additional pagers with chargers and spare batteries from Integrated Wireless for a total of \$6,077.25. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Schoen wanted to make us aware of the use of the Blue lights, it's a State Law and the law requires written authorization signed by the Chief of the Fire Department in which the volunteer is a member. Written authorization is usually in any form but is generally given through use of a blue light card which contains a space for the firefighters name and a signature line for the Chief. Chairman Dryer stated our ID cards should already have the blue light authorization on it.

Member Charlie Morici wanted to compliment the District on doing a good job and helping the department get their equipment and helping the Chiefs. We have never seen this before and are going through some tough times and everyone seems to be working together.

Commissioner Schoen stated we could hold Commissioner meeting inside if we need to based on the Homeland Security information.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:15 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:15 hours