

Montauk Fire District
August 26, 2020
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Richard Schoen
Michael Mirras
James Wright
William Pitts

Also Present: Chief Mitchel Valcich, 1st Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2nd Asst. Chief Ken Glogg 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 August 11, 2020 Regular Commissioner meeting with said addition, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

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Workshop Topics:

Fire Protection Contract- Ms. Lucas discussed the tentative approval from the Town, final acceptance should be first week of September.

•**Resolution about going to scene- Commissioner** Schoen discussed rescinding this resolution. It was originally put into place when COVID first hit but now it seems members are going directly to scene. Chief stated he would like to keep it the way it is right now because it seems to be working just fine. He also wants to check with the Captain to make sure that is the case. Ms. Lucas to put on agenda for next meeting

•**LOSAP Resolution-** Discussed amendment to the LOSAP point System. After roll call of all Commissioners and the Chairman all agreed to this change, motioned/passed/carried. This will subsequently be added to the agenda for all Regular Commissioner meetings to discuss changes, if any from the Governor.

• **AUDIT REPORT-** As per Commissioner Mirras will address at next meeting, need to go over before we can comment. Commissioner Schoen also addressed the fact that he thinks it can only be addressed at a Regular meeting not a Workshop meeting.

Purchase Requisitions:

• A purchase requisition from Staples for office supplies for the emergency preparedness team totaling \$58.32. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

• A purchase requisition from P.C. Richard & Son for a new dryer for linens totaling \$899.97 plus 5yr. Warranty of \$139.90. Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Garage Door Bids- As per Commissioner Wright we received two bids, Fidele Construction-\$231,000.00 and SJ Hoernig Construction Inc.- \$ 275,000.00. We usually take the lowest bidder if we move forward on this project. Commissioner Mirras had some questions about hurricane proof, tint, etc. Commissioner Wright stated it's what John Tanzi our architect specs out for us. The standard for firehouses is included, but these are also included, front building work, cleaning and painting the steel lintels, jams and sills, grind, cut out and replace where rust is and ceiling work as needed, and 3M shade film on the exterior of the glass. Commissioner Wright will find out how long the bids are good for. If we want to upgrade, he will have to let Tanzi know. Will discuss at next meeting.

Apparatuses- As per Commissioner Pitts the following updates on apparatuses;

• **9-3-14-** back in service, had some hydraulic line issues

• **9-3-32-** AC leak over back tire, capped off for now. Commissioner Pitts was questioning when it's on the schedule to be replaced. Commissioner Mirras will look into and let us know.

• District Van is delayed until December because of COVID19.

• Received the grant for the 2 power load stretchers, received price quote from Stryker and need to accept and order before September 1st. Commissioner Wright asked about our percentage of payment. Ms. Lucas stated our responsibility is 5%. Commissioner Pitts motioned to accept bid of the power load stretchers, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas will order tomorrow with the purchase order needed.

BUDGET- The board discussed the budget line item by line item again. Still need to finalize numbers before we accept. Will discuss again at next meeting.

Chief's Report

• Chief notified all the captain's on who is still outstanding with their physicals.

• Chief got in touch with Ed Michael's and gave him an updated list of Captains and firefighters for our fire boat. Dave Marmeno is a liaison between both the Marine patrol and us. Chief would like to take boat out once a week and maybe get some sort of plan together to do a squad system.

• RAM for Company 2 is not due to come in till mid September from Firematic.

• Chief wanted to know about company 2's fan. Ms. Lucas stated it was ordered already.

• Chief wanted to know about the refresher courses, what are we doing about them? Whoever still needs them will have to take online somehow. If less than 50 members still need we can arrange to have the class done at the firehouse. Ms. Lucas will find out who still needs to take them.

• New hurricane preparedness committee consists of 4 new members, Vinny Franzone, Mike Mirras, Sean Tyrell and Donnie Schnell. Vinny will be in charge. We also received an updated list of community members that would need assistance in the event of a storm from Edna Stack and Renee Akkala.

- Chief stated in regards to the good standing points for the department, he is going to give everyone their points for this year.
- Because of garage door situation, some trucks got shuffled around. The ambulances take the front building, 9-3-3 and 9-3-7 are in back garage and 9-3-5 is at substation.
- As per Chief Glogg, Dutch Riege is out on medical, can only report to meetings.
- Chief wanted to know about pagers and batteries. Ms. Lucas spoke with Integrated Wireless, they are programming them and then they will deliver to us.
- Commissioner Schoen verified with the Chief that for all beach related EMS calls he would like 9-3-12 to roll to the scene. Chief confirmed. Commissioner Schoen asked if it could be noted through dispatch.

Open to the Floor:

9-3-16- Accident where building was hit. Commission Schoen opened a claim and explained he wasn't sure what we were doing yet but wanted it documented. Supposedly we are receiving a check for the damages in the amount of \$ 3,142.92 minus our \$500 deductible, so \$2,642.92 . He wanted to know who authorized all this. Commissioner Pitts will clarify with Brent tomorrow.

Van- Bid Opening first meeting in September.

Commissioner Schoen wants Ms. Lucas to contact the NYS Compensation Board to change the mailing address they have on file, keep getting mail to son's address.

Commissioner Schoen just wanted to inform us he found out the cost for a stenographer for the translation of the recorded minutes is \$5.50 per page which is estimated for every 1 minute of conversation is one page of typing.

Benevolent Meeting scheduled for October 28th will no longer be able to be held at firehouse due to COVID19. Commissioner Mirras and Herb Herbert were considering canceling meeting and just have a directors meeting. Any new members that would like to join will just need to get their paperwork in advance.

Senior Dinner- Need to figure out what the Department is going to do, they can always deliver meals. Too. They just need to let the Lion's club know, talk to the Chairman, Carmine Marino about this.

Commissioner Schoen also discussed the 10 new MSA cylinders we decided to order with Firematic instead of a re-filling station. The Chief found out these cylinders do not fit our packs. They need an adapter to actually work correctly. Firematic is sending out the adapter kit. Chief Valcich is uncomfortable dealing with Firematic. Commissioner Schoen asked for a quote from Mark Tullo of Firematic for new MSA packs comparable to what we have now, quote came in at about \$300,000. Then he asked Coastal Fire Systems for an estimate for 50 new Scott Packs and bottles, approximate cost \$563,000, that does not include trade-in cost. The Chief brought up a good question, if we were to switch to Scott Packs will the brackets we have fit these packs or will we have to install all new hardware. Commissioner Schoen would like to contact MSA directly to explain our frustration with Firematic and see if we can deal direct with them or we will buy Scott Packs. All board members agreed. This is all for budget stuff/

Chairman Dryer wanted to give a complement to Chief Glogg for that head on collision the other day, he was the Chief on scene and had everything under control. He did a great job and wanted to thank him for that.

Happy birthday to Chief Valcich!!

Chairman Dryer motioned to go into Executive Session @ 20:17 to discuss Salaries for the Budget, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Dryer motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 20:30, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to adjourn meeting @ 20:37 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:37hours