

**Montauk Fire District
December 23, 2020
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Richard Schoen
William Pitts
James Wright

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 Schoen motioned to approve minutes of the November 25, 2020 Workshop meeting with said corrections previously stated, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wright motioned to approve minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Commissioner meeting with minor adjustments seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Time off Requests: Ms. Lucas requested to use a vacation day on 12/24/20, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Brent Becker requested to use a vacation day, 12/26/20. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$598.48, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Audit of Bills: Invoices were presented for payment, totaling \$11,727.01, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Chief's Vehicle and New Van Status-

- As per Commissioner Pitts waiting on trade-in value of the 2 chiefs vehicles and pick up before we proceed.

- The New District Van- waiting to find out where it is, GM is having difficulty locating it.
- 9-3-1 and 9-3-4- need hose secured better as per Insurance Company. Commissioner Pitts would like to look into copying what 9-3-3 has, a canvas that is secured by snaps.
- 9-3-31 & 9-3-32- will be going to Buzz Chew after the holidays. 9-3-31 needs the left rear tire bead fixed and 9-3-32- has a break indicator light that keeps coming on.
- 9-3-14- Camera issue will be taken care of January 4th as per Chief Valcich.
- 9-3-18- VCI will replace the radio after the holidays and then we will need to get the left front fender repaired with Suburban.
- 9-3-4- wanted a headset which was squashed last meeting but there is a speaker that has a volume control button that can be adjusted. Brent is looking into that.
- 9-3-7- Radio in front should be hooked up permanently so if someone was to turn engine off, the radio would work for communications. Chief said why not wire to the dead-man.

Lawn maintenance bid for paper

- Ms. Lucas will be putting notice to bid in paper for lawn maintenance. Bids will be accepted till 4pm February 9, 2021 and then read aloud at that night's Commissioner meeting.

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COVID Vaccine Information-

- Captain Bob Mautschke discussed the procedures for getting the COVID 19 vaccine.
- First and foremost this is being run by the state, there are 3 phases where you can get vaccinated; Phase 1A- healthcare personnel, first responders in medical roles as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers, ambulance drivers who are directly involved in patient care. Phase 1B- Fire Service, Police, teachers, other essential workers. Phase 1C- All others
- There are 2 different vaccines out there and you have no choice on which one you are getting. Just remember you have to go back either 21 or 28 days later for the 2nd shot and can only get the one you took before. If you miss your second shot, you have to start all over again.
- Southampton Hospital is our designated site.
- 40% of the population needs to be vaccinated in order to kill off this virus, if not it could go on till December of 2022.
- Doctors are trying to convince people its a safe vaccine, you can't get sick if you get the shot. This vaccine does not have any parts of COVID in it.
- New information coming in hour by hour.
- Bob has been categorizing EMT's and drivers by age and risk on who will get the shots first. They are suggesting to stagger your responders for the shots.
- There are very few side effects from this shot.
- A list of people will be put together sent to the state and then they tell us when to go get vaccinated all through e-mail.
- There needs to be a POC-Point of Contact who is in charge. Captain Mautschke elected to take that role. So when the State (Counter Data Management Systems) tells Captain Mautschke to start sending people he will.
- Some more information, Doctors want to make sure the EMT's where their PPE, protective gear, gloves, etc. appropriately. These things are really working even if you think there not.
- The state feels they can vaccinate Phase 1A within 2weeks. Captain Mautschke will be sending over the members that he feels should be first based on criteria.
- They are not concerned about running out, they are manufacturing this vaccine around the clock.

Chief's Report

- The district received information about water main extensions, Captain Robert Gosman and Chief Valcich checked into and suggested installing hydrants to certain areas which Ms. Lucas forwarded to SCWA.
- Santa Claus went over very well.
- RAM that was being repaired was received yesterday from Firematic. Hose test on 9-3-2 is still left to be done.
- Fire training for January and February will be in Wainscott.
- No formal swearing in ceremony, everyone will be sworn in on Monday January 4, 2021 at the officers meeting.
- NYS Health Commerce System is where all the EMT cards are printed and updated. The state needs to have a district employee and volunteer as contact individuals, Chief stated Ms. Lucas would be great for this and Donna Hitscherich volunteered.
- Donna was recruited by Suffolk County EMS, she was appointed by Joel Vetter, Commissioner of FRES to be on the Suffolk County Recruitment Committee.
- Alan Burke put up the throw rings.
- Chief received a letter from the county, some West end departments are no longer using Low Band radios and he will try to see what they have available that we might be able to get.
- PPE Report- sufficient N95 masks and face shields available. Everyone is OSHA compliant and has been fit tested with 3M half face reusable respirators except for 4 members of company 4.
- Company 4 is requesting 3 more disinfecting sprayers for the ambulances. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approved, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief thanked the Quartermaster for the hats and 50 yr pin for Bobby Prado. Commissioner Schoen also noted Ms. Lucas is putting together a member list with join dates to the department.
- Fire Police is requesting duffle bags for their gear- 22 bags, totaling \$855.80. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief gave a list of eligible officers to the district.
- Department of Transportation looks like they will be paving from Edgemere to the Lighthouse, they are only in the design phase of this project.

Open to the Floor:

- Commissioner Schoen noted when purchase requests are noted they are actually for the vendor not from the vendor, just a minor correction.
- Commissioner Wright informed everyone of the Tanzi's Architectural cost for back garage work is about \$24,000.00. This was tabled until next meeting so everyone could review information that was given.
- Commissioner Schoen mentioned the fact that the board was supposed to open the van bids tonight and we mistakenly opened them at last meeting. Commissioner Schoen motioned that all opened bids be declared invalid due to a clerical error and new bids will be opened in January, Chairman Dryer seconded; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief asked Captain Mautschke how he wants room downstairs (EMT Room) set up. He wants it secured and lockers for all. Commissioner Wright stated Brent will get with Alan and discard anything that is not needed. He is investigating how to secure it, right now the key fob system is at its max. Regarding the bathroom, need to investigate more because of fire codes and stuff. Chairman Dryer

asked if the department is OK with loosing this room as a training room, Chief's response no problem at all.

- Commissioner Wright asked about fit tests are they still required. The answer is yes and needs to be done with all proper cleaning procedures in place.
- Commissioner Schoen would like to take this time, we owe a gratitude of thanks to Mr. Mirras for his 7 years of service sitting on this board. Everyone clapped.

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

Adjourned 19:15 hours