

**Montauk Fire District**  
**February 24, 2021**  
**Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Dryer  
James Wright  
Richard Schoen  
William Pitts  
John Mark

**Also Present:** Chief Mitchel Valcich, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Mark motioned to approve minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Commissioner meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Purchase Requisitions:**

- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$889.25, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Boundtree totaling \$669.88, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$701.29, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from Boundtree totaling \$848.97, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$649.99, Commissioner Mark motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$449.90, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for medical supplies from EMP totaling \$649.99, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:**

**Treasurers Report:** Commissioner Mark looked over report with Ex-Commissioner Mirras, signed off on all bank reconciliations and will have December's report next meeting. Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept Treasurer's Report for November, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$26,360.79 (see attached journal), Commissioner Wright motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

**Workshop Topics:**

**Equal Employment Opportunity Policy-** Policy was presented and upon roll call, all unanimously agreed, so it was thereupon duly adopted.

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**FEMA-Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program- COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S)-** Ms. Lucas discussed the grant, this was her first one and explained she had to present a story so they could see the need for the assistance. Well Monday she received an award letter and was able to secure \$25,572.38 and the district's responsibility will be \$1,278.621, total award is \$26,851.00. All Commissioner's congratulated her.

**Chief's Report**

- Training for March will hopefully be in Wainscott, waiting to hear.
- Chief discussed maybe opening the firehouse back up to meetings and drills when most members have had their second vaccination shot. He feels starting in April. The District was OK with that.
- Chief stated the only thing he wanted to do was have the June Fire School all together but separated by companies. Half upstairs, half downstairs, just the instructors would move.
- Commissioner Schoen addressed the issue of points, good standing points not LOSAP. According to Chief Valcich for the membership to be in good standing it's up to the Chief and in 2020 we concluded that the members would do what they could and be in good standing. He would like to keep that same policy in affect for 2021. The hope is for some participation and move forward to opening only for department meetings and drills.
- Chief wanted to know where we are with the gear for company 4. Ms. Lucas contacted Mark Tullo from Firematic and gave him all the pertinent information and had him contact Alan Burke directly about sizing.
- Chief was following up on the lights in the Ambulance Bay, any news on that. Commissioner Pitts will discuss in his report.
- Any status on Key FOBS for EMS/Training room?
- PSEG/National Grid Battery Storage Facility- Commissioner Schoen was able to speak with the Fire Marshall from East Hampton and we are NOT to enter the building. We should be getting a letter stipulating this. If we were to respond it would be for the surrounding area, to prevent any fire from spreading. It's too dangerous. If anything could we call HAZMAT? According to Commissioner Schoen, NO, it is not a HAZMAT situation, it's more of a dangerous situation. The HAZMAT team in East Hampton is well aware what is going on in that building, it's full of a lot of power. All three Chief's concerns are, what if there is a full on fire and stuff is pushed out through the ventilation system, there is no evacuation plan in place. As per the Fire Marshall there is nothing of toxic nature in that building. Commissioner Schoen stated for now let's wait for everything to be put in writing on what we are suppose to or not suppose to do and we can get further information for the future if we need to. Maybe another meeting would be the best way to get the answers we so desire.

Commissioner Schoen said that is already in the works. The Chief's will create a list of questions that they want answered and Commissioner Schoen will address with the company.

- A request for another PAPR was addressed at a previous meeting, was it ordered. Yes it was.
- Turnout gear for 3 HEAVY RESCUE members, what is going on with that, Ms. Lucas spoke with Mark Tullo from Firematic and ordered.
- Chief addressed hose covers for 9-3-1 and 9-3-4. Commissioner Pitts stated he is working on them.
- 9-3-1- check engine light, was it addressed. Commissioner Pitts will discuss in his report.
- Chief asked about the garage door issue. It should be addressed tomorrow as per Chairman Dryer.
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**Open to the Floor:**

Commissioner Pitt gave his report on the following;

- 9-3-31 and 9-3-32 have been taken care of.
- 9-3-1- John Fully Involved is still waiting on parts for the cab.
- 9-3-18- is at body shop should be back for the weekend. Inverter went out over weekend and will have VCI check it out.
- 9-3-17 had same issue with inverter. After discussing with Brent they feel it's the overhead electric line. Brent discussed with Commissioner Wright and said to get an electrician. Brent has been trying to deal with Mark Matthews but no response. Commissioner Pitts was able to get Jon Forsberg to take a look at with his meters. The conclusion was too much draw from that line. The ice machine will be taken off that panel and ran separately.
- 9-3-5- problem with dead batteries. Overhead line was replaced and a new battery was ordered.
- John form Fully Involved is continuing with PM services and will double check 9-3-5 to make sure nothing seriously wrong.
- Commissioner Pitts asked Commissioner Wright to request information from our architect on soil samples from back garage for antenna.
- Commissioner Pitts found out the pick up truck should be going on the assembly line first week of March.
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Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:07 hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:07 hours**