

**Montauk Fire District**  
**March 15, 2021**  
**Emergency Meeting 17:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

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

**Also Present:** Chief Mitchell Valcich, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg, and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas and Rob Rosen

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Dryer called the Special meeting to order at 18:00 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion on another FIRST RESPONDER:**

**NEED FOR IT? BLS OR ALS? EQUIPMENT COST SECURED FROM EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE-**

- Commissioner Schoen discussed how the request for this 9-3-81X vehicle was lengthy and in his opinion consisted of unnecessary and useless information that served no purpose what so ever. Other grants, what other district may or may not have and self anticipated summer increase in calls or keeping paramedics busy have no bearing on the need for another 9-3-80. The request for another 9-3-80 should solely be based on NEED, not on cost or equipment available from other districts. It's the districts legal authority and right to determine what vehicle and equipment it will purchase and if approved how it will be financed.
- The request was made for an ALS vehicle. Currently there are 6 members that would be using this vehicle, four paramedics and two cc's. BLS providers in Commissioner Schoen's opinion would respond to the firehouse and board an ambulance. There is no reason BLS should be using this vehicle at all. Also responding to chief's investigations or traveling to classes is not a valid reason for implementing this vehicle.
- Chairman Dryer agreed that there should be a need but he also recognizes that we have an opportunity to start an experiment. We have an extra vehicle that is serviceable and most of the necessary equipment available at a low price. It's worth the experiment. We can answer so many questions from it, answers to whether its working or not working properly.
- Commissioner Mark addressed the fact that with the ability to have the 9-3-81X on scene the response times to calls would be tremendous. It also has the potential to save someone's life.

- Chairman Dryer just wanted to point out the what ifs and emotional feelings about this are valid but the board needs facts. If we do this, we will have the facts to support or not support 6 months to a year from now.
- Commissioner Pitts thoughts, \$10,000 worth of equipment that normally could cost \$70,000-\$80,000 is a no brainier to try out on a trial basis.
- Rob Rosen would recommend purchasing this equipment as a backup with out any discussion on a 9-3-81X car or not. The cost is being presented this way to make it easier for both parties. The Mayor, chief financial officer and legal of Inc. Village of East Hampton all have a copies of this email, they want to sell it to us like yesterday. Chairman Dryer stated regardless of what happens he thanked Rob Rosen for doing an amazing job on it and appreciates it tremendously. Rob also informed the board the equipment has been used and maintained up till 6 days ago.
- Commissioner Schoen stated it's a no brainier and motioned to buy the equipment for \$10,000, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Schoen has no problem with utilizing a vehicle on experiment as a 9-3-81X in addition to our current 9-3-80. He just has some questions pertaining to legal purposes and procedures on how it will be used.
- He wants to know; will anyone be able to drive this vehicle provided the drugs are locked up. Once drugs come off the car then whoever drives it back will have to put an out of service sign in window until they arrive back at firehouse. There are back up pouches in safe at the fire department and an ALS provider could put on their belt and take car as another ALS responder once it returns to firehouse.
- Commissioner Schoen asked if an ambulance can proceed to the scene legally with only a driver. Chief Glogg responded yes provided there is personal on scene that can confirm a crew. This is backed up by our attorney.
- Will a written record be kept of this vehicle for a basis on determining usage. As per Chief Glogg yes then committee and officers of company 4 will determine how it will be used, how it will be signed out and how the list will be put out. That will need to get approved as per Chairman Dryer. He also stated its imperative we have good evidence on use of this car.
- What if a call happens and 80 and 81 goes to the scene, who goes to the hospital? As per Chief Glogg he would hope they can determine that among themselves as they do now.
- The question was a valid one and will need to be resolved. Some questions that arise don't necessarily need to be answered tonight, but they will be answered and procedures will be formulated.
- Commissioner Pitts motioned to move forward with the 9-3-81 car, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Valcich presented a purchase request for Pediatric restraints totaling \$1,200 for all 3 ambulances which is mandated and important we get. Chairman Dryer motioned to buy, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Valcich also requested to get an instructor here to work with the ALS providers. Chairman Dryer said yes it's OK to do.

Chairman Dryer motioned to adjourn meeting @ 18:02 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 18:02 hours**