

**Montauk Fire District**  
**April 13, 2021**  
**Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 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

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Dryer called the 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 the minutes with said corrections from Commissioner Mark of the March 24, 2021 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Purchase Requisitions:**

- A purchase requisition for Stryker for 4 modems and data plan totaling \$5052.00, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Time Off Request:** Rex Martin requested time off for 04/15/2021. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Building Use Request:** Company 4 is requesting use of the meeting room Sunday April 18, 2021 for a CME class for the ALS providers. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$31,968.02. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$31, 968.02, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Apparatus and Equipment:**

- The PM's (preventative maintenance) are still progressing from John at Fully Involved.
- 9-3-4- front discharge valve was leaking and the pump was sucking air. John from Fully Involved was called to see if he could come out and check.

- Chief's vehicle will be brought over to Sagamore Lights after it is paid for to complete the graphics, LED lights, radios and reflective marks.
- Regarding the fly car, its up in Albany and arrangements are being made to transport to Sagamore Lights. Will need to be accepted by the District before Sagamore works on it. Rear box dimensions are being worked on for this vehicle as well, should have information from Chief Glogg by end of week. Graphics, lights, reflective marks, etc. will cost about \$20,000, radios about \$9,500.00. It should all come to \$75,000.00. Depending on cost of light bar and box, we might have to pay a little bit for it. Commissioner Schoen thought it might be a good idea to add donated by with the families name on the back on the fly car. All Commissioners agreed and noted we should ask them first. Also a thank you letter from the District should be sent out too. Chief Valcich will ask them.
- Regarding antenna tower out back, received information on company that will come out and test, forwarded to Brent and he will look into and see what the exact cost will be to come and test the soil. Commissioner Wright also mentioned our architect's company can not get up there to test.

***Buildings & Grounds:***

- Commissioner Wright discussed the garage doors, 2 are in, not functioning yet, but they are trying to at least get it manually going, if not, Brent will stay. As you can see project is in full swing.
- According to the foreman, the 2 doors that are in, should be up and running with the chains tomorrow. The electrician will come out once all doors are installed.
- HOUSE REPORT- looks good

***Capital Reserve:***

- Commissioner Mark read two capital reserve balances.

***Communications:***

- Report previously given about antenna.

***Fire Advisory:***

- No report at this time.

***Insurance & Law:***

- Commissioner Schoen received an accident report on 9-3-14. Apparatus was used on a drill and the rear step bent. A repair/replace estimate will be needed for insurance claim.
- A Commissioner requested a copy of our by-laws, we do not have by-laws, we are governed by the stated of New York laws as well as our own self-imposed resolutions.
- Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept the revised LOSAP Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Chief Snow asked if it was regarding going back to the normal point system before COVID. As per Commissioner Schoen yes it is, since we are resuming activities, having meetings and drills, we had to revise the resolution accordingly.

- Commissioner Schoen motioned to have a resolution written that consists of the following;

This resolution would prohibit any member of the Montauk Fire Department from soliciting, procuring, permitting or ordering any piece of equipment without the expressed prior approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Chairman Dryer seconded; motioned/passed/carried.

***Personal:***

- No report at this time.

***Safety:***

- No report at this time.

### **Training:**

- Chief stated since we are resuming activities, Department meetings, drills and fire schools will be broken down into 2 nights. Companies 1,2,3 and then 4,5,6.
- Fire School topic is brush fires and Thursday will be companies 1,2,3, Friday will be 4,5,6.
- Department Drill will be at the Wainscott facility for propane gas fires.
- Yaphank drill with Amagansett on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

- ***New Chief's Vehicle***- previously discussed.
- ***District Truck***- Commissioner Mark inquired about it and as per Commissioner Pitts, it was supposed to get assembled April 5<sup>th</sup>, no word on status yet. Commissioner Mark also questioned the fact that Company 5 requested a crew cab truck prior, what is going on with that. Commissioner Wright addressed this, originally company 5 wanted to give their truck to the district, but the district needs the bigger bed for all of what they do. At the time it didn't make sense to get a new one, they hardly use that truck to begin with.
- ***Donated First Responder***- previously discussed.
- ***Garage Doors***- previously discussed.
- ***Pagers***- Ms. Lucas informed everyone the pagers were ordered but there is a delay from Motorola and might not get here till May. Chief Valcich then requested 15 spare batteries, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

### **New Business:**

- None at this time

### **Chiefs Report:**

- Chief Valcich is setting up a meeting with Firematic, which will include their normal salesman and a MSA representative to talk about new SCBA packs. He explained if we are to replace with them, we just need to replace with like kind, no bells or whistles. Also will need to discuss if our bottles are compatible. He would like to have them inventory what we have and ask them about a trade-in allowance.
- Chief is requesting a check for \$50.00 for a Heavy Rescue class that Heather Mathews and Michael Groen took. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief is also requesting payment for Ray Smith the CME instructor that will be giving the ALS class this weekend that was previously discussed at a prior meeting, the cost is \$1,200.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Company 4 is requesting another hurricane locker, they have 2, would like to have a total of 3. Commissioner Wright suggested to table this until we have more information. Chief will get more answers and report back.
- Company 4 is requesting brighter lights in the ambulance bay. Commissioner Wright will discuss with Brent.
- Chief would like the board to consider having a reception here in September or October for the Beckwith family in honor of Gene Beckwith if and when the restrictions are lifted by then.

- Chief wanted to address an e-mail he received from company 4 regarding the narcotics protocol and employees of the district. They would like to know the immediate action that was taken in regards to this matter. Commissioner Wright explained this is a district matter, we dealt with it, notified everybody and spoke with our employees. As far as the Commissioners and District are concerned its a dead issue.
- Also Chief read a letter of resignation from Philip Marino, thanking Montauk for the service. Chairman Dryer motioned to accept letter of resignation, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Pitts motioned to adjourn @ 19:00 hours, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:00 hours**