

*Montauk Fire District
June 8, 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, 1st Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2nd 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 and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes of the May 27th, 2021 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; Commissioner Schoen abstained; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$719.99, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$285.40 Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mark reviewed March, April and May's Treasurer reports. He looked over a sample of checks, they were written properly, he signed off. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve all three treasure's reports, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$142,639.41 Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$142,639.41, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; two Commissioners present were not able to look at bills, the other 3 were; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Pitts asked about hose bed covers for apparatus's, what is the status? Chief stated the company's do not want it. Commissioner Schoen asked if it is a requirement or recommendation. Ms. Lucas thought it was a suggestion. Chief stated the members just need

to be more aware of how the hoses get packed back on top of trucks. Commissioner Pitts said we can pass on it for now unless someone comes in and tells us otherwise.

- Ms. Lucas was asked about the soil sample testing. Did we hear anything on the results since the invoice was paid. She did not hear or see anything yet, once she receives will give to Brent right away.
- 9-3-17- needed new battery, John from Fully installed new one. It also needed 2 new front end tires and alignment. While getting aligned noticed ball joints were bad and they were replaced.
- 9-3-16- had some tire issues, front pad issues and alignment. John from Fully Involved took it back to shop and repaired all the issues. Commissioner Mark inquired about a possible transmission issue, Commissioner Pitts will look into.
- 9-3-80- NYS inspection completed.
- Trailers that were requested to be inspected were completed.
- Commissioner Pitts would like to turn back over the Fire Advisory and Communications Committee's to Commissioner Mark. He would like to concentrate on the Apparatus's and equipment, there are a lot of new vehicles coming in. Commissioner Mark stated he will do his best, but since he is EMS side doesn't feel comfortable. Chairman Dryer asked him to double check with Ex-Commissioner Mirras about the responsibilities of said committees.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright at last meeting motioned to replace the two dead trees on the property which was approved. Now he has a proposal to remove the two dead trees from our landscaper, Hoyt for \$1,450 which Brent feels is a good price and would like to move forward on this. Commissioner Mark doesn't feel comfortable voting on it when he has no idea about it. Chairman Dryer requested more information.
- HOUSE REPORT- looks good.

Capital Reserve:

- Commissioner Mark read two capital reserve balances.

Communications:

- Waiting on soil sample results and then John will look into with Eddy Schnell or someone to replace the antenna.

Fire Advisory:

- No report at this time because of no meeting.

Insurance & Law:

- Received an award from PERMA for 2020, no workers compensation claims.
- Also received an invitation to the Suffolk County Fire District Officers Association for August 15, 2021 but it will cost \$250.00.
- Claim for 9-3-14 was put in for damages, but no report on how it happened or damage estimate, so claim was suspended.

Personal:

- No report at this time.

Safety:

- No report at this time.

Training:

- Refresher classes for department will be held on June 18, 2021. There will also be another one in December. Department voted on having the annual picnic on the department drill night which is 6/28/21 and it will be catered.

- Commissioner Schoen wanted to point out the physical list doesn't seem to be getting any shorter. He knows the Chief has been pushing and doing his do diligence about getting the physicals done. Chief Valcich stated Ms. Lucas is even nice enough to break it down by company for the officers. At this point maybe just reiterate the urgency of getting it done sooner than later. Chief Snow stated send out the letters, maybe it will wake the members up.

Old Business:

- ***New Chief's Vehicle-*** Radios, light bar and siren are installed, just waiting on front bumper, box for back and graphics.
- ***Donated First Responder-*** is waiting on box for back and a front bumper. The Chief was informed that the safe we have does not fit. A new safe would cost about \$200. Also the box in the back is going to take weeks to build. A suggestion was to ask Randy Hoffman to make a temporary one out of wood for the time being so we can get this vehicle in service. This was rejected. Chairman Dryer discussed the disconnect involving this vehicle, a complete status of the fly car is given at each meeting. Recently the Chairman received a call from one of the donors, they are extremely concerned that they have heard nothing about the fly car. He explained that the district has been giving reports to the department on the status but the information was not extended to the donors. So the Chairman explained to the donor that we would notify them on the status of the vehicle and the district will be the contact for all future notifications of status. The district should have been notified that there was interest in finding a donor for a new vehicle, then we would have had the opportunity to decide if it is required. Commissioner Wright brought up another issue about the remaining balance due? Chairman Dryer explained the donors wanted a list of the cost breakdown, car purchased, money given, list of all the extras needed to finish the vehicle. That was given to them and when the remaining balance is needed they will cut a check. During the discussion concerning fly car, Tom Barbieri made a statement to the board which was rude and disruptive. Also for the record the Chief had been in regular contact with the donors. He was never asked for a progress report.
- ***New District PU Truck-*** as per Commissioner Pitts it's just getting side steps put on. Then being sent to Sagamore Lights for radios, lights and siren to be installed, then graphics. We then can pick it up. The old PU truck has been stripped and ready for sale. Ms. Lucas to put in paper, AS IS, WHERE IS, NO GUARANTEES OR WARRANTIES and BID MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED BANK CHECK.
- ***Battery Storage Facility- Commissioner*** Schoen received some negative feedback regarding a drill that was scheduled for June 3rd. The day before it was canceled and it annoyed Next Era. They made all these reservations and were out a substantial amount of money. Chief explained it was canceled due to lack of participation. It was not the intention of the Chief to cause any ill will. He rescheduled for after Big Bucks.

New Business:

- Operational guidelines for New First Responder 9-3-10- Everyone should have a copy, but there was one item that still needs some clarification, what a shift consists of. The suggestion was to make it different from a squad night so there is always coverage. Chief will find out more information.
- Commissioner Mark motioned to designate the new fly car 9-3-81, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; Commissioner Pitts, Wright and Chairman Dryer opposed; so vehicle will be called 9-3-10.

- Commissioner Wright motioned to accept Operational Guidelines for new fly car with the clarification of what a shift consists of, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- **Fire House Re-Opening-** Chairman Dryer stated according to state mandates sees no reason why we shouldn't open the fire house, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. The firehouse is not open to big meetings, but will re visit when and if asked. Small gathering like the Lighthouse Committee and maybe Lion's Club is fine. We can also resume meeting in the Commissioner's Room. Chief asked about East Hampton Town Chief's Association, it's our turn to host. Chairman Dryer stated no reason why you couldn't.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief found out information about the 3 hurricane lockers, Alan Burke condensed them to one locker and discarded all the items with expiration dates. Not sure if the additional locker was ordered for company 4, Chairman Dryer believes it was.
- Company 4 asked again about the lighting in the ambulance bay. The lights in the back got new LED lights. Still waiting to hear from PSEG regarding solar panels.
- Company 4 would like to see about the District changing the ceiling tiles in the training room, possible humidity issue. Commissioner Wright will look into.
- Chief asked if we got word on flow testing from SCWA, Ms Lucas will follow up with them.
- Chief will also get back to Ms. Lucas about hydrant placement on Coolidge.
- Chief asked about e-mailing of points to officers. Ms Lucas is still working on it, just waiting on some e-mail addresses.
- Chief thanked the district for the pagers, blue lights and batteries.
- Chief also mentioned that there is extra money left from the stretcher grant that can only be used for high priority items that Captain Mautschke presented to the district. Commissioner Wright motioned we approve these items, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief is looking to purchase turnout gear for members that need it. The district needs a purchase request for bunker gear, how many and cost. If over \$20,000 then there is a requirement we go out and get bids and then we have to put a permissive referendum out so we can pay for them. Commissioner Schoen stated if we need bunker gear, we have to buy bunker gear.
- Company 4 is requesting payment for 12 training manuals, \$16 each for a total of \$192.00. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chairman Dryer wanted to clarify what constitutes an emergency purchase. If it is something that the department is in dire need of, can't live without, then the Chairman has to explained he has to call all the other Commissioners explaining the need for the emergency and get approval.
- Commissioner Schoen explained at last meeting with Chief Glogg the proper way to request equipment. A written request with source and price, backup documentation and a proposal or quote. The auditors request it.
- Firematic hydro tested a bottle and condemned it. Chief gave info to Ms. Lucas to take out of inventory.
- Commissioner Pitts asked about Big Bucks any discussion on what is happening. Chief asked if we could ask our attorney's opinion on what he thinks.
- What about the packs, any discussion on them? Chief said after labor day.

- Commissioner Pitts mentioned the stretcher for 9-3-16 is in training room if needed.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn @ 19:42 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:42 hours