

***Montauk Fire District***

***June 23, 2021***

***Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours***

***MINUTES***

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

***Also Present:*** Chief Mitchel Valcich, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg, Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Lucas, Bob Sanchez, Charlie Morici, Alan Burke, Jessie James, Dick Monahan, Donna Hitscherich, Bob Mautschke and Pat Flynn.

***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 and a moment of silence.

Chairman Dryer discussed possibly moving December's fire school to end of September or even in October. the Chief would like to leave it as it is. It seems to be working and there was a huge turnout for this last one.

***Secretary's Report:***

***Approval of Minutes:*** Commissioner Mark would like to change under the Treasurer's report, instead of all, it should read a sample of checks. Also he would like to add that the Chief had been in regular contact with the donors. He was never asked by the donors for a progress report. Commissioner Mark also suggested we might want to add exactly what was said by Tom Barbieri. Chairman Dryer stated rude and disruptive covers it. But he did want to mention that this is the second time this occurred with this person at a district meeting. Chairman Dryer motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

***Audit of Bills:*** Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$89,695.93, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

***Workshop Topics:***

As per Commissioner Pitts, all 4 modems are in and Friday Walter will install and program them.

**9-3-9-** Pump issues- John from Fully Involved said they are not putting in gear fast enough and its grinding the teeth. It can be rebuilt if you want or shut it off, put in gear then start truck. It's the only way as per Chief Valcich. Chairman Dryer asked what is the current procedure, it's to turn the engine

off, put in gear and then start the engine. This will need to be brought up at a department meeting so everyone is aware. Chief Valcich is requesting to have it rebuilt. Commissioner Pitts will get a quote from John at Fully Involved.

**9-3-17-** Two new tires were put on, an alignment was done and new ball joints completed.

**9-3-16-** Needed right front tire, ball joints were checked and they were good and it was aligned. It also had a leak in the fuel tank which was repaired by installing a new one.

**Fly Car- 9-3-10-** Commissioner Pitts stated the temperature control box is due in sometime this week. Once it arrives, it will take 1 day to install and then we should be able to pick up. Chief Glogg stated he was told by Dave at Sagamore the box isn't due to arrive in until July 6<sup>th</sup>. The delay is due to the manufacturer as per Dave at Sagamore Lights. Chairman Dryer stepped in and said the only person that should be dealing with Dave @ Sagamore is Commissioner Pitts who is in charge of apparatuses and equipment. Commissioner Pitts will get an answer from Dave tomorrow on status of vehicle. Commissioner Mark was asked to go over the equipment list from East Hampton to clarify what exactly will be going into the fly car.

**Lifepak 15 and extra battery-** fly car

**AED 1000-** fly car

**Stair chair-** No- will be used as a spare

**Medisafe/Cooler-** it's actually too big. Commissioner Pitts asked if the committee found one they wanted and if so was it ordered. Chief Glogg stated he will have the dimensions and model# by end of week so it can be ordered with a purchase requisition. Also the donors requested an itemized list for the vehicle which was given to Ms. Lucas earlier today. She will send information over to donors tomorrow.

**Vacuum splints-** fly car

**Suction Unit-** fly car

**Frac Pac-** fly car

**Reeves stretcher-** not sure yet, but a possibility

**Scoop Stretcher-** will not be on fly car

**Sager Splint-** fly car

**New Chief Vehicle-** Commissioner Pitts explained the radios are in, light bat is on, just need the push bar and graphics done and it will be complete.

**New Pick Up Truck-** is complete. Commissioner Pitts and Brent will pick up on Friday.

**Trees-** Yes replace the dead ones. Commissioner Mark asked the Chief if one was a memorial one because there are 4 other trees around it with plaques. Brent is already checking with Dick White to see about this. If it is then yes a plaque needs to be represented. Commissioner Wright motioned to remove the trees, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**PENFLEX - LOSAP-** Ed Holohan discussed the Service Award program and how its been funded the last 5 years. Our funding ratio has increased and we are looking good for the future. There is talk under this new law to increase the term vested from 40 years active service to 50 years active service, no additional buybacks will be granted. It has already passed the senate and the assembly and will now go the governor. If passed, then we would have to introduce a referendum changing the years of service from 40 to 50 and the same would be true if we decided to change the entitlement age. So our

plan is healthy and moving in the right direction. Retroactive checks start 7/1/21 for entitlement amount per month to change from \$20 to \$30.

### **Chief's Report**

- Chief was asking about flowing testing of the recently installed hydrants. Ms. Lucas stated her contact thought they do it on their end but I told her we have done it in the past, she is currently looking into. Captain Gosman and Chief Valcich will get back to Ms. Lucas on water main extension on Bryan road to see if a hydrant is needed.
- CPR class was taken by 2 members and now a check is needed in the amount of \$20 to East Hampton Town for their cards. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief asked where we were with the surplus money from the stretcher grant.. Ms. Lucas explained yes the district approved, but before we can do anything we needed the approval from FEMA for the amendment, which was approved today. Now just waiting on the proposals so we can order the items.
- Brian O'Connor and Mike Groen were measured for turn out gear.
- Was the hurricane locker ever ordered for company four. Ms. Lucas will look into with Brent.
- Lights in ambulance bay, were they ever resolved. Not yet, still waiting on PSEG.
- Issues with 9-3-31- check engine light , wheel bearing issue, Chief Snow wrote it in the book, Saturday night.
- Chief Glogg had a question about the minutes where a policy was adopted for the 81 car. He wanted to know how that came about. Chairman Dryer and Commissioner Pitts stated Alan Burke submitted ideas on what the policy should be and Commissioner Schoen adjusted accordingly. He feels the chain of command was taken right out of the loop. The discussion still arose and Commissioner Wright stated if you want to revise the policy bring your suggestions to the next meeting and if need be we can adjust at that time. There is no need to rescind, its not affecting anything, we don't even have the vehicle yet. It's not accomplishing anything by arguing all night long. We don't do things this way, we deal with facts, move on and make decisions and live with them. This constant bickering back and forth is not getting us anywhere or helping with moral.
- Chief Glogg also stated there were four phones that were approved and still have not seen then. All Commissioners agreed phones were never approved. Chairman Dryer stated bring a purchase requisition with quotes and the board will look into.
- Chief Glogg also requested a copy of the drug license policy. Ms. Lucas will provide.
- Chief Glogg also mentioned the push bar for the fly car isn't due to arrive until a couple of days. Commissioner Pitts stated it is due to arrive today and be put on right away.
- Chief Glogg spoke with Brian Sherwood from the NYS Health Department and he said if we wanted to get the vehicle in service we could put a net in the back and make it a BLS car, then when box is available switch to an ALS vehicle. If there is going to be any further delay with the box, we should get car here so it can help the community. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve getting the vehicle as long as we have something in writing from Brian Sherwood allowing us to do so, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:48 hrs, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:48 hours**