

Montauk Fire District
October 12, 2021
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: 1st Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2nd Asst. Kenneth Glogg, Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas, Bob Sanchez, Artie Lucas, Charlie Morici

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 with one minor correction of the September 22, 2021 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$690.61, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$960.36, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$818.52, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$878.79, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$487.75, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$783.58, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request:

- Cornell Cooperative Fisheries- is requesting use of the meeting room on October 18th, 2021 for computer training for reporting purposes of their fishing trips. Should be about 12- 20 people. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Time off Requests:

- Brent Becker is requesting to use 5 vacation days starting 12/14 thru 12/18/21. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts;, motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling, \$73, 676.63, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Dryer mentioned that Ms. Lucas and Brent research for the best price possible when ordering supplies that are needed and approved.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Pitts explained on the 20th of this month 9-3-17 will be going to Suburban Auto for some minor work to be done.
- 9-3-18- waiting on estimate for side damage from backing into bay. Commissioner Pitts would like to vote on having a spotter when backing into bay on the drivers blind side so we can avoid these minor accidents and clipping of mirrors. Chief Glogg mentioned that is how it has always been, maybe we need to reinforce this to the department.
- Commissioner Schoen thinks is could be carelessness and the don't give a damn attitude. He has pictures stating the obviousness of the situation. The spotter would alleviate this from continuing to happen. Chief Glogg made a point, the drivers of the ambulance should know when backing in the driver side should be on that yellow line and if so, you are in perfectly straight. Charmin Dryer noted this is a bigger issue, need to mention at meetings and explain to the EVOC instructors so they are aware too. Chief Glogg suggested refreshers at the next company 4 meeting this Thursday. Will ask if people are having problems and show them the pictures of the ambulances so everyone is aware of the situation. On another note, Commissioner Schoen suggests we may want to consider and thinks it was done in the past, any driver that is involved in an accident has to take an EVOC refresher class. We have seem to steer away from it, maybe we ought to bring that back. The Chief's were curious if the issue is with the same people. The board stated you will figure that out once you talk to company 4. Commissioner Pitts stated it seems like the members that are just completing EVOC training.
- 9-3-14- waiting on price for step. John from Fully Involved was away.
- 2nd Chief's car- Commissioner Pitts has left messages for Rocco and no response so he will try other dealers, VanBortel, Buzz Chew, etc.
- Ms. Lucas informed the board and the chief's that the lights for 9-3-14 were ordered and should have been delivered, Chief Snow confirmed they were delivered. She also mentioned the office tried to charge us shipping and tax, but explained the approved price was what was quoted to us by the owner, so they honored the price. Also the cutter, battery charger and batteries were ordered too and Ms. Lucas was told it might be here before end of year. It was also mentioned if we want the other tool to order it now and they will take a PO for next year and will honor same price. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright discussed the proposal for the thresholds for the garage doors, they were considering adding a piece of angle iron and bolting it on top, sand down all the bolts, weld it for \$30,000 and doesn't feel it's worth it. They are going back to the table to discuss other options. Discussion arose, is there another outfit that could give us an estimate? Someone

suggested Eddie Sullivan, he sold his business. What about Pete Grimes he has his own truck and workers. Commissioner Wright will reach out to him and see what can be done.

- A proposal was given to clean and paint cabinets in kitchen, what about replacing them. Any thoughts? Ms. Lucas mentioned that Eddie Eurell gave a quote to resurface and paint them since they are real wood cabinets. Commissioner Wright is going to work on getting quotes and see what can be done.
- Commissioner Wright asked about the soil sample. Ms. Lucas sent information to Eddie Schnell and was asked to invite him to next meeting and give a report.
- HOUSE REPORT- looks good. Chairman Dryer noted the automated flush valve is a big improvement. Brent bought them at the best price possible and installed it himself. It was brought to Commissioner Schoen's attention that there were about 7 sets of blue turnout gear ready to be disposed of after they were just washed, not sure why? The same day 4 new sets of turnout gear arrived. Chief's were asked to find out what is going on.

Capital Reserve:

- ***NO REPORT AT THIS TIME***

Communications:

- ***NO REPORT AT THIS TIME***

Fire Advisory:

- ***NO REPORT***, Commissioner Mark asked if they are still meeting. He will reach out to Ex-Commissioner Mirras to find if there is a schedule.

Insurance & Law:

- Commissioner Schoen mentioned the vehicle log is in 9-3-81 and its being used.
- 9-3-18 is waiting on estimate for damage.
- 9-3-14 claim is closed, its been 5 months and still waiting on estimate.
- While emptying garbage Brent found about 30 expired flares just siting in there. This is not how you get rid of them, an accident waiting to happen. Safety Officer should bring it up at next department meeting. Chief heard flares get dropped off here by boat captains. In the past they might have, but Brent and Rex refuse them now. The proper place to take them is the Coast Guard Station, they will dispose of them. As per Chief Snow, we really shouldn't take anything from anybody, it tends to get cluttered. Chairman Dryer stated we keep about 2 of everything.

Personal:

- Chief Snow mentioned physicals are being done. Word got out that you can go to Amagansett and many members have been utilizing that option. Also members are making appointments but some not till November, at least they are making the appointment. As per Commissioner Schoen if members can not get their physicals by end of October than they get suspended until they can. The board is going to reevaluate at next meeting.

Safety:

- Chairman Dryer noted he is safety officer and was curious if Commissioner Mark requested some documentation because we got mail from PERMA addressed to him as the safety officer. His response was no he didn't.

Training:

- Probies are training downstairs with Eddie Schnell and others.
- Department drill is at WaveCrest on Tuesday and a Yaphank drill on Monday. And then another drill in November at Yaphank.

Old Business:

- **9-3-81 Operational Policy and Procedures-** Ms. Lucas gave all Chiefs a copy and put an envelop with copies of the policy for the Captain to distribute to all company 4 members.
- Also Chairman Dryer discussed the Vehicle Use Policy and explained the the Board establishes reasonable limits for the amount of district purchased Gasoline and Diesel fuel products that may be used for each Chief in his or her vehicle in order to limit the consumption of such products for personal purposes. He is just making sure the Chiefs are aware of their own fuel consumption for the year. Chief Glogg stated he probably has higher consumption because he drives his vehicle back and forth to work. Just want everyone to be aware and know the policy. Chief Glogg also saw that if there is an accident of any sort it needs to be reported.

New Business:

- Chairman Dryer explained there was a harassment complaint against one of the members by one of our Paramedics. Since we are in charge we have to act upon it and investigate in a timely matter. Received the complaint and sent to the other board members and our attorney Joe Frank. We did receive an extensive response from Commissioner Mark which was impressive, but was curious if all done by him, his response was he did it himself. Our obligation is to investigate it. As per our attorney Joe Frank, he reviewed the matter of the harassment complaint by Walter Lynch related to his managing of the PAID EMS Program. In his opinion, it makes sense to bring someone who is neutral and independent to investigate the complaint, interview the complainant, witnesses and persons identified as alleged harasser and report to the Board on how to address the complaint. He suggested an independent counsel. Chairman Dryer motioned we appoint the independent investigator to handle the harassment complaint, Commissioner Mark asked about cost, his discounted hourly rate is \$225.00 per hour plus additional expenses. His office will bill out monthly. Seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Schoen was curious in this email it was noted that Walter had to take a BLS call to the hospital because the other EMT's on scene did not want to go, why is that? Doesn't the ambulance have to get to the scene with a confirmed crew which means someone is going to the hospital. Chairman Dryer stated that is why we hired the independent investigator. Chief Glogg brought up a good recommendation after this is all said and done the district should approve some sort of monthly meeting with Walter, a Commissioner, a Chief and some EMS personal to communicate and go over possible issues. The board feels this is a great idea and will come back to it after the independent investigation.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Snow thanked the district for the lights for 9-3-14.
- 9-3-31 and 9-3-32 have issues with check engine light and slight fuel leak, Commissioner Pitts is already aware. As per Chief Glogg the tank isn't vaping properly, it's a filter issue, he wants to bring it to T&B. Commissioner Pitts approved that.
- Chief Snow thanked the district for the 15 new pagers and extra batteries.
- Company 4 is going to set up a committee for future ambulance purchase.
- Refreshers will be done in December.
- Fire Prevention at the Montauk Public School, its been worked out with Jack Perna and Lisa Valcich will be in charge of it.
- Fit machine was brought up at last meeting, machine needs to be re-calibrated, Chief Snow spoke with Eddie Schnell and he received a quote to get it re-calibrated. The Commissioner's

asked is machine still good, or is it too old. Also need to know what the cost is for a new one. If good, Commissioner Pitts motions to approve re calibration, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

- SCWA will be installing 3 more hydrants on Madison.
- At last Town Chiefs meeting it was brought up that Springs Fire District has no radio communication. They sent an open letter to the community, need support now more than ever, please help get the Springs Tower turned on it is essential for the health and safety of our entire community. Commissioner Schoen also mentioned if turned on then they can lease space to help pay for their Paramedic program. It would solve 2 purposes and the tower is already there. The Board is in support of this and Chairman Dryer will sign the letter.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to adjourn @ 19:32 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:32 hours