

Montauk Fire District
December 14, 2021
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Joseph Dryer
Richard Schoen
William Pitts

Also Present: Chief Mitchell Valcich, 1st Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2nd Asst. Chief Ken Glogg, Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas, Peter Joyce Jr, Charlie Morici, Artie Lucas, Sandra Vecchio, Thom Dess and John McDonald

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: *tabled till next meeting*

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$937.44, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$267.43, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$941.50 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$826.27, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$575, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request:

- US Coast Guard would like to use the meeting room for their Chief's Initiation on March 11, 2022 from 6:30 am to 12 noon. Chairman Dryer asked if check was attached. No check received. He motioned to approve request, waive fee and ask them to start at 7am, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief asked if the Boy Scouts could use the meeting room Sunday December 19, 2021. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling, \$101,460.02, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the bills to be paid, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- 9-3-3- sending unit in, check engine light was on, John updated the computer with new software.
- 9-3-1 – two rear lights that are recessed in need to be replaced, the cost is \$3000.00 for new LED lights. Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Chief stated the scene lights need to be checked out, they are not working.
- 9-3-7- rear discharge was leaking, valve is corroded internally and binding on butterfly discharge. Cost to replace complete assembly is \$6,244.00 for labor and valve, this does not include shipping. Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- 9-3-4- John noticed a leaky valve, parts ordered. There is an additional leak at the rear 3” suction, not continuously. Chief also asked about light bar, still not working properly.
- Commissioner Pitts was informed that by the year 2030 all bids will need to include hybrid models too. The chiefs have to get together to determine which vehicles and/or apparatuses will need to be replaced.
- No new information from Buzz Chew regarding Chief's vehicle.
- Step for 9-3-14 is on order.
- Commissioner Pitts just wanted to inform the chiefs about the lead time for the SCBA packs, 90 days. Scott is aware of all the information. He would like to get together with each company and explain information, get and give recommendations. They should have some sort of answer by next meeting. They want to do their due diligence and research too.

Buildings and Grounds

- Commissioner Schoen who has been in contact with Commissioner Wright found we have a leak issue in the upstairs back garage. It seems to be at the north side of the building by the doors. It looks like rain comes in through light hole under doors. The floor in front has already buckled. Brent will be informed once he returns.

Capital Reserve:

- No report

Communications:

- No report

Fire Advisory:

- No report

Insurance & Law:

- claim has been put in with both PERMA and Provident regarding Dennis O'Reilly
- 1 member still needs physical, the other one is actually out on medical. Chairman Dryer mentioned it worked well having members go to Amagannett Meeting House Lane Medical.
- Commissioner Schoen spoke with Dr. Garden from IOMR and he can set up appointments for our members to get physicals either Saturday or Sunday at our firehouse or both days. We just have to pick a month. Just remember this is in addition to Meeting House Medical. Its to help give the members options. Fit tests could also be completed there too. Members would have to bring their own masks. Setting a date for all of this would be dependent on the SCBA pack situation.

- Also we can no longer test for marijuana as per our attorney Joe Frank. Improper employment practice claim Fire districts/departments discontinue testing for marijuana. We go by what our attorney states.
- OSHA update has passed and is now in effect. It is designed for a paid department. OSHA has no legal authority, just a suggestion. Commissioner Schoen will look into.
- Commissioner Schoen wanted to know if old Chief vehicle is ready to be put in paper. As per Commissioner Pitts, yes it is. Ms. Lucas will put in next Thursday's paper.
- Commissioner Schoen asked Chief about the Class A Foam to dispose of. Chief stated he was waiting on the green light from the district. Commissioner Schoen motioned to have the Chief get rid of the foam, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried. Also Chief will find out what is needed to replace the disposed Foam.
- As of November 30, 2021 we have 22 members that will not qualify for LOSAP this year.
- Commissioner Schoen asked if we have any updates on the Harassment case. This is being tabled until all Commissioners are present.

Personal:

- No report

Safety:

- No report

Training:

- 2nd round of refreshers for 2021 this Friday the 17th.
- Yaphank drills for 2022- April 25- Low Rise Commercial Fire and October 19- LI Railroad

Old Business:

- ***Snow Plowing Removal Bid-*** Hoyt Property Care submitted a bid with 2 options; **Option A- Season Contract-** Unlimited snow plowing, shoveling and salting services for the main firehouse and substation, with no hourly or snowfall cap (Labor and materials included). Contract runs from 1/1/22 through 12/31/2022. **Cost \$8,500.00.** **Option B- Hourly Service-** Snow plowing, shoveling and salting services for the main firehouse and substation, with no hourly or snowfall cap (Labor and materials included). Contract runs from 1/1/22 through 12/31/2022. **Cost \$385.00 per hour. Snow plowing will commence at 2" of snowfall.** Hoyt Property Care will also provide if requested by Montauk Fire District/Department officers' assistance when available and on scene, plowing of roadways to location of the call for emergency assistance within the hamlet which will improve safety and response for the Fire Department and citizens of Montauk. Chairman Dryer asked if that includes sanding as well. Sandra Vecchio, a representative of Hoyt Property Care stated yes it does. Commissioner Pitts motioned to accept bid for the Season Contract (Yearly), seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- ***Refuse Removal Bid-*** Mickey's Carting Corp. submitted a bid for and it read as follows; They will provide **TWO** 1.5 Cubic Yard Containers for trash and recycled fibers removal. Collection of trash will be made **TWO TIMES PER WEEK.** Monthly and On-call services will be billed as follows: \$260.00 per month and on-call pick ups \$30.00 per pick up. Chairman Dryer motioned to accept bid, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- ***Whistler Blower Policy-*** Policy does not have to be read. The Policy was put to a vote and reads as follows;
Chairman Dryer- YES
Commissioner Schoen- YES

Commissioner Pitts- YES
Commissioner Wright- NOT PRESENT
Commissioner Mark- NOT PRESENT
therefore the policy was duly adopted December 14, 2021

New Business:

- ***Updated Controlled Substance Plan-*** Ms. Lucas presented an email from Walter Lynch which was previously forwarded to all Commissioner's regarding the updated Controlled Substance Plan. Ms. Lucas has a copy of both the old and new for anyone's review. Walter did send the plan to the NYS DOH representative for review and he has given it his OK. After the Board approves, it will need approval from the hospital and then the medical director. Just a side note from Walter; HE DOES NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR PEOPLE TO DISSEMINATE ANY OF HIS EMAILS WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE TO ANYONE ELSE INCLUDING DEPARTMENT MEMBERS. HIS LAST EMAIL TO THE DISTRICT WAS PRINTED OUT AND EMAILED TO MEMBERS OF THE EMS COMPANY.
- ***Old Chief Car Bid Information-*** already discussed
- ***Last Meeting of the year date change-*** Ms. Lucas requested to change the last meeting of the year from Wednesday the 22nd to Tuesday the 28th of December. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Chief's Report:

- 9-3-5- pan under pump because its leaking.
- 9-3-1- already discussed
- 9-3-2- issue with the winch, Captain of Co.2 would just like to replace the winch with in kind or like kind.
- 9-3-9- Pump Control, Commissioner Pitts stated it would cost so much to pull apart. John from Fully Involved suggested getting separate pump with skid pack same as 9-3-8. Chief will discuss with Co.1.
- Co.4 is requesting to leave 9-3-81 at the main fire house instead of substation. Commissioner Pitts will look into.
- Co.4 is still looking to brighten up the ambulance bays. We were suppose to get LED lighting from PSEG.
- Senior Dinner and Santa was a success.
- Steve Sizse is looking for his check, Ms. Lucas stated she put in his box.
- Ambulance committee has been formed. Commissioner Pitts told the chief to have them meet.
- PPE inventory- with the recent surge in cases please order 100 N95 masks.
- Two new members voted into the Department, Salvatore Termini- 43 yes/ 1 no for the fire side and Fisher Forsberg- 44 yes for the juniors. Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- New potential members that will be voted on at next meeting. Jason Furento, fire side, Robert Freidberg, EMS and for the Juniors; Braxton Regen, Gage Stein, Brice Prado, Seamus O'Reilly and Sullivan Matthews.
- Department election results, Chief- Scott Snow- 62 votes, 1st Asst. Chief-Ken Glogg- 62 votes, 2nd Asst. Chief- Peter Joyce, Jr.- 60 votes, Alan Burke- 1 vote, Steve Sizse-1 vote. Department Secretary- Jeanine Miedzweicki- 62 votes, Department Treasurer- Dick White – 60 votes, Appleguard- 1 vote, Trump- 1 vote.
- Received resignation letter from Richie Weiss, Jr.

- Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept department election results along with resignation letter, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief was asking about flow testing hydrants. Ms. Lucas will follow up with SCWA.
- Chief has a purchase requisition for Practice Fire Shelters for Brush Fires, totaling \$786.00, Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Co. 4 is requesting an EMS All Terrain Vehicle for beach, trail and woods rescue, totaling \$52,00.00
- Co.4 is also requesting a laptop computer, desk and printer for training purposes totaling \$1050.00. Tabled to next meeting.
- Co. 4 is requesting EMS Bags at \$50 per bag, 10 bags needed, totaling \$500.00. Commissioner Schoen approved purchase after research of given parameters, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- TERC Team annual membership renewal, \$150.00. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief is requesting new turnout coat for the newest Chief, Peter Joyce, Jr, new helmet and another black helmet from Firematic, totaling \$2,065.86, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Angels of LI is requesting to put a collection box on the property. Commissioner Pitts motioned NO BOX on property, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session at 19:45 hours regarding salaries, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to go back into Regular Session at 19:50 hours, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Schoen motioned to pay Shana DeCiallerie who came in to cover phones same pay as we would pay Jimmy Angelidis as a substitute custodian, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.

The District received a registered letter from Joe Lenahan and Artie Lucas and was tabled till next meeting.

Commissioner Schoen saw we were going to go into executive session and wants to remind everyone we are very limited on what we can go into executive session for, need to be more definitive. There are only 8 reasons and they are as follows;

- 1- imperils public safety issues,
- 2- excludes the identity of a law enforcement agent or informant,
- 3- information relating to a current or future investigation of a crime,
- 4- discussions regarding /proposed/pending/ or current litigation,
- 5- collective negotiations pertaining to Public Fair Employment Act (Salaries),
- 6- Medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person,
- 7- preparation of an examination
- 8- proposed acquisition or sale of real estate.

Chairman Dryer asked what are we supposed to do if there are personal issues to discuss. Commissioner Schoen will find out the particulars and get back to everyone.

Commissioner Schoen also wanted to make everyone aware; Under executive session it enhances confidential information. If confidential information from an executive session is released to the public in anyway shape, matter or form, it's a misdemeanor and that particular person, Commissioner, Secretary, Chief, anyone that was in executive session could be prosecuted to the extent of the law with the District attorney. Chairman Dryer stated before we go into executive session at next meeting, Commissioner Schoen should make this completely clear. Commissioner Schoen will be happy to do so.

Commissioner Pitts motioned to adjourn @ 19:57 hours, seconded by Commissioner Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:57 hours