

Montauk Fire District
January 11, 2022
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:40 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
William R. Pitts
John Mark
Charles "Chip" McLean

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 1st Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg, 2nd Asst. Chief Peter Joyce, Jr. and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas, Ed Ecker, Lauren Chakraborty, Tom Dess, Tom Dess, Jr., Sue Farnham, Pat Flynn, Jessie James, Artie Lucas, John McDonald, Jeanine Miedzwiecki, Charlie Morici, Bob Sanchez

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 18:40 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. All Commissioner's and Chief's are present.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright motioned/passed/carried.

Building use request: Company 4 is requesting use of the Meeting Room for 1/29/22 for NAEMT training, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approved, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$661.84 Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$636.13, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$603.41, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$657.18. Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$239.20 Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve; seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Mark reviewed and signed the most recent statements through the end of September. The Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund as of that date the balance is \$386,825 and the Building Reserve Fund has \$108,786. Commissioner Wright asked what fund the packs would

come out of, that would be the Apparatus and Equipment account. Chairman Schoen asked Ms. Lucas when will the money budgeted for the equipment reserve appear in the account. Her response was this month. Commissioner Mark motioned to approve September's Treasurer's Report, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$482,757.91 (see attached journals). Commissioner Mark has a question about a charge for Glucosamine supplement. Ms. Lucas will find out more information and in the meanwhile Chairman Schoen motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$482,757.91 seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- 9-3-16- went in on Monday for repair on a cracked rear coil spring
- 9-3-14- step has been repaired
- Leak from rear valve on 9-3-4 has been fixed
- Commissioner Pitts says repairs have been delayed at times due to parts being on order .
- John will also be starting PM's this month.
- Commissioner McLean asked about spring on 9-3-16, what spring was it and when can we expect back? It was the rear coil spring and as of now not sure of ETA.
- Commissioner Pitts explained he told the Chief and captain of company 4 the situation. Chief Snow already spoke with Chief of Amagansett, they are on standby if need be.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright has not been in touch with Tanzi due to the holiday. But since we did have to do this Emergency repair on the Boiler we should entertain the possibility of replacing it. Commissioner Wright discussed it briefly with Tanzi months earlier and found it would be a 2 year project, 1st year would be specking it out, getting bids, etc and then proceed from there. Commissioner Wright made a motion proceed with new boiler specs, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen also motioned we expend the money for the emergency repair on the the boiler, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean asked where we stand on the repair, is it complete. Ms. Lucas confirmed Rex stayed until project was complete.
- Chairman Schoen asked if anything has been done about the doors on the north side of the second floor in the back garage. They leak. We need to address it and put weather stripping in to seal the doors. Commissioner Wright will follow up on this.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Stated previously

Insurance:

- Tank Insurance Renewal will be dropped off with Ecker's office tomorrow as per Chairman Schoen.

Communications:

- Eddie Schnell stated they are breaking ground on the Gator Site tomorrow.
- Commissioner Wright asked where are we with the engineer and tower for the back antenna. Eddie explained is it really worth spending the money, all it does is serve a small purpose for low band to go over the hill and east. Right now the low band radios are becoming obsolete, can't find parts and with technology changing and the Gator Site getting up and running, there is really no need to spend the money for it. We can just place antenna on the roof just like East Hampton did. Commissioner Mark motioned to remove Tower in back and not replace it, seconded by Commissioner McLean and ; motioned/passed/carried. Eddie stated now you will need to get someone to tear down the tower (someone with a saw-saw and insurance) but before that the department can take the antenna that was just bought off in house and relocate to

one of the mounts on the roof and rewire the cable to the side of the building. All low band equipment will still be in service just at a different height.

Paid Personal:

- will be addressed later

Department Personal:

- will be addressed later

Law:

- Chairman Schoen stated is mandate for wearing masks inside the building regardless of vaccination status is in effect till the 15th of January.
- We will be going into Executive session to discuss litigation.

Old Business:

- **FOAM issue;** Where do we stand on this? As per Chief Snow, Ex-Chief Valcich was suppose to get rid of it. He will follow up and see if it was completed.
- **IOMR Physical Scheduling-** As per Chairman Schoen it was agreed at a previous meeting to hire IOMR people to offer physicals on a Saturday and April 2ⁿ is available. They will do the physical, blood work, etc. and they also offer fit tests but that will depend on the SCBA purchase. Chairman Schoen motioned to arrange IOMR to set up and come out and perform the physicals, once approved, a list will need to be set up with name, address, cell# and date of birth. Commissioner Mark asked if we can still get physicals done at Meeting House Lane Medical, answer was absolutely. He also wanted to know if they will be doing N95 testing. Chairman Schoen does not believe so. We can do that testing in house, we have that capability. Commissioner Wright asked if the pricing is the same. Chairman Schoen stated the basic price is \$165 for the exam, PSA test is \$55, drug testing \$65 and Fit test is \$50 which he believes is less than what we pay now. Ms. Lucas explained the cost depends on if member is an interior fireman, EMS or Fire Police, cost starts at \$200 and goes down from there and blood work is \$100 per member. Reports will be generated so we know who took one on that day. Also another question was brought up, if members miss this date and wanted to get it done elsewhere within the district, can they go to another department and have it done. The answer is yes. Commissioner Wright asked if there will be any follow up being done. As per Chief Snow, yes they have sent 3 people top hospital because of EKG's and found cancer from blood work. So they do followup. Chairman Schoen also stated as per our legal advisor, we do not test for marijuana during physicals. Motion on the table, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- **Refresher failures-** There are six members that failed to take the refreshers and as per policy they should be suspended as per 1/1/22 until they take a refresher. As per our attorney if we don't suspend these members we are in violation of our own rules. Chairman Schoen would like to make a motion these members be notified of the next refresher class on the 21st of January and if they fail to attend then they will be suspended until they take such refresher. Commissioner Pitts motioned, Commissioner McLean would like to amend motion to include the suspension be retroactive to the first of January, So Commissioner Pitts withdrew his motion and Commissioner McLean motioned and added if the 6 members do not take the refresher class on January 21, 2022 then they will be suspend as of January 1, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. The district will notify the Chief of the members and then the Chief will notify them of the situation.
- **Physical failures-** One member failed to get a physical last year. As per district policy the member will be removed from the department rolls and can not reapply for one year. Commissioner Wright motioned, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried. The District will send a letter to him.

- **Controlled Substance Operational Plan-** Commissioner Mark feels since the department has a lot of ALS providers we should get their input on this too. Chairman Schoen suggests the board look over the plan, discuss with anybody they want and then at next meeting if there are any issues, we can discuss and then vote on it. Commissioner Mark asked if we would consider putting a committee together that consisted of volunteers, paid ALS provider, Chief. Chairman Schoen stated not in this regard. The board acts independently and oversees the entire operation of the District. We could open up a can of worms. Commissioner Wright motioned to table this till next meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean also wanted clarification that the current controlled substance agent and its alternate will remain in effect until this plan is approved, as per Chairman Schoen yes.
- **9-3-81-** Commissioner Pitts wanted to know if the donated by lettering was taken care of yet. He would like to get that done as soon as possible. Ms. Lucas has the donors information and can send it to Chief Snow so Ocean Graphics has it. Commissioner McLean offered to take the vehicle up to have it completed. Commissioner Mark also mentioned the small dent that needs repairing still and the 9-3-81 needs to be put on the roof. Also 9-3-80 needs lettering on roof as well. Commissioner Pitts stated that is on list to be taken care of.
- **Finger reader/Time Clock-** Commissioner Mark brought up an issue with the paid staff clocking in and out. It was discussed at a previous meeting to see if we can get the finger reader to keep track of their time. A discussion arose about this. Commissioner McLean volunteered to contact SCM our finger reader program and see if it would be feasible to use the current equipment we have as a time clock for our paid personal. Ms. Lucas will also check to see how much a time clock would cost too.

New Business:

- none at this moment.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Snow presented a purchase requisition for bolt cutters totaling \$469.67, Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- New members were voted in at last department meeting, firefighter Jason Fuerente and EMS Robert Friedberg and five Junior members; Braxton Rogen, Gage Stein, Brice Prado, Seamus O'Reilly, Sullivan Matthews. Chairman Schoen motioned to accept these new members, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- Training, mandatory refreshers Friday January 21, 2022.
- Next Drill will be at Munch Box.
- New recruits started Yaphank training on the 6th, Will Field, Thea Grecni and Frank Tuma.
- Chief thanked the district for the new Hurst tools. He also wanted to know how do you want to dispose of the old tools? It was asked do they still work? They are not safe to operate that is why they got new. Chairman stated to have Brent put them aside and then we will figure out how to dispose of them.
- Chief asked Ms. Lucas if the EH Town Chiefs Association dues were paid. If she received an invoice than it was paid with tonight's bills. If not just need an invoice to pay it.
- Chief has also been dealing with SCWA and hydrant authorizations for either new main or main extensions. Has information for Ms. Lucas.
- Chief asked about the ISO information. Ms. Lucas has left a message for the gentleman and will also send him an email again.
- Chief wanted the district to be aware the SCBA packs need flow testing done, they are outdated. They are suppose to be done every 2 years. Chairman Schoen stated then we have to get them

done. Chief will start with 9-3-1's packs first.

- Chief handed out sheets for both MSA and SCOTT. So the district can see apples to apples. Again he went to all companies and discussed with them the pro's and con's of each. The departments overwhelming voted on SCOTT. Chief found out that Scott might be slightly higher due to the lifetime warranty. Chief also wanted us to be aware before the new packs are put in to service, there will be in service training. Chief stated to keep moral up, lets give the membership what they want. Chairman stated we are also voting on experience of our membership, Commissioner Wright motioned we vote on each pack, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen called to order a vote for MSA Packs, one vote, vote for SCOTT Packs, four votes, The district will be purchasing SCOTT Packs from Coastal. Ms. Lucas will put in paper the purchase and after 30 days and no objection from the public will order said SCOTT Packs. The Chief and the department thanks the district. Commissioner McLean asked about the training on the new equipment, will that be given before the packs arrive. The Chief will find out.
- Chief Snow is in the process of updating the truck list with ages, mileage, etc, We will need to start looking into replacing 9-3-1, 9-3-4 and 9-3-5. we have to remember the trucks are going to be diesel/electric. The ambulance Committee will be meeting tomorrow.
- Chief Glogg asked about the new Chief's car, what is going on with it. As per Commissioner Pitts, we are still waiting on it. Was there any discussion on a possible Suburban. Commissioner Pitts even thought about a Pick Up with a cap but was under the impression Tahoe's were what was wanted. Right now Chief Joyce's vehicle, if not driven everyday, wakes up to a dead battery.

Open to the Floor:

Commissioner Pitts discussed the issue with the Chief's vehicle, after 5 minutes it cuts the engine off. We are in the process of fixing that. Ms. Lucas spoke with them and they are aware of the issue, was dealt with early on then COVID hit, she is researching will let us know outcome.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive session regarding litigation at 20:00 hours and wanted to remind everyone "Anything discussed in executive session requires a confidentiality to it and not be released to any third parties", seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go back into Regular session at 20:31 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen is making the public aware and on record that a harassment complaint was discussed in executive session and determined to be unfounded.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn @ 20:34 hours, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:34 hours