

Montauk Fire District
February 8, 2021
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
William R. Pitts
John Mark- late
Charles “Chip” McLean

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 2nd Asst. Chief Peter Joyce, Jr. and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called meeting to order at 18:30 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our departed members.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Schoen motioned to approve the minutes with said correction of the January 26, 2022 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pitts motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen informed us that Red Truck Sales will be here this week to advise us on 9-3-9.

- Ms. Lucas also informed the board that Montauk Beach Property Owners Associations annual meeting last year never happened due to COVID. Carolyn Blackmar a board member requested a refund of payment. Chairman Schoen suggests we send money back. Commissioner Pitts motioned to return payment, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/ carried.
- As per Ms. Lucas the Fire Protection money from the town will be submitted at their next board meeting which is February 17th.
- LOSAP Points for 2021- Ms. Lucas explained the 2021 points for review. She went over them with Chief Snow, certified them with him and is now presenting to the board for their approval. She will then send back to the department to be posted for 30days. If no one contests, then she will send back to the board for the Chairman's final signature and then off to Penflex. Chief was sad to say there are members that will not get their LOSAP points due to the fact they did not make their call volume. Commissioner McLean wanted clarification on the 15 points received from the state. Chairman Schoen explained with an example using apples;
50 apples in a bag
15 apples were given to you by the state
35 more apples are needed to qualify for LOSAP
25 apples are given to you for making your call volume
10 more apples needed which can consist of meetings, drills, training's or miscellaneous stuff.

Fire personal and EMS personal all need to make 10% of their calls. How would a member know how many LOSAP points they have? The Chairman explains to the chief who in return is responsible for explaining the LOSAP points to the membership. It's all comes from the chain of command. Also Chief Snow stated each month the points are printed and given to the Chief by Dawn and then given to the officers to discuss with their company, but each member should be responsible for themselves. Chief Joyce said, ultimately it's your responsibility as a member to verify your points are correct as they are presented on the sheet, no one else. If you disagree with them, its up to you to get corrected by discussing with the Chief, he will address and bring to districts attention.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$616.59 Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright ; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$773.40, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Amazon for tablets, keyboards, cases totaling \$1860.28, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried

Treasurers Report: Ms. Lucas explained at last meeting an error found with the quarterly returns. She was able to fix the mistake and re-reconcile. She is just waiting on the reports portion to be fixed from our outside consultant and will have at next meeting.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$253,525.74 (see attached journals). Chairman Schoen wanted to compliment Brent on a previously approved item for company 1, bolt cutters. He researched it and found the same exact model #, name bolt cutter for about \$200 less from a different supplier. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$253,525.74 seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus and Equipment:

- Commissioner Pitts mentioned we are still waiting on a bunch of parts.
 - 9-3-9 has been taken out of service.
 - 9-3-18- Suburban is waiting on parts.
 - 9-3-81- The ding is scheduled for repair around March 21st.
 - Graphics for roof of 9-3-80 and 9-3-81 done this week by John.
 - New 9-3-30 Chief's vehicle is in, cost on state bid is \$57,615.00 minus \$500= \$57, 115.00. We can pay for vehicle after the 25th of February. Commissioner Pitts is still waiting on bids for the extras for the vehicle. Once in then want to get started with removing the old radios. Chief Snow stated why wouldn't you put new radios in the new vehicle. Commissioner Pitts asked if they work, which they do, could save money, but usually new vehicle, new radios. Commissioner Pitts will get pricing for new radios too and get back to us.
- Commissioner McLean had a question, is the price for the vehicle off the state bid, answer was YES its off the state purchasing. He wanted to know why we are paying \$57,000 if the price off state bid is \$44,778.00 for the Chevy Tahoe, Police package. Commissioner Pitts stated that is not the vehicle we are getting, its the LT Silverado package with a skid bar underneath. Then a heated discussion arose between Commissioner Pitts and Commissioner McLean. Commissioner Wright addressed the question, vehicles are almost impossible to find or get at this time. We found one and it has a package that cost more money so we got it. Commissioner Pitts asked about seeing the price Commissioner McLean got and more importantly the availability of the vehicle. Chairman Schoen interjected, anyone that sees, notices, observes a

situation; anybody, a Commissioner, member does not matter can bring it to the attention of the responsible person (in charge of that committee) and that responsible person will deal with it. It is called COMMUNICATION.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright talked with Mr. Tanzi, he was out of commissioner for a bit with COVID. He is working on proposal for the kitchen.
- Lightening situation was addressed with a temporary solution. Working on a more permanent one.
- Commissioner Wright is also getting a proposal on the boilers as previously discussed at another meeting.
- Chairman Schoen asked what is going on with the door for back garage. Commissioner Wright was told the company that installed the doors was coming out, he will double check with Brent. Regarding the lighting issue, Ms. Lucas believes someone is due to come out this week.
- Chief Joyce informed Commissioner Wright that there is mold growing in the back garage in the main bay on the walls and should be treated with bleach and a dehumidifier.
- HOUSE REPORT- was reviewed.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- No report at this time, Commissioner Mark will get together with Ms. Lucas before next meeting.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean informed the board there is a claim that is being adjudicated (taken care of). He is waiting to meet with the insurance agent. His appointment is upcoming. He will be going over the tank policy that's up for renewal . Chairman Schoen asked if the financial reports were given in time. Answer was YES.

Communications:

- Gator site is progressing, broke ground, the footings are in and the foundation for the tower, just waiting on the curing process. They also having footings in for the building, waiting on the foundation for that. Only thing holding it up is a schedule from PSEG as per Commissioner McLean.

Paid Personal:

- No report

Department Personal:

- No report

Law:

- Chairman Schoen stated mask mandate for wearing masks inside the building regardless of vaccination status is in effect till the 10th of February.

Old Business:

- **Controlled Substance Operational Plan-** Chairman Schoen, since last meeting, received from Rob Rosen recommendations, advisement's, changes that may be appropriate for the plan. He forwarded to Walter, who went over them. Some recommendations were included, some were not, now he is opening the floor for discussion before the plan is voted on. Commissioner Mark stated he has not received feedback from the ALS providers that operate under this plan and would like to table this to get their input before we vote. Commissioner Mark motioned to table till the volunteer ALS providers can provide input, feedback on this plan. Chairman Schoen stated they have already provided feedback which was looked at, taken under consideration and

acted on. He stated this is not going to be a negotiation. A motion was stated, is there a second, Commissioner McLean seconded, two for the motion, 3 against, motion was not passed. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept this plan and put it into effect, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, a discussion arose from Commissioner McLean about Fire Department being added, but was not done, they are already included in the plan. It is his understanding the volunteer members are not District members, the District has no members. Chairman Schoen explained Montauk Fire Department members are employees of the Montauk Fire District, for compensation purposes, insurances purposes and are definitely included where it says employees. Ms. Lucas will reprint with corrections noted. Motion on the floor to approve and it was seconded, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Pitts and Chairman Schoen voted yes, Commissioner McLean opposed and Commissioner Mark abstained; motioned/passed/carried.

- **9-3-9-** Was already discussed, Red Truck will be out this week. Once estimate is received we will use it as a guide for placing the ad.

New Business:

- **Defensive driving course-** Chairman Schoen noted in the last 3 years we haven't had a defensive driving course and its due. This is the time of year when people aren't actively working their ass off and would have time to take a defensive driving course. This would benefit everybody. Chairman Schoen motioned we research and arrange with the Chief's input a day to have a class, probably a Saturday. Commissioner Wright seconded; motion/passed/carried.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Snow mentioned the ice rescue refresher class that 4 members took at Bayport. A training on Industrial road was done regarding this with fire police an ambulance and some members on the ice. The chief had Dennis O'Rielly speak. He explained the refresher class and the fact that they dry drilled and found they are short of supplies from the initial purchase they did request. That purchase allows the department to have 2 rescuers dressed and ready to go with 2 on standby. Dennis is requesting supplies for the ice rescue operations. He did his research and found most everything less expensive on Amazon. The plan is to have 4 bins each with a suit, tarp, fleece stuff, a waterproof bag with the hood, boots and gloves, and a throw rope. Chairman Schoen asked where all this stuff will be stored, Dennis said all in those totes and on the back of 9-3-12 for the winter. He is requesting safety supplies totaling \$960.18 from Amazon, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried. The Ice rescue course that was taken did suggest you have more line because more times out of 10 not one person falls into the ice but two. He is requesting 2400 feet for Best Materials totaling \$345.00, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts. The last purchase request is for non skid bottoms, ice awls , ice rescue staff and first responder ice rescue cards for LifeGuard Systems totaling \$270.35, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned passed/carried. Chairman Schoen would like all the board members to know that Dennis spent a lot of time cleaning and organizing the back garage so they could train. Dennis would just like space to keep all the ice rescue equipment when not in use. Chairman Schoen thinks that is not a problem.
- Chief is requesting reimbursement for Dennis O'Rielly for the totes, gloves, gorilla glue totaling \$54.06, Commissioner Pitts motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief wanted to thank Bob Sanchez for sanding the parking lot, our snowplowing guys should

have taken care of it.

- Blizzard was covered, members stood by at firehouse, some Chief's investigations for CO to find that snow drifts happened and covered their exhaust vents.
- Physicals- IOMR- members are signing up .
- Drill at the Munch Box was successful.
- Ice Rescue drill, one in back garage and one at the pond.
- Ocean Rescue Joint drill will be happening
- Vehicles are OK.
- Companies have been going through their gear. All gear that was behind 9-3-14 is upstairs, maybe we can use for juniors or training. Also the 5" hose that was in the corner is now upstairs too.
- Chief was not aware of the stuff we have up there. Maybe it should be categorized. Chairman Schoen agreed and suggested the rest of the board take a look. Commissioner Mark asked if that is something we can task Brent and Rex with, Chairman Schoen stated we can and maybe get some members to help. Chief would like to be part of that and also suggested Eddie Schnell because there is a lot of electronic stuff that could be outdated. Chief just wants to be organized.
- Chief is informing the board that moving forward any supplies the paid paramedics need should go through the district.
- Chief Joyce was inquiring about who keeps the trails for state and county land clear for fire suppression and rescuing? This is the time we start with brush truck training. They expect our response for rescue and fire protection but what is their responsibility? Chief will bring up at Town Chief's meeting too because other departments have the same concern. Chairman Schoen stated Thom Dess is in charge of the state lands we can ask him. Thom Dess informed us that whoever owns the property is responsible. They are in the process of cutting back in Hither Hills, had to wait for shot gun season and they will be cutting down 1,296 trees in Napeague due to a disease they have. Hither Woods is maintained by the town, by Charlie Morici. So ultimately state owned property under Thom Dess's direction is the state's responsibility and county owned is county responsibility. Montauk Point and Camp Hero are kept pretty good. According to Thom Dess they are actively taking care and clearing trails. Chief Joyce asked if Mr. Dess would help come up with the best fire access road for each trail, he stated yes he would help. Chief also asked if the training shelters were ever ordered, Ms. Lucas will check on that and let the Chief know. Commissioner Mark brought up the 4WD gator that Ex-Commissioner Mirras was looking into. Chief Snow stated he already reached out to Treadwell about.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive session regarding litigation at 19:50 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go back into Regular session at 20:11 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen stated it was regarding a potential litigation issue.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn @ 20:12 hours, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:12 hours