

Montauk Fire District
April 27, 2022
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:35 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
John Mark
Charles “Chip” McLean

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 1st Asst. Chief Ken Glogg, 2nd Ass Chief Peter Joyce, Jr. and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and then a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner McLean motioned to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Regular Commissioner Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$721.64, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1089.81, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean ; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1,299.98, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,529.99, clarification was made that the item is used when too much carbon monoxide is taken in at a fire scene. Predominately used for firefighters but can be used for civilians too. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Lewis Gross is requesting use of the meeting room for a Montauk Tango Festival for April of next year. It's for dance lessons, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring also. It's an off season event. Chairman Schoen suggested to send it back, have him fill it out correctly and get more information about the event. Chief Joyce also had a concern about the floors getting all scuffed up.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$27,586.97, Commissioner Mark had a question about a Grainger bill for a tactical site. It is for the scope for ice rescue and was previously approved. Another question arose about socks, Commissioner Wright stated they were also requested by Dennis O'Rielly for the ice rescue. All questions were answered. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$27,586.97, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurer's Report: As per Commissioner Mark, no report at this time. He also wants to clarify some stuff with Ms. Lucas and will report back.

Workshop Topics:

Fire School- Refreshers: This is regarding the members ability to take classes online if need be. As per Chairman Schoen that was previously addressed at an earlier time. Chief Snow would like all members to try and make the January or June refreshers and if they can't then they are entitled to take it online or at another Fire District. They will have to discuss with the Chief. The online courses are longer and you have to answer questions so it might deter some members if they are strapped for time.

Batteries: Ms. Lucas explained we received ten brand new batteries from Stryker for our LifePak's because of our service contracts we have with them. The only thing we are waiting for are the chargers.

Grant-COVID: Ms. Lucas explained the process it took for receiving the supplemental supplies money from the FEMA grant she put in for during COVID. The money was received on April 21st in the amount of \$24, 293.76. Great news.

Other topics to discuss:

- Chairman Schoen was in touch with Mike from Red Truck, he is very interested in 9-3-9 and should be coming out soon to take a look at it. Ms. Lucas will make Brent aware.
- As we are all aware, we will be loosing one of our Commissioner's and as of tonight will be doing some reassigning. Apparatus and Equipment will be split now. Commissioner Mark will be assigned Equipment and Commissioner McLean will be assigned Apparatus.
- District should have an updated list of all members email, home address and phone number.
- By law we can not even discuss replacing the Commissioner that resigned until the position becomes open which is April 30th. Chairman Schoen would like to have a special meeting on Monday May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm before the Department meeting. The meeting will be called to order, then go into executive session to come up with a solution, then go back into regular session and then motion if there was an agreement. If no decision we could finish out the year with just four Commissioner's.
- Chairman Schoen asked Commissioner McLean where do we stand with the Dennis O'Rielly case. Commissioner McLean stated claim was submitted to PERMA, was just waiting on a contact person, which he received the new one this week in his mailbox. He also received information that they are waiting on a full medical report, which we can not access. Commissioner McLean explained this to Dennis. Chairman Schoen stated he will contact Dennis and take care of this. He will keep Commissioner McLean updated on status of the claim.

- Chairman Schoen also wanted the board to be aware after talking with Joe Frank about the Ambulance bill, nothing can be done until July 9, 2022 at the earliest. On any new law there is usually a 90 day waiting period. Also just so you are aware we are not allowed to bill some and not others, it's against the law. Commissioner Wright explained we are not billing people, we are billing insurance companies. What boils down to is that we can not bill a persons insurance company based on residency. It was brought to the attention of the board that residents insurance rates could go up with this possible determination, but in turn their tax rates could go down. We can't address any of this until we find out how the law will read, the parameters and such.

Chief's Report

- Monday some members went to Yaphank for Low Rise Commercial Building training and others did some CPR refreshers.
- EMS- Mike Mirras has an EVOC class for May 1st- possibly 4-5 new drivers.
- Waterways which does our pump, hose and nozzle tests is scheduled for August.
- This Sunday Memorial for Town Chief's in Springs.
- Resignation letter will be read at department meeting on Monday, company is aware.
- Chief asked is the Commissioner's were able to look at the ambulance proposal. They have not looked it over yet but will.
- Chief received a request from Dennis O'Rielly, a Surf Rescue board for any water rescue's to put on 9-3-12. Cost is \$2,783.00 with shipping and includes board, fin and logo. The board is the same as the Ocean Rescue one. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark: motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Joyce found the tents/ shelters that were previously approved for training. They are available through Grainger and can ship April 29th. These would be used in the event of a brush fire. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Tom Dess had a question about buying from Grainger and buying through state contract. Ms. Lucas stated we have an account and yes it's through state bid.
- Chief Snow gave the floor to Jeanine to discuss the NFPA books. Was wondering if they get updated or if there is any other way to source them. She is taking the safety officer class and referencing NFPA 1521 and NFPA 1561. Ours are from 1997, the most recent one is 2020. Ms. Lucas was able to research and look up the code and find the current one but you can not print. The District will research the information.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:21 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:21 hours