

*Montauk Fire District  
June 29, 2022*

***MINUTES***

*Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours*

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

***Also Present:*** Chief Scott Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. 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 June 14, 2022 Regular Commissioner Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

***Audit of Bills:*** Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$489,967.55, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$489,967.55, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean feels even though we incurred the bill from Fully Involved to out-rip the new chief's vehicle, we lacked getting any other bids or proposals. He feels we could have done better on that and maybe even gotten it done for a better price.

***Purchase Requisitions:***

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$194.76, Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright ; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$245.97, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$868.14, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$245.70, Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

***Workshop Topics:***

***Ambulance:*** Chairman Schoen would like to put this topic off because all five Commissioner's are not present and can not give their input. All Commissioners should have received information about

re-mounting of the ambulance. As per Chairman Schoen and the consensus of the board it seems the seems the way to go. We would save about \$100,000.00. Also one of the committee members suggested we stay with Horton for the job. Also Chairman Schoen noted, Horton is ordering the ambulance no matter what, they have a buyer upstate that would be glad to take if we don't. This also gives us 60 days to make a decision. Commissioner McLean wanted to know if the decision was made to remount/re-box the ambulance already. Chairman Schoen stated it was not voted on yet but talking with everyone, including the committee the conclusion seemed to go in that direction.

***Old Chief's Car- Bid in Paper:*** It is time to put this in the paper. Chairman Schoen had an inquiry from Mike at Red Truck about the light bar, wanted to know if it is still on the vehicle. Told him it was. Sounds like he would like to put an offer in for it. We always put in add that we reserve the right to reject all bids. Also all bids much be accompanied by a certified bank check in the amount of the bid. Chairman Schoen also suggested the board establish what they will accept as a minimum offer/bid. Commissioner McLean stated he ran into Mike from Red Truck and he seems very interested, he will take as is because they rebuild from ground up. Chairman Schoen stated lets put ad in paper and have bid opening at our first August meeting.

***Other topics of discussion:***

***Kitchen renovation-*** Commissioner Wright tried to get Brian Mooney and Joe Lenahan to come but they are working like crazy. He received an email after speaking with them stating a whole revamp would be the best way to go with cabinets, counter tops, hood and equipment except for the new refrigerator and dishwasher. It would probably be best if they meet with Tanzi so he understands what is exactly needed and wanted. Commissioner Wright stated it would be a good idea and it doesn't cost anything until we put out to bid. Chairman Schoen inquired about the hood repair, Commissioner Wright motioned to accept the cheapest amount of \$3,900 to fix the hood issue in the kitchen, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

***Finger reader-*** Commissioner McLean asked about the status. Ms Lucas is working with SCM regarding this.

**Chiefs Report:**

- Chief Snow thanked the board for the Scott Packs. They are being received well and 3 training's have happened already. He wants to drill with each company so everyone gets more familiar. He spoke with John Drewes and we do not have to switch out until we feel comfortable. Some members learn differently than others since this is life or death we will switch over when everyone is familiar and comfortable. Commissioner McLean asked if all the equipment we needed and wanted for these new packs are in, the face masks, harnesses,etc. According to Chief Snow, yes, just some minor fitting/hose changes but we are ready to go.
- Chief received call from Mark Tullo from Firematic, he explained about Groen's gear delay and was curious why no bottles to fill up. He also explained Firematic could fill Scott bottles too.
- Chief Snow let Ellen, captain of company 4 explain the need for a new router for the mannequins. When the Laerdal rep was out with Donna Hitscherich to do the updates, he noticed the router we are using is not allowing us to utilize the mannequins adequately. He recommended a portable 4G LTE router, which under state bid is \$186.15. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks are on and we will be standing by.

- Chief mentioned a chainsaw is on the shelf to be repaired, Brent usually takes care of it. Commissioner McLean stated its been processed and he will look into that. Chief Joyce stated Power Equipment Plus couldn't even look at it at this point, they have no mechanics.
- Regarding turnout gear, Mark Tullo from Firematic stated lead time is 9 months. John Drewes from Coastal stated 20 weeks.
- Chief Joyce mentioned with the price of fuel increasing, what about officers on duty responding to chief's investigations? Chairman Schoen did ask our lawyer about this and received a lengthy response, but the answer is NO , we are not allowed to do that. It just so happens in this month's counsellor that same issue was addressed. Chief than asked possibly setting up a charge account, pre-paid fuel card, etc. Answer is NO, we are very limited on what we can do to reimburse volunteers. Chairman Schoen stated there is a vehicle that is not being utilized that could potentially be used for chief's investigations, 9-3-81. Chief Joyce was concerned about the narcotics on board. Chairman stated they are locked up. Commissioner McLean also mentioned that vehicle is certified by the department of health and should be operated by medically trained personal. Its mandated to have certain pieces of equipment on board. Chairman Schoen will look into this option but, the vehicle was supposed to be used to help with responding/aiding in calls and within the last year has been utilized minimally.

Chairman Schoen motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:15 hrs, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:15 hours**