

Montauk Fire District
July 12, 2022
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
Thomas Dess

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 1st. Asst. Chief Ken Glogg, 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.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Schoen noted we can not approve the minutes of the June 29, 2022 Workshop meeting because the people that were there are not here tonight. The minutes will then be presented at the next meeting.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$758.90, Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried..

Building Use Request: BeachComber Resort is requesting use of the Meeting Room for their shareholder meeting on November 19, 2022 from 10am to 12 noon. A check was attached with the request in the amount of \$150.00. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: A last minute bill came in from Brent after the bills were done in the amount of \$889.91. Ms. Lucas also presented the other invoices for payment totaling: \$24,288.19. Commissioner Dess had a question about finance charges on the copier, Ms. Lucas explained we will be getting a credit, it may take a few billing cycles to actually see it. Chairman Schoen, after reviewing the bills noticed some minor charges on the Verizon bill from a 903 long distance number. Turns out we have an 888 number that we get charged for every month and are responsible for the charges coming from that number. Ms. Lucas also explained to have this toll free number, it cost \$23 per month. Chairman Schoen motioned to remove this service, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen also wanted to bring to the attention of the board, glucose test strips were approved and ordered from Save on Strips but when they came in, they were short dated (about to expire in a month). In the process received another request for test strips from our desired vendor. We can get 100 strips for \$59 from Save on Strips and 50 strips from desired vendor for \$81. Chairman Schoen also found out that Save on Strips are suppose to be at least 3 month's out of expiration. The solution was

to put those short dated ones out right away and utilize them first. The paramedic supervisor also noted that sometimes our preferred vendor goes out of stock on this item. So there is no reason why we shouldn't buy from Save on Strips, just be aware of expiration dates. Commissioner Dess motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasure's Reports: Next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner in charge, not present but as per Chief Snow 9-3-1 engine light is on and its been air bound twice. It is written up and in book.

Equipment: *Commissioner* in charge not here but items are still on shelf not yet repaired.

Buildings & Grounds:

- **Kitchen Exhaust Fan-** As per Chairman Schoen everyone thought we had 2 options but in reality we actually have 2 separate systems. There is one in the ceiling that no one is actually aware of. The one that should be replaced is the one in the hood. Previously the approval was for \$3900, but we need to approve \$4300 to replace the fan in the hood. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- **Lighting project-** Chairman Schoen received a late call from Brent that the outfit wants to come out Thursday to start replacing the lights. Brent also stated the ceiling tiles in the game room were previously approved to replace but never done because of conflict and noise concerns. So What Brent is asking, can he get permission to order the ceiling tiles so they can be fitted around the new lights. Commissioner Wright asked if its just for the materials and the houseman are going to put them up, if not then we would have to get proposals like anything else. Chairman Schoen stated lets get the lights in and we can always change out tiles afterwards.
- **House Report-** Commissioner Dess questioned Fire News being here to take pictures of rigs, Why? Chief explained the gentleman had been sick for some time. He really wanted to take a pic of 9-3-2, but ended up taking more of the newer ones too. Question arose about generator, once a week it comes on to be tested, answer Yes, Saturday morning.

Budget and Capital Reserves: Commissioner in charge, not present but all Commissioner's did get a copy of the budget to go over, so we can start discussing at next meeting. Also the Chief should keep in mind anything that the department might need in the new year so we can budget accordingly.

Insurance:

- Commissioner in charge, not present.

Communications:

- Commissioner in charge, not present.

Paid Personal:

- Commissioner Wright working with Chris, paramedic supervisor, the officers of company 4, the chief and Commissioner Mark for another meeting to go over anything pending.

Department Personal:

- Commissioner in charge, not present.

Law:

- Chairman Schoen explained a law being proposed, it involves taking pictures at any Fire or EMS scene and putting them on social media, This law will make it a class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor with proper enforcement. This all stemmed from a murder of an EMT on a scene and another EMT posted it on social media. Just to reiterate NO ONE can take pictures at a scene, except for training purposes, not for social media. Chief Snow explained he reviews all pictures for possible press purposes.
- Chairman Schoen stated this might not be law but this needs to be dealt with. A member brought up how filthy the kitchen sink is with dirty pans and utensils. If it was up to him, which it is not, he would shut down the kitchen to cooking for all. No cooking without the Chief's expressed permission. Chief Snow agreed will post a sign tomorrow that the kitchen is closed until further notice..

Old Business:

Ambulance: Chief Snow received a letter from the new ambulance committee stating 9-3-16 is NOT in need of a replacement. The committee had considered two options:

- 1- replacing 9-3-16 with a new box and chassis or
- 2- remounting the box of 9-3-16 on a new chassis.

We received proposals on this from two outfits and after careful consideration the box on 9-3-16 is still in pretty good shape and no pressing mechanical issues, accrued no damage or need of serious repair. It is well maintained by the district. Based on discussions with John from Fully Involved, Pete from VCI and Alan from Henderickson, 9-3-16 should be able to stay in service for years to come. So at this time we would like to hold off on replacement or remount for another year or two when supply chain issues are under control or when the ambulance is less reliable. Chairman Schoen motioned delaying the purchase or re-boxing of an ambulance for at least a year and will revisit next year, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Kitchen: Discussed earlier in meeting.

New Business:

- **Stryker Pads-** Chairman Schoen received a letter with concern about the type of pads we are using for the heart monitor. In the letter it stated the use of pads other than Stryker would void the warranty on the units. We checked with Stryker and that is not the case. The response we received came from Jeff in the tech department and it reads; using other pads DOESN'T VOID the warranty but we are not liable for adverse outcomes. The reason we did not buy from Stryker was the pads were not readily available and cost difference. The complaint received in the letter was the Boundtree pads don't stick as well. Chairman Schoen stated we order pads from Stryker unless they are not in stock then order from Boundtree.
- **Parking issues from Surf Lodge-** Commissioner Dess explained the parking issues in front of firehouse. It was so bad this weekend that if a helicopter needed to land they would not be able to, cars were parked all the way up to the entrance of the fire department. Commissioner Dess spoke with Commissioner Wright and reached out to East Hampton town Police. Right now there is no Precinct Commander here in Montauk, it's a joint effort until they appoint someone. So Commissioner Dess reached out to Sergeant Alversa and he was going to take care of it. As of tonight they are not up. He will reach out to the Lieutenant and follow up. They need to be up because of another concert tomorrow night. Talking about the Surf Lodge, Chief Snow received a letter requesting a paramedic onsite for a launch party. That is their decision, we do

not provide that type of service. They should call a service and hire someone. We do not provide coverage for private enterprises. Ms. Lucas will send an email back explaining they will need to hire a private company.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Snow has had a chainsaw on the shelf for 9-3-1 for over 5 weeks now. It doesn't start when you pull it. Chief thought Brent might be able to look at it. Ms. Lucas did tell him but it really needs to come from a Commissioner. Chairman Schoen will tell him tomorrow and if he can't fix it, then unfortunately we will have to order a new one.
- Chief also stated there are some fire extinguishers down there that need to be refilled, some were done but others were not. Chief Joyce mentioned ordering some dry chem fire extinguishers, they don't go bad. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve ordering six dry chem fire extinguishers, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief has a request for Mike Brosnan to take the EMT class in Sag Harbor this fall, just need a check for \$125.00. Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief discussed 9-3-81- he went to the Captain and explained the concerns the Board has. Dustin was driving it when he was up but forgot to note it in system or book. But it has been driven more since the talk.
- Chief was curious why there is foam still under the stairwell. Ms. Lucas explained Brent has been emailing back and forth with the girl trying to find out what is going on.
- Chief Snow stated the new chief's car Knox box codes are incorrect, needs to be corrected ASAP.
- Scott Packs, there are 3 in each company locker so training can begin with them. The others we will keep until all members are trained and comfortable then we will put on the trucks.
- Picnic went well.
- 4th of July Fireworks standby went great with a little picnic on the side.
- Chief is proud of company 4, no reactivation's, or mutual aides from Amaganset. They had 7 people standing by on 4th of July weekend. He thanked all the drivers too. Chief feels the department is coming back as a whole. Chairman Schoen stated he appreciates the work all the Chiefs are putting forth.
- Chief Glogg received a quote for turnout gear from John Drewes of Coastal Fire Systems. The cost per set (jacket and pants) is \$2,635.34 and lead time is 4-5 months. Chairman Schoen believes this is on state bid so we do not have to go out to bid. Chief Glogg said we have quite a few that need new. He would start with 5 and go from there. Chairman Schoen said to go ahead and start the process.
- Chief Glogg wanted to bring something to the boards attention. About 2 weeks ago there was a call on the beach that came over man in seizures, then CPR in progress. Scott being home took the chief's car and responded to the beach with the AED and gave the guy 2 shocks and got him back. He just recently got discharged from the hospital. If it wasn't for his quick response and thinking not sure what the outcome would have been. Chief Snow stated Robert Friedberg was on scene too and started CPR, it was a team effort. Chief Glogg said it was the quick actions of Chief Snow that helped save his life.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn @ 19:24 hours, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:24 hours