

Montauk Fire District
September 28, 2022
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 1st Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg 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 August 30, 2022 Special Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular Commissioner Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Request: Ms. Lucas presented a time off request for Rex Martin, five vacation days in October. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$216.39, Commissioner Mark motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1,725.00, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Stryker for 4 new AED's, extra batteries and electrodes totaling \$11,178.00, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried..

Audit of Bills:

Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$23,820.86, Commissioner McLean had a question about the bill from Firematic for a light. He stated there was one on the floor of Brent's office, why was this ordered? Chairman Schoen stated it wouldn't have been ordered if it wasn't approved, so what is the issue, do we need it? Answer was not sure. Commissioner McLean stated we have one for the new chief's car and the charger will be taken out of 9-3-9 and installed in 9-3-30. Ms. Lucas asked if it was a light that was in need of repair and when Firematic came, they saw it on the rack took it to see if it was repairable and found it wasn't and sent this one instead. Ms Lucas will do some research and get some answers. If we need it, we will keep it, if not it will be sent back. Commissioner McLean also was curious about a \$190 charge from Freedom Com for phone system update. He thought it was previously discussed to update the system with the current Chief's and Commissioner's. Ms. Lucas explained the system's memory was getting overloaded. The only ones that need voicemail are Dick White, herself and the big bucks line. It was confusing when people called in so we made it easier. If anyone really needs a Chief or Commissioner, Ms. Lucas takes the information and either text's them or call's them. Chairman Schoen asked Commissioner McLean if he would like to have a phone system that has an answering system. Commissioner McLean asked what the other board members thought, is it a usable business tool? Chairman Schoen stated it hasn't been for the last 10 years. Commissioner Mark asked if we were to receive a voicemail is there technology that would relay it into a text message. Commissioner Wright mentioned nowadays with cellphones, if you are dealing with a specific vendor or person, you just give them that number. Ms. Lucas also stated it's not cost effective any longer. Commissioner Wright motioned to abandon this system and move forward, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Dess also motioned to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$23,820.86, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Chevy Tahoe- Bid Opening: Ms. Lucas presented four bids but Chairman Schoen noted before we open the bids, it's always stated that the board reserves the right to reject all bids. He feels we should establish a number we would refuse if less then. It was asked if someone got the blue book value of the truck, answer was NO but a similar truck up island had a minimum bid for \$8,000.00. The last one that we sold, we received \$5,005 for it as per Ms. Lucas. Commissioner Wright asked if we set a minimum of \$3,000 and don't receive, what is our next step? Chairman Schoen said our next step would be, either put it out to bid again or donate the vehicle. Commissioner Wright asked who is in need of a vehicle, the volunteer Fire Department of Roxbury who also put a bid in for the Tahoe. Commissioner Wright motioned that we do not accept a bid less than \$3,000.00 and if we do not get anything above \$3,000.00 we consider donating the vehicle, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas read aloud the bidders;

- Sal Termini- bid amount, \$1,500.00
- Volunteer Fire Department of Roxbury, Chief Colleran- bid amount, \$1,700.00
- Nikki Forsberg- bid amount, \$5,000.00
- John from Mickey's daughter- bid amount, \$2,200.00

Commissioner Wright motioned to accept the bid of \$5000.00, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Chief just wanted to make sure all the Montauk Fire Department decals and light bar were removed before hand. Chairman Schoen stated YES that would be done.

Age Limits- After a person attended an informational meeting about becoming a fire department member and was told they weren't eligible because they exceeded the by-law age limit of 65. The departments current by-laws state a prospective member must be over the age of 18 and less than 65. But someone raised a question, it's age discrimination. So Chairman Schoen was asked to look into this and contacted the lawyer. He received two answers; 1- The by-laws indicated is a violation of the law. We need to remove the 65 indicated age. The determination on qualifying for membership in the department is to be made by the department physician. It is up to him or her to determine whether regardless of age somebody is qualified to be a member. As you know becoming a member of the department is pretty involved and the membership votes on any potential new members. Chairman Schoen asked when speaking about a potential new member can we reference age at all, he was told NO. So when applications are read there can be NO reference to age. The posting of the drivers license is permissible. Chief is aware that this needs to be changed and already contacted the membership and by-law committee to let them know. If a potential member was told they did not fit the criteria should we call them and read their application again on the floor, Chairman Schoen advised the chief he should. Chief Glogg suggested calling the gentlemen and asking if he is still interested in becoming a member and if so then let him know that his application will be read at Monday's meeting.

Additional workshop topics;

Ambulance billing- This was a topic of discussion at our East End District Officers meeting last night. Commissioner Wright brought up why don't we put this as a referendum and allow the citizens/taxpayers vote on it. Chairman Schoen found out from the lawyer, absolutely can't be done, it's against the law.

Neighboring Districts - Commissioner Wright noted from last night's East End District Officers meeting, Amagansett's unhappiness with us. It seems that they are without coverage for about ½ an hour. Maybe we can split the difference and make our neighboring district happy with us again. He stated this would be a discussion to have at a meeting in October with Chris, maybe another paid paramedic, officers, chief and myself and Commissioner Mark. Commissioner Mark will set up the meeting. A suggestion from Chief Glogg would be to actually see how often it happens. The employee that needs to work in Amagansett/Montauk after his or her shift in Amagansett/Montauk would leave 15 minutes before their shift ends to make it to the other department on time. This is becoming a bigger deal than it has to. Let's make Amagansett happy, they are our neighbors and we do need them at times. We will see what comes from the meeting and go from there.

Chiefs Report: Chief Snow stated the following;

- He wanted to know if the chiefs were supposed to be invited to the Commissioner dinner. Chairman Schoen explained with no disrespect, NO they are not invited, that is how it has always been.
- Chief Snow thanked the board for the 4 AED's and extra batteries.
- Chief thanked the district for allowing the department to have Big Bucks. It was a success, we made money even with a low turnout.
- Several members demoed battery operated tools with Firematic at Amagansett Firehouse.
- Three people taking the STICO class tonight.
- Last week four members went to Yaphank with Amagansett for a drill.
- 2 weeks ago training with the Scott Packs happened. The goal is to have the Scott Packs on the trucks by November 1, 2022.

- Informational meeting for potential new members went well, 8 total, 6 Firematic, 2 EMS.
- Department Dinner Friday.
- Yaphank drill October 19, 2022 with Scott Packs and John the salesman will be there too.
- Flu Shots on Monday 10/3/22 before the department meeting at 6:30pm. Chief will send information over the air too.
- The brush truck committee will be meeting with Firematic about brush trucks.
- Company 3 is looking at other specs for tankers and different manufacturer's. It's going to be a long time to get a truck.
- Physical list is getting smaller. Chief called, emailed or texted everyone left on the list.
- The FDNY does a fundraiser every year the Monday after Big Bucks, Firefighters fighting for firefighters. They raise money to help fireman, police officers put ramps in from the cancer causes sustained from 911. It's bad, they are putting in one ramp a week. They presented the Fire Department with a plaque thanking us for the use of the property for so many years. Chief stated Eddie Ecker the public relations officer will write up something about this.
- Chief Glogg needs a new chief's helmet. Chairman Schoen stated submit a purchase requisition.
- A taxpayer heard that if you were unable to attend the informational meeting about becoming a member of the fire department you would have to wait another year. Chief Snow stated he could talk with her after this meeting and give her an application to fill out. But explained it needed to be back by Monday.
- Chairman Schoen stated since we got rid of all our FOAM, before we decide on a wetting agent or new foam, we should reach out to the other districts and see what they are using. We can always stockpile like we did before at the training center, it would be great that we all use the same agent. Chief Snow said the other departments aren't sure but he did get in touch with a guy from MacArthur airport that used to be in charge of HAZMAT for the County. He was getting information on the FOAM that the airport uses, which is safe.

Discussion arose about meeting date changes for October and November. Our regular meeting for Tuesday November 8 will now be Wednesday November 9, 2022 and our workshop meeting will now be November 22nd, instead of November 23rd. October 11th is our regular meeting and our workshop is October 26th. However we also have to have a Public Budget Hearing the week of the 18th. Chairman Schoen motioned to have the Public Budget Hearing on October 18, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:30 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:30 hours