

Montauk Fire District
August 8, 2023
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:00 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Kenneth Glogg, and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 18:00 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Dess motioned to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023 Workshop Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$435.65, Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1,893.10, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Amazon for medical supplies totaling \$174.95, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Request: Rex Martin is requesting a personal day for August 11, 2023. We do have coverage. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Treasurer's Report: tabled till next meeting.

Motion to pay Bills totaling \$13,248.17: Commissioner McLean motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$13,248.17 seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-1- Complaint about the volume pressure control, reported inoperable. It was checked by our maintenance people and freed up after repeated attempts and manual pressure applied to the valve. It can only be operated at idle speed and must be operated routinely to be functional. Chairman Schoen suggested to have them operate it at company drills. Tank fill lights are obsolete and it is extremely expensive to replace, the only light that does not light up is $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
- 9-3-8- brake parts are in, needs a master and booster cylinder, working into schedule, it should be an in-house job. Commissioner Dess asked if truck was down, as per Commissioner McLean he was told truck is not down at the moment.
- 9-3-9- light bar removed, radio equipment removed and all secured on property. Chief asked if all the identifying marks came off. Response was YES, the only thing that stayed on was Montauk.
- 9-3-14- complaint of leakage/seepage from front right outrigger. It was investigated and found to be residual fluid from previous repair job. It has been cleaned and no more fluid sighting.
- 9-3-16- back in service, pit man arm replaced and front new tires, also air horn and howler(secondary siren) replaced. Chairman Schoen thought it was a great idea in Brent's part to drop off ambulance for this repair and pick back up when completed. It was a simple train ride back and forth.
- 9-3-18- camera on front windshield (used as a backup camera) came loose and Brent was able to remount.
- Chief's cars are in good shape.

Equipment: Commissioner Dess gave his report;

- Nothing broke but a whole bunch of stuff came in. Turnout Gear is in which is in the hallway of district office
- Light box for 9-3-7 came in and in chief's office.
- MSA 4-gas meters came in and in chief's office.
- Rescue sticks came in and in chief's office.
- 3 lengths of 3" hose came in and in front of rack downstairs.

Buildings & Grounds: Commissioner Wright gave his report;

- The re-pointing for the Water Infiltration Project was approved by the board and given the go ahead by Commissioner Wright. He said they are suppose to start mid week and should be here tomorrow. Ms. Lucas noted they were here today. Commissioner Dess mentioned they re-pointed, sealed and put grass seed down today.
- Commissioner Wright spoke with Brent and they found the motor for the AC unit and it's supposed to be installed tomorrow. No word on the refrigerator (walk-in).
- Commissioner Dess mentioned the front entrance looks much better. Commissioner McLean noted the owner was here from Hoyt going around and making sure they did what was supposed to be done. Commissioner Dess stated supposedly 15 broken metal stakes were taken out of the ground.
- Commissioner Dess also noticed the mulch in the center island looks so much better. He also noted there is a little pot hole when you make the turn into the parking spaces by district office. If we could get that filled in that would be great.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Chairman Schoen noted in less than 3 months we have earned \$21,186.30 in our Capital accounts with the move to NYCLASS.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean noted this years annual questioner survey is available. Ms Lucas will print out for him.
- Ms. Lucas also noted we received the checks for the insurance claims on the broken tablets.

Communications:

- No report

Paid Personal:

- Commissioner Wright stated we hired someone new and sent an email about. She seems pretty amazing from her resume. He is still trying to schedule another meeting with paid and officers to discuss any issues.

Department Personal:

- No report

Law:

- No report

Old Business:

- ***Air Conditioner-*** discussed earlier in meeting. Hopefully repaired tomorrow.
- ***Mutual Aid Agreement-*** A discussion arose about certain items on the agreement, Chief clarified some issues. Chairman Schoen asked if everyone had a chance to read it. Commissioner McLean just wanted to know about the Committee that Commissioner Mark was on that was assigned for this. Commissioner Mark stated we met a few times for some clarifications but they wanted to make sure EH Village would participate in the mutual aid and they agreed. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.
- ***Safes-EMS-*** The board has two quotes for new safes as per Commissioner Dess. He met with Chris Boccabella to discuss the matter. He explained that the safes in the ambulances are no longer being supported/serviced and we can no longer get parts for them. So we will be unable to utilize them. Chris went and got quotes for two different types of safes, First quote is for card/pin/mobile access and the other is for bio-metric(fingerprint)/pin/card/mobile access. Commissioner Dess feels we should not get involved with the fingerprint process and stick with the pin and card option, but did say we would need new cards because old ones will not work with the change. The cost is \$9,181 for the three access method verse \$13,430 for the fourth access method which includes the fingerprint and Chairman Schoen is in total agreement with Commissioner Dess doesn't think we need. Commissioner Mark asked if we have spoken to our volunteer ALS providers and see if they have any preference. The fingerprint option could open up a can of worms. Regarding the 9-3-81 car, that safe was put in and it doesn't match the other safes. Chris Boccabella the head narcotics agent can not access the safe. He has to get Rob Rosen to open the safe for him. That is not how it should be, he is the head narcotics agent and his name is on all the paperwork. Commissioner McLean stated isn't Rob

Rosen the assistant narcotics agent, Commissioner Dess, YES but Chris Boccabella is in charge and his name is on the paperwork he should be able to check everything. Commissioner McLean stated if the paid 80 needed to use the 81 car they would carry the narcotics on them, totally legal. Chief Glogg stated in keeping everything uniform and everything matching, keep it simple, we did it with the engines, ambulances and the 80 and 81 car should be the same. He says to forget about the fingerprints and just make every apparatus the same. Commissioner Dess stated the quotes are good till August 27, 2023. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept quote for 5 new safes, (3 for the ambulances, 1 for 9-3-81 and 1 for stock room) for \$9,181, seconded by Chairman Schoen, BUT a question arose before the motion was secured and passed and carried. Commissioner Mark again asked about the opinion of the volunteer ALS providers. Chairman Schoen asked Chief Glogg to speak with the Captain, Ellen Cook and get her opinion of either fingerprints or no fingerprints for the safes. Chairman Schoen did say with her recommendation it is still the decision of the board which ones we will get.

- **Budget Prep-** Discussion regarding the budget for 2024 began. The board went over each line item discussing amounts and adjusting accordingly. Some lines needed more attention and will be discussed and addressed at next meeting. Ms Lucas will update information in report with new numbers, print out another report and it will be discussed again at next meeting.

NEW Business

- Commissioner Mark mentioned a call at Ditch Plains, there was a bunch of bicycles completely blocking the beach access and if the call was series there would have been extreme difficulty getting patient out. Should we reach out to the fire Marshall? Chairman Schoen thought it might be a police matter, Chief thought even a Town issue. Let's come up with a practical solution, maybe some signage, emergency vehicles only this side of cone or emergency access beyond this point. Chairman Schoen stated it is something to bring to the attention of the town board and he will find out the next town board meeting.
- Commissioner Dess asked about truck checks, who gets them. Chairman Schoen stated since we separated Equipment from Apparatus it would you, Commissioner Dess. If anything is noted needs new or damaged, a request should be given for that item.

Chiefs Report:

- Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County is looking for dues, \$300.00.
- Chief Glogg brought up information about a rehab tent. He found the company Southampton uses called Sunbelt Inflatable tents. He received a quote for a 15' x 12' tent which would include heating, cooling, lighting and sandbags to hold it down for a cost of \$20,273.00. Chief suggested to budget for \$26,000 for any supplies that might be needed for this rehab tent. Chairman Schoen asked when would this be used. Chief's response, structure fires, MCI incidents, concerts, really whatever we deem necessary for use. Set up time is minimal. Some discussion arose and a question was asked about where can it be set up, grass, blacktop, etc. Chief Glogg stated it can set up anywhere. Who would man this? It would be part of the MCI trailer and department personnel would be trained on how to set up and utilize. Chairman Schoen said we have some research to do.
- Chief also suggested the board should look into an O2 fill station. It was something that was discussed when we were looking into the SCBA's. Compressed air is actual terminology. Commissioner Wright stated at the time it did not make financial sense to buy one of these machines. Chairman Schoen noted a used filling station was about \$20-25,000 thousand and the amount of time we have tanks filled didn't warrant getting one.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn @ 20:30 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:30 hours