

Montauk Fire District
October 17, 2023
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:32 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 meeting to order at 18:32 hours and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Resolution NO. 1- Override Real Property Tax Cap for 2024 Budget: Commissioner Mark had a question about the 2%, is that the cap this year, he thought it changes each year. The answer is YES to both questions. Chairman Schoen asked if he has a motion to accept this resolution, Commissioner Wright motioned, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen voted YES, Commissioner Wright voted Yes, Commissioner Mark, voted Yes, Commissioner McLean voted Yes, Commissioner Dess voted, Yes, The resolution has been duly adopted.

Resolution NO. 2- Approve Final Budget for 2024: Chairman Schoen asked if we have a motion to adopt, Commissioner Wright motioned, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen voted YES, Commissioner Wright voted Yes, Commissioner Mark, voted Yes, Commissioner McLean voted Yes, Commissioner Dess voted, Yes, The resolution has been duly adopted.

Resolution appointing Board of Elections for Annual Elections of the Montauk Fire District: Chairman Schoen asked if all were in favor, the board unanimously accepted.

Audit of the Bills:

Bills: Ms. Lucas presented bills for payment, totaling \$40,121.21, Commissioner Dess motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics

District Officers Dinner- November 28th: The discussion was to have an in-house member who is a chef possibly cook for the event. Thought was Tato, he was asked, just needs clarification on date. Question was asked what should he prepare. Maybe look into the pork wings. Ms. Lucas will ask the Ladies Auxiliary to help and the chief will get some bartenders. The chief's are invited.

New Members and background checks- Chairman Schoen spoke with Eddie Ecker and asked Joe Frank what do other districts do. We got a hold of the Suffolk County Sheriff's office who told us about the proper forms to fill out and we sent off the new members today to see how long it will take for them to provide background checks. Any questions on the new members. Commissioner McLean stated it says we are to vote on them in November. Commissioner Dess stated the forms just need to be updated, they are old. Chief said he will make sure they are updated before any new potential members next year. Discussion arose about dates on the application. Chairman Schoen motioned to accept these eight members, Maryann Pagano, Terrance Curley, George Hear, Jr., Maureen Rutkowski, Alex Errico, Elizabeth Forsberg, Robert Restivo and Elizabeth Sporing, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. The three other potential members will be voted on at fire school if their background checks come back in time.

Chairman Schoen asked about the cameras, what is the status? Commissioner Wright is going to call them directly because Brent keeps getting the run around. Chairman Schoen also noted that any member that has not gotten their physical by end of this month will be getting letters.

Chief's Report:

- Chief presented a purchase requisition for 20 batteries with chargers, 20 extra batteries and 3yr service agreement totaling \$8,467.00. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief discussed physicals for the new people, and the board agreed they have 90 days to complete it at a prior meeting, the Chief is asking to change that. A lengthy discussion arose about this. Commissioner Wright motioned that the members have until December 31st to take their department physical or their application would be withdrawn and they would have to re-apply in the future if they are still interested, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Dess had a question about jacks for the heavy rescue, in the book one handle is missing and they need to order a new one. He is asking the chief to look into that for him.
- Chairman Schoen asked if Ocean Rescue reached out to the chief about a drill. Commissioner Dess said they were looking at one at the light house for October 28th.
- Chief asked about the Kubota. Commissioner Dess said it is sitting at Malvese waiting on the skid pack which is suppose to be delivered end of October beginning of November. Once it gets delivered they will mount it. He is still waiting on trailer info. Commissioner McLean would like to get the VIN # for the insurance company. Chief said we need to get some training since it's almost here. Commissioner Dess said he can get UTV training information for the chief. Commissioner McLean stated VFIS was here and we do have qualified instructors in our department, he will get the names.

Commissioner Dess said the Alex the Fire Marshall has UTV credentials from his previous department.

- Chief asked if the boiler is done, Commissioner Wright said one is the other is waiting on a part.

Commissioner McLean asked about Active Alert, thought we were going to discuss. Chairman Schoen gave information to Commissioner Dess to research. A discussion arose about this. Chairman Schoen asked if this is an app that you download to your phone, YES. Do you log into it, do you need a password? Then everyone started talking at once. Commissioner Dess said he research some more.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:20 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.