

**Montauk Fire District
February 13, 2024**

MINUTES

Commissioners Property Tax Exemption Hearing 18:30 hours

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

Also Present: Chief Kenneth Glogg, 1st Asst. Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., 2nd Asst. Chief John McDonald and Secretary-Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Hearing to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the Property Tax Exemption Hearing to order at 18:30 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chairman Schoen stated this is a Public Hearing about Property Tax Exemption and no one is present so he motioned to close hearing at 18:32 hours and start the Regular Commissioner's meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the Regular Commissioner's Meeting to order at 18:32 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Chairman Schoen motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$593.96, Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice- Chairman Wright ; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Amazon for medical supplies totaling \$148.80, Commissioner McLean approved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$424.72, Commissioner Dess motioned, seconded by Vice-Chairman; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Requests: Chairman Schoen noted there is one from Ms. Lucas requesting four vacation days 3/18- 3/21 and five personal days 3/11-3/15 which will use up her personal hours for the year and

her vacation hours will become 164 hours. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried. The second request is from Brent, February 22 thru February 24, three vacation days and two personal, February 20th and 21st which will eliminate his personal hours and bring down his vacation hours to 788. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess.

Building Use Request: Red Knights requesting use of the building on May 16th for their annual meeting. They do this every year. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$398,278.68 Commissioner Dess motioned to approve payment of bills totaling \$398,278.68, seconded to Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-1- went up to Fully Involved for replacement of the transmission gasket and while en route stopped at Safe- lite in Bridgehampton for the windshield repair.
- 9-3-2- PM (Preventative Maintenance) was completed. Still waiting on the solenoids to come in to provide defrosting for the front windshield.
- 9-3-4- PM (Preventative Maintenance) completed.
- 9-3-5- PM (Preventative Maintenance) completed.
- 9-3-7- PM (Preventative Maintenance) completed.
- 9-3-8- truck is back and ready to roll and can actually STOP. PM (Preventative Maintenance) completed.
- 9-3-19- inspection was completed.
- 9-3-30- was at shop for body work, and received back.
- 9-3-31- oil change and new battery.
- 9-3-16- body work is waiting for parts to come in/delivered.
- 9-3-14- report came in that there is trouble with the monitor, nozzle in the bucket. It didn't work. That was called in and waiting for repair of it. Chairman Schoen gave some more detail about monitor/nozzle for 9-3-14. CO 5 drilled last night and had problems with the control mechanism that controls the bucket, no power so couldn't use for water. Chief Joyce asked if they could get any water out of it at all. Chairman Schoen said NO, they were reluctant to do that. So the only water in the bucket right now is a handheld line that goes through a fitting. The question was asked because when they were testing the ladders the other day, they were able to flow water through it. Chairman Schoen confirmed that water did flow through and witnesses can confirm. He also stated there is a 10ft line that you can screw into the bucket.
- Annual ladder testing conducted the other day, no problems found and waiting on final report.
- Chief Glogg noted that 9-3-5's siren isn't working and it was put in the book. Commissioner McLean stated if in the book it's on John from Fully Involved's list to check.

Equipment: Commissioner Dess gave his report;

- New safe came in for 9-3-81 and it was put in the other day and believes we are sending the other one back. Finding out from Chris what is going on with the other safes.
- Had an issue the other day with the middle garage door. Brent was able to take care of it.

- Chief Joyce asked about update on water cans. Will check on that. Chief also received a receipt for a Husqvarna battery and put in Commissioner Dess's box which he put in Ms. Lucas's box. This was covered under warranty.

Buildings & Grounds: Vice-Chairman gave his report;

- Spoke with Tanzi and Fidele Construction about the water infiltration still leaking. They confirmed they will be back to correct situation just waiting on better weather.
- HOUSE REPORT- was looked at.
- The hood fan in kitchen does not work on low setting as per Tom Dess.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Chairman Schoen stated as of 1/31/24 our NYCLASS- Apparatus & Equipment Reserve account has \$2,209,805.96. The NYCLASS Building Reserve account has 684,449.86. Interest between the two accounts as of 1/31/24 is \$8,902.90.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean stated we are all up to date and collected on all claims. The claim on the windshield repair is outstanding since it was just completed. Ms. Lucas stated she received bill from Safe-lite, sent over to adjuster and she is paying them directly.
- Chairman Schoen asked if we were filing a claim on 9-3-17. Commissioner McLean stated NO. He was hoping we could just replace the fender flare. Brent would try to put on with new clips, just waiting on the clips.

Communications:

- Commissioner Dess stated he is working with Ms. Lucas to finish up with Active 911.
- He asked about the pagers, saw some bills. Ms. Lucas confirmed they were repair bills and Commissioner McLean said he believes there are three more out.

Paid Personal:

- Vice-Chairman Wright stated he will schedule a meeting after he gets back from his trip but everything seems pretty quite.
- He also asked about the truck check sheets, but no one has received any.
- Vice- Chairman Wright also asked for a report from Ms. Lucas. She printed it but forgot to make copies for everyone. But will have at next meeting.

Department Personal:

- Commissioner Mark not present

Law:

- nothing to report here will discuss later

Old Business:

- ***Camera's-*** Vice-Chairman Wright explained some of the wording in the proposal. The camera's are getting upgraded with multi-head ones, some dual ones, etc. Chairman Schoen noted this is their proposal but have we told them what we wanted. Vice-Chairman Wright said YES and we have been going back and forth with them for years. He asked for one month recording capabilities on the system, He also stated coverage areas he wanted. Then went over it again with Brent. Commissioner Dess thinks every door that can get into the building should have a camera on it. There was some discussion and Vice-Chairman answered questions, we have a system already that they would be upgrading. Chairman Schoen noted there is no fixed proposed figure for the camera's. Also we would have to put this out to bid. Vice-Chairman Wright noted that originally we discussed this as being like in kind from a company we deal with and that was OK but if you want to get numbers, he doesn't think it's a bad idea. Chairman Schoen would like to find out if we have to go out to bid or can we just replace like in kind. He wants it done right.

- **Property Tax Exemption – Resolution:** Chairman Schoen is not going to read the whole thing but it basically reduces the qualifying time for members to receive the property tax exemption from five years to two years. There was no comments at the public hearing so Chairman Schoen motioned to adopt this and after going around the table all other Commissioner's that were present agreed, Commissioner John Mark was not present so motioned/passed/carried.

New Business:

- **Meeting Changes-** Chairman Schoen noted some meeting changes. He proposes canceling the February 28 meeting and moving our March 12th meeting to March 5th. Chief Glogg noted the Town Chief's meeting is Tuesday March 5th. Chairman Schoen asked if March 6th was OK with everyone, answer was Yes. Commissioner McLean asked about the March 27th meeting and Chairman Schoen said we are still having, that is our workshop meeting.
- **LOSAP Package-** Chairman Schoen stated final numbers are in and he went over it with Ms. Lucas, department signed and now the board has to sign and then it gets posted on chief's door and members have 30 days to verify. All board members reviewed and signed. Chairman Schoen also wanted the Chief to remind the members of this exemption they are entitled to. Maybe the officers can let their company know. It pertains to any member that has 2 years of service. Also if a member has 20 years of service and dies that exemption will go to the spouse.
- **Ice Machine-** Chairman Schoen stated the ice machine is in and just waiting on installation.
- **Commissioner's Course-** Chairman Schoen stated there was numerous amounts of information and he went over some with Ms. Lucas. One thing that was discussed and we are entitled to is if EMT Jones is a member of the ABC Fire Department and is renting a house in Ditch Plains for 3 months of the summer and comes down and says they would like to take calls, we are certainly legally allowed with the Chief's permission to issue them a radio, pager, have them attend drills and everything else and respond to calls. They are NOT a member of the department but they are allowed to respond to calls. Commissioner Dess asked if anything needs to be signed to be under our insurance for liability purposes. Chairman Schoen said, if the Chief gives permission then they are covered. Chief Joyce stated it would be the Chief's responsibility to vet them before giving permission. Stipend information is still in the works. Applications are not available yet, public discussions are in the works.
- **Award Ceremony-** Chairman Schoen was informed on March 2nd REMSCO is holding an awards ceremony at the Centereach Fire Department. Donna Hitscherich, Tom Barbieri, Erika Uribe, Deb Choron, Kathy Weiss and Charles Lynch are being recognized for saving a life.
- **Courses-** Chairman Schoen stated the District paid \$1,200 for an instructor to come out about 2 weeks ago to teach a course and he has learned that we have qualified instructors in this department that were more then willing to teach at no cost to the district. In the future we will look into this further.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Glogg presented a building use request for the friends of Erin to use the meeting room for another Bingo night on April 12th from 6-9pm. They do not require the kitchen. Commissioner Dess asked how the last one went, was told very well. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Another building use request from the friends of Erin to utilize the meeting room and kitchen for the annual Corn Beef dinner on March 2, 2024 from 6-9pm. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- Chief received invoice for TERC dues which was approved already.

- Ex-Chief Joe Lenahan previously requested hose reels to use with tanks that district already have but needed a price on hydro testing them first. Total cost to hydrotest is \$180.00 for both tanks. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg stated we have an interior fireman that wears lenses and we need to get the glass piece for his mask. The cost was under \$50 and would like to get one kit. Chairman Schoen told the Chief to find out at the officer's meeting how many might be needed. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean asked about the lenses that go into the kit who pays for them. Commissioner Dess stated the district pays for the equipment for the members. This has already been done before as per Chairman Schoen.
- Chief Joyce is requesting a multi unit charger for the radios, cost is \$979.80. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief McDonald thanked the district for the items that were approved for ice-rescue, still waiting on rope. But now they need a hose reel totaling \$304.95. Chief McDonald said they might eventually need another but wants to try this one first. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Training last month was SCBA and turnout gear and noticed two members that need new gear, Joe Ferraro has ripped knees so requesting a new pair of bunker pants and Lieut. Groen also has ripped knees and his bunker coat is too big. Bunker pants are \$1,503.29 a piece and bunker coat is \$2220.84. Total cost \$5,227.42. Chairman Schoen asked if someone needs to come out to measure them. Answer was YES. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief asked about the ambulance. Chairman Schoen said he never received his phone number. Chief said he made a copy of his contact info and put in your box. Chairman Schoen received information from Joe Frank, if the ambulance will be purchased off a piggy back bid or another government entity or state bid, you have to review that contract to make certain it is a proper exception to competitive bidding. If the terms of the contract requires a \$40,000 down payment, the board can except those terms, we must make certain the vendor supply's a performance bond so the district's money is protected during the manufacturer and pre-delivery period. They have to guarantee our money is good and we have to verify this ambulance is on a buying groups list or state contract, then we can give them a deposit. Commissioner Dess confirmed it needs to be on state contract or Sourcewell. Chairman Schoen said if they are on state bid or Sourcewell the numbers have to match up. We need itemization. Chief will get that from them. Chairman Schoen also noted we have not received a formal statement of the cost or a trade-in allowance from our old ambulance. We need the specifications and details. With our new engines coming within the next 2 years, we have the option to take the trade-in value they offered or they will help us sell it. Chairman Schoen thinks that should be an option with the ambulance too.

Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to adjourn @ 19:42 hours, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:42 hours