

**Montauk Fire District**  
**March 6, 2024**  
**Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Richard Schoen  
James Wright  
Thomas Dess

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

**Call Hearing to Order:**

Chairman Schoen called the Regular Commissioner's 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:*** Commissioner Dess motioned to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Commissioner Meeting, seconded by Chairman Schoen motioned/passed/carried.

***Building Use Request:*** Montauk Public School would like to use the meeting room for a refresher class for the bus drivers. The date is April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30- Noon. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

***Audit of Bills:*** Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$48,329.01 Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve payment of bills totaling \$48,329.01, seconded to Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas presented a couple more bills that need to be paid totaling \$2,497.27, Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to pay, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

***Ambulance Discussion:*** Pete Caliendo joined us to answer questions about a new ambulance proposal. He stated the proposal duplicates 9-3-18. There are some items that are not in 9-3-18 that are on the proposal which include the Danhard Heat and AC System, its a separate heater and AC system. It also has the new Horton Mbrace airbags which is included in the proposal, which means every seated position except the attendant has it's own airbag. Chairman Schoen noticed the trade-in price given is \$5,000 and wants it noted in the contract that if we can not sell on our own then cost would be reduced by that amount. Pete Caliendo said that is what was done with the last ambulance. Chairman Schoen asked why are we getting charged for a Stryker power load floor plate assembly? He asked if that could be taken off our old ambulance. Pete explained, NO the floor rail plate gets cut and installed into the floor which is recessed in. It could be physically removed but it would destroy

the value of the ambulance. Vice-Chairman Wright asked about delivery date. Pete explained typically it's a 3yr time frame but if you were to put 20% down he would use those funds for the chassis payment. Once paperwork is finalized he anticipates we would get the truck within a year from that date. Chairman Schoen noted from our attorney if we were to give a deposit we would require a performance bond from you and would need to verify that the ambulance is on your buyers group list or state contract. Pete stated they are proud members of the SourceWell Cooperative Group. As per Chairman Schoen we need something in writing to that extent. Pete will identify their SourceWell contract number. Commissioner Dess confirmed, 20% down and approximate deliver of one year. Chairman Schoen asked if there is a time limit on the proposal. Pete noted there is no expiration on the proposal. Pete also noted that the delivery date could be longer due to the performance bond. Pete Caliendo will edit the proposal and send the documentation of a SourceWell member that was asked for. He also noted with the Danhard heat and AC System it needs two Shoreline outlets which are 20 amps each. The district will need to provide two dedicated 20 amp circuit lines where the ambulance will be parked. The Danhard System requires it's own plug.

### **Committee Reports:**

***Apparatus:*** Commissioner McLean sent in his report;

- 9-3-16- up island for repair of oxygen sensor and then to body shop for body work, approximately 2 weeks.
- 9-3-2- the defroster solenoids were not needed. The switch was not being utilized properly. It's a three-way rocker switch, with OFF- DEFROST- DEFOG. If user is unaware they could actually place switch in defog which is cold air and initial complaint.
- 9-3-3- complaint of struggling up hill was tested, found to be pulling it's weight and consistently accelerating up Flamingo. The check engine light was resolved internally when a magnetic contact had been dislodged from the cabinet roll down doors. When it's missing it breaks the circuit.
- 9-3-5- Officers door handle was operating correctly. It must be pushed to open as opposed to pulled. Air leak issues throughout rig. It was found that a valve for the rear axle that could be replaced to reduce leakage and the shoreline compressor was not operating. Valve has been ordered for replacement. Also upon timing the build up of operating pressure after start up, full pressure was achieved after 1 minute and 45 seconds, even with deficiencies. That is a reasonable amount of time for an apparatus that is not or ever will be first due to fire. The electric siren working intermittently was a loose connection that was corrected.
- 9-3-7- had a faulty officer's air horn foot pedal that was replaced.
- 9-3-14- pike pole project will be handled during the annual inspection that will be done at quarters.
- Also all apparatus's are scheduled for DMV inspections during the month of March. FYI- new DMV regulations require all inspection stickers to now be affixed to the windshields just like our cars.

***Equipment:*** Commissioner Dess gave his report;

- Two watering cans came in, one will be by the racks and a spare in the laundry room.
- Thermal imaging camera still waiting on.
- Two tanks went out for repair because they were leaking
- CO detector out for repair.
- Two chainsaws went out for possible repair. One new chainsaw did come in.
- Fire extinguishers- only one spare. Commissioner Dess is requesting 4-10lbs extinguishers at \$95 each and 4- 5lb extinguishers at \$65 each. Chairman Schoen suggested we speak to Brent

first before ordering new ones. Commissioner Dess motioned to buy four of each size extinguisher, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

***Buildings & Grounds:*** Vice-Chairman gave his report;

- Spoke with Tanzi about the Re-Pointing project, he gave a proposal for his part, will email to everyone again.
- Plan for kitchen project was given to the House Committee and they will get back to him with comments.
- Camera System, Chairman Schoen spoke with our attorney about this. Yes we need to go out to bid unless the vendor is on state contract. Vice-Chairman Wright thought they were. Chairman Schoen also noted if they are the equipment can not exceed \$35,000. If equipment is more than \$35,000 than we have to go out to bid. We also have to do this under an engineer/architect.
- There hasn't been continuing leaking with project in back (infiltration project) but they are coming back this spring to double check.

***Budget and Capital Reserves:***

- Chairman Schoen stated the Apparatus & Equipment Reserve account has \$2,219,011.63. The Building Reserve account has \$580,094.99. Interest earned at end of month on both accounts was \$11,842.08.

***Insurance:***

- No report

***Communications:***

- Commissioner Dess stated still working on Active911.

***Paid Personal:***

- Ms. Lucas gave the board finger reader reports that was asked for.
- Vice-Chairman Wright stated there has been no meeting set up with paid staff and volunteer.
- Vice-Chairman Wright also stated on occasion he has been approving overtime, better to have coverage than not. He also thought we exceeded the budget line for salaries. Commissioner Dess asked why was this. Ms. Lucas said she will look into. Chairman Schoen did research this and found that Brent's contracted salary for 2023 was \$74,931 but received \$96,517, Rex's contracted salary was \$66,593 but received \$72,996 and Ms. Lucas's contracted salary was \$71,268 but received \$75,386. All this may be why the numbers show we were over budgeted.

***Department Personal:***

- Commissioner Mark not present

***Law:***

- already discussed.

**Old Business:**

- ***Camera's-*** This was discussed previously but Chairman Schoen wants to get an itemized list of where these camera's are. He is going to go around and discuss with Brent.

**New Business:**

- Chairman Schoen would like to transfer the funds from the Town that we received over to NYCLASS. We are also waiting for the fire protection district money and once that arrives would like to deposit into NYCLASS also. Chairman Schoen motioned to transfer both amounts into a NYCLASS account as previously done with other accounts, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

- New OSHA Regulations is out for public comments right now. The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York is encouraging everyone to write letters. This proposed change is 608 pages, but there is a 40 page condensed version. We have a 90 day window to respond ending May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ignoring all these new standards puts the district at risk.
- Estimated increase per member cost is approximately \$4,800.
- Approximately 173 hours of training
- Officers training will change, they will need FFI, FF2, CPR, AED, Hazmat and Vehicle Ops. Asst. Chiefs will need FO2, Chief will need FO3.
- Expect implementation within the next 6-24 months
- Suggestion is to print out the 40 pages and highlight in different colors areas you are doing well, areas not doing but could easily do and areas that are cost prohibited and difficult to implement.
- Need an Emergency Response Plan
- Develop and upkeep of mandatory skills
- Medical readiness physicals
- Establish new fitness standards
- Pre-Plans to all members
- Required decontamination
- Ambulances will require harnesses in the back for patient care
- Any place you see must or shall is mandated
- Apparatus must be kept to standards that was in effect when it was produced
- If new regulations are not followed PESH gets involved and can issue fines, lawsuits, court cases can arise and it becomes a public relations issue
  - The major impact Chairman Schoen sees is the 173 hours of training, cost factor per member and if no one is willing to do training for chief it will go to a paid Chief.
  - District dinner this month is March 26<sup>th</sup> in Amagansett at 7pm.
  - Chairman Schoen would like to move the Workshop meeting to March 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Lucas will post on website and on doors the meeting change.

**Chiefs Report:**

- Chief Glogg asked if we could put referendum in paper now for Ambulance since we have to wait 30 days anyway. Chairman Schoen suggested using \$310,000 for ambulance for referendum. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to put the ambulance referendum in paper, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg would like to purchase cold fire, two, five gallons buckets. Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief McDonald is requesting more turnout gear (adding to previous order) so the total now is 4 bunker coats, 5 bunker pants, boots and a helmet shield totaling \$23,824.35. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to adjourn @ 19:48 hours, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:48 hours**