

Montauk Fire District

August 20, 2024

Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:32 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
Charles “Chip” McLean
Michael Mirras
Carmine Marino

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

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: Commissioner McLean motioned to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2024 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,313.39, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$207.40, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,617.28, Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Grainger for two storage racks totaling \$1,206.86, Commissioner Marino explained it's for the District's paperwork so we can get everything all neat upstairs. Also gives the department ability to clean up their stuff. Chairman Schoen noted we might be able to get rid of 60% of paperwork up there so before we order let's first see if we will need. There are legal requirements on how long we need to keep certain things, like PCRS only need to be kept for 7 years. Department has Big Buck stuff from years ago that can be discarded. Chairman Schoen already told Brent he is going to start a pile in the center of the room with stuff that can be shredded. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried if needed after cleanup.

Time Off Request: Rex Martin is requesting 1 personal day for August 23rd. Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Brent Becker is

requesting 5 vacation days from August 27 through August 31, 2024. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Blue Knights NY 15 is requesting to use of our outdoor space on September 7, 2024 for a BBQ to raise funds for Tunnels 2 Towers. Arrangements have been made with the Town for the picnic tables to arrive earlier this year. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Also FDNY Steve Pollard Memorial Bass Tournament is requesting use of front lawn on September 16, 2024 for it's annual fundraiser. They will be utilizing picnic tables and restrooms left from Big Bucks. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino.

Audit of Bills:

Motion to pay Bills: Ms. Lucas presented a proposal for the Sonic Wall Protection for \$817.08, the subscription is up for renewal this year. It's for the new server that was installed last year. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, second by Vice-Chairman Wright. Invoices were presented for payment totaling \$72,745.64. Commissioner Marino motioned to pay bills totaling \$72,745.64 seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-14- Blew hydraulic lines in the right rear outriggers, they are parallel lines that were fatigued and a had a bad coupling. While repairing another line blew so needed an extra day to finish all repairs. Commissioner Mirras was curious do we replace all the lines then. We need to be proactive about repairs as per Vice-Chairman Wright.
- 9-3-7- Battery went bad, all 3 batteries were replaced.
- PM (Preventative maintenance) was completed on all 3 ambulances.
- 9-3-32 is back from the body shop, repairs were completed from accident.
- 9-3-30- just waiting on Chief Glogg to stop by Suburban for an estimate to get that vehicle repaired.
- Chairman Schoen asked about PM (Preventative Maintenance) on the ambulances. Some members asked him why are we doing them in the summer? Chairman Schoen asked do we do the preventative maintenance every 6 months? Commissioner McLean stated yes and it also corresponds with mileage of the vehicle. Commissioner McLean noted if Fully Involved is out doing repairs or maintenance, they check to see if preventative maintenance is due on any ambulances.
- Commissioner McLean informed the board and Chief that Waterways has a tentative date for PUMP testing of September 16th. There was a previous discussion about hose testing, and there seems to be a schedule; pump testing is done annually and hose testing is done bi-annually (every two years). Hose testing was done last year. Chief Joyce reminded Commissioner McLean about the parking lot being utilized for an FDNY event on same day they want to test. Commissioner McLean will reschedule and thanked the chief for the catch.

Equipment:

- Commissioner Marino is still waiting on some truck checks.
- He also noted there was an entry in the book for the need for oxygen and acetylene for 9-3-2, that was taken care.

- Ms. Lucas also noted the Scott's Packs are due for their annual hydro testing. That will be done on September 3, 2024.

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

- Proposal received from Maccarone Plumbing. As everyone is aware there is a septic leak and the board already approved the emergency repair. They are suppose to start tomorrow. Ms. Lucas noted the plumbers were here today and started the work. Questions were asked if they have to rip up the tile and stuff. No, it was contained in the concrete walls. But long term these cast iron pipes will rust out over time.
- There is a sink hole in the parking lot near the district parking spaces. Vice-Chairman Wright told Brent to shut off irrigation over there. Also asked him to see about having a septic company take a look at. But since Maccarone was coming he was going to ask them to check it out first.
- As you can see by Tanzi's bills all the projects are moving forward. Chairman Schoen and myself met with Tanzi and explained about electric service and lighting issue.
- Re-pointing the building is about to go out to bid.
- Chairman Schoen asked where do we stand with kitchen project. Vice-Chairman Wright explained we were pretty close to going out to bid but then a lighting plan and upgrading the electric was discussed. A second service instead of upgrading was addressed. A question arose will it handle possibly going electric in the future. That was all addressed during the discussions.
- House Report- was looked over and a questions arose about the the repairs to the ambulances, are people putting in accident reports or do we have to reiterate to the department. As per Commissioner McLean yes accident reports have been written. It was noted that not reporting an incident can lead to more trouble than reporting. Vice-Chairman Wright asked if it could be announced at the next department meeting. Chief Joyce will do. Commissioner Marino is asking the chief to remind the members/drivers about the garage doors, please have them cycle all the way up and all the way down. Some are allowing it go halfway up and then it goes into lockout and the fear is one night they can't get out and are waiting now for an override to the the system. Also Commissioner Marino has the guys cleaning up stuff and would like the members to put things back where they get them from. It is not Brent and Rex's responsibility to put away all the odds and ends around here. Vice-Chairman Wright asked if we should have more people able to override the system in the event Brent or Rex is not here. Commissioner Marino would like to talk to Brent about this first because he just got informed about this on Friday.
- Commissioner Marino also noted at a previous meeting there was a discussion about the two black barrels outside. One of them is gone, it was the AFFF foam. He is just asking the chief to check and make sure we got it all. Chief Joyce remembers draining it all from the trucks and believes there are no containers left but will check with the officers.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Discussed later in meeting

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean explained we had damage from an electrical spike/surge which burnt out our UPS on the house computer system in the district office. It also burnt out the finger reader system and key FOB box, It was repaired immediately and a claim was put into the

insurance company. Everything was in order and the damages were all under \$1,700 and a check will be issued minus our \$1,000 deductible for \$ 667 and the only thing they asked since there were no pictures was to have Intelli-Tech answer some standard questions and they did that right away.

- Commissioner McLean has been working on our Annual update form with Ecker's office along with Ms. Lucas and Brent.
- Chairman Schoen asked if we are filing any claim on the waste line damage. Any damage from the water, paint damage, mold remediation, etc. Commissioner McLean is asking for more information. Chairman Schoen suggested contacting John Ecker and explain we have an undisclosed leaking pipe, not sure how long it's been leaking. It was brought to our attention when paint starting peeling off the wall and mold started showing up along the base of the wall.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras has not had a chance to look at the siren on Industrial road but will look at that after labor day.

Paid Personnel:

- As per Vice-Chairman Wright no meeting because of summer and everyone is busy.

Department Personnel:

- We have an issue that and Commissioner Mirras addressed the Chief regarding this incident. An ambulance returning from the hospital went through a crime scene area, actually there was tape there, broke the tape and drove through. The cops are really upset. Members need to know and be aware that if there is tape up it's a crime scene.

Law:

- Chairman Schoen noted we have received a number of FOIL requests that we are dealing with through our attorney.
- The State Auditors Field Report is finished.
- Chairman Schoen also noted there is no further word on the Paramedic who's privileges were suspended. It's an ongoing investigation.
- Chairman Schoen asked the Chief if there is going to be a live burn on Thursday. Chief Joyce stated YES. Another question arose, has this been approved by the Fire Marshall? Are all permits obtained and paperwork in order, answer is YES. The burn will take place on the corner of Grant and Old Montauk Hwy. The last time Chairman Schoen saw a live burn application, you could not have one within 300 ft of another dwelling. Chief Joyce explained the 300ft rule only applies when you are burning the building to the ground which the Fire Marshall has banned, anything contained within the building the 300ft rule does not apply. We have had phone calls from Brian Harris of the Montauk Beach Property Association asking about the live burn, just wants to know the scope of the burn and more detail so he can tell homeowners that have been asking. Chief Joyce will reach out to him.

Old Business:

- ***Ambulance-*** Chairman Schoen asked where do we stand on the ambulance. Chief Joyce stated Chief Glogg is supervising that. Ms. Lucas stated Pete Caliendo sent over an email with answers that the committee had on some items. It looks like it is coming together. Vice-

Chairman Wright stated the committee was upset about the fact that they were promised one thing and now it looks different. Captain, Ellen Cooke came up with a 14 item punch list that they have been working on to straighten out. Also with this new air bag system it is conflicting with putting a window on that side of the ambulance similar to 18, structurally it is not possible. Ms. Lucas apologized for interrupting Commissioner McLean but Captain Ellen Cooke arrived and was able to discuss more about the new ambulance. Ms. Cooke explained some stuff was incorrect in the ambulance and the drawings were incomplete. She had several conversations with Pete Caliendo from VCI to correct and sent a lengthy email with specifications, he responded with a few questions and what could and couldn't be done. Captain Cooke stated they would prefer a window on the curbside bench but was told that couldn't be done because of the new airbag system. ALS members want a bit more room on the patients right hand side in case they need access for IV's. The brackets for the D size oxygen cylinders were not the same as 9-3-18. Pete just explained that the ones we want are not K rated. There was no plan for a hospital radio. Ms. Cooke stated there needs to be a radio and took measurements with Brent. The correspondence with Pete today was if radio is put where we want they will not have access to the large cylinder, which is impossible because they have access now on current ambulances. Also there was no walk through from cab to back of ambulance, it was just a wall, We can not have that. Another item that was a problem was the suction, it was to far away from patient so with the help from Brent measured and found it could be put where sharps container is now. Captain Cooke stated Pete Caliendo is working on another spec sheet and we can't sign off until we see everything is in order. It was asked if an October delivery date is still possible. Ms. Cooke believes it is possible. Pete Caliendo is working on producing something for us immediately. Chairman Schoen mentioned to Ms. Cooke once you are satisfied with everything we need to know that none of this will effect the cost of the ambulance. She said she will discuss with Pete.

- **Budget-** Commissioner Mirras first discussed Insurance Claims, whole thing is not an expense, there should be an offset from the actual repair. Need to change that for next year. There should be a separate income line from insurance claims and then an the expense Insurance Claims. Also Commissioner Mirras explained Ms. Lucas brought to his attention additional expenses for NYS Retirement and Insurance and those line items were adjusted. Commissioner Mirras also spoke with the State Auditors for a generic question and Cullen & Danowski and found out they haven't even started the Audit because there is an internal issue and waiting on an Asset schedule from the other team. Discussion about budget continued and we are staying within the tax cap and Commissioner Mirras should have a proposed budget by next meeting. Vice-Chairman Wright asked if that is taking into account all the new trucks we are getting and a possible new tower ladder in the future. Chairman Schoen stated we were aware when we ordered the new apparatus's that Cummings is shutting down plant for 1 ½ yrs and 2027 will be back in service. At that point the government may phase out diesel trucks and then force us to electric vehicles. Commissioner Mirras noted we have the money to pay for the trucks we ordered already. Commissioner Mirras is just waiting on audit results for fund balances. He noted in school districts if your fund balance gets too high they expect you to give money back to the taxpayers, he doesn't want that to happen. Vice-Chairman Wright explained the state auditors told them there focus was audits and points. Another question arose about the OSHA rules, when did that go into affect, 7/22/24. It seems like there is a lot of push back and it's being put off for 2- 3 years.

- **Miscellaneous items-** Chairman Schoen discussed the possibility of changing our first meeting in September, he will be out of town or Vice-Chairman Wright can run the meeting. The decision was to keep the meeting on the 10th of September. Ms. Lucas also reminded everyone our meeting next week is on Thursday August 29th not Wednesday. Commissioner Mirras also noted the issue we had with a member and the paid staff seems to have been resolved since Captain Cooke spoke with that member. There has been no complaints about him in the last two weeks.

New Business:

- **Live Burn-** It was previously discussed

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Joyce noted that Captain Cooke is utilizing a bunch of old 800 radios for new members and drivers and is in need of 5 new batteries for them, total cost \$375. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Joyce presented another purchase request for 9-3-2, for a tablet, modem and internet. This is for car accidents and such so they can pull up information/ specs of electric vehicles. This ensures the safety of our guys when going to accidents. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Joyce gave the vote count for the two new EMS members . Emily Anderson – 25 Yes and 4 No's. Stanley Wiencko- 26 Yes and 3 No. Vice-Chairman Wright accepted them as members, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to adjourn @ 19:47 hours, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:47 hours