

Montauk Fire District
September 16, 2024
Commissioners Regular Meeting 19:00 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 19:00 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Marino motioned to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2024 Workshop Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,497.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Request: Ms. Lucas is requesting a half day on Thursday the 3rd and a half day on Friday the 4th. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion to pay Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills for payment totaling \$24,026.86 and she also noted there was a bill that was left off the journal from Sprague for gas in the amount of \$1,105.50. The total bills now is \$25,132.36. Commissioner McLean motioned to pay bills totaling \$25,132.36 seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Mirras also noted Ms. Lucas is taking care of replacing a lost check the proper way.

Treasurer Report: Commissioner Mirras reviewed June's treasurer's report and motioned to accept, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried. July will be put on workshop agenda.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-2- awaiting the arrival of the electronics.
- 9-3-4- Fully Involved is searching for a windshield. Currently still legal to drive. It's a chip and crack that curved up. Chairman Schoen asked is that could be fixed instead of replaced. Commissioner McLean stated yes they can repair certain ones, but usually when a crack gets away from the chip it's not repairable.
- 9-3-8- Fuel pump solenoid went bad, had to jump it and now at substation. Fully Involved is aware and getting the solenoid. Chief Joyce asked if they could get two solenoids because it seems to be a common occurrence and then we do not have to wait. It is scheduled for repair tomorrow. Commissioner McLean will check with Fully Involved.
- 9-3-16- check engine light on and the culprit is glow plug #8. They will be out to install new one.
- 9-3-17- clicking noise behind drivers seat, and the lights dim momentarily then come back. Rig was put out of service and Fully Involved is coming tomorrow to address, possible relay issue.
- 9-3-81- secondary charger was installed for battery #2 which will alleviate the problem with the refrigerated cabinet for the drugs and the drug safe issue. The cradle point is on order for WI-FI capabilities.
- 9-3-14- Last night curbside railing came into contact with the building. Incident report was written and Fully Involved will take a look at tomorrow. Insurance claim was not filed yet.

Equipment: Commissioner Marino gave his report;

- A Scott air pack and mask are in and a meter. The Scott Pack was Chief Glogg's and the meter is Chief Joyce's CO2 meter.

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

- Not much information because Tanzi is traveling this time of year. We do need to know the status on the camera's. Ms. Lucas will get the status from Jeff at Intelli-Tec.
- Vice-Chairman Wright asked if the re-pointing project was ever put out to bid. Ms. Lucas responded, NO. She never received any bid specs or documents to put it out to bid.
- Kitchen project we are still looking into getting an upgraded service to the building or another service.
- Chairman Schoen discussed the driveway issue. He spoke with Brent and found out that Ken Rousell dug it up and found it has been an ongoing issue for some time. They filled it in for now and will not blacktop over it until they know for sure what is going on.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Capital Reserve- Apparatus and Equipment account \$2,222,890.29 and the Building Reserve \$577,595.45 as of 7/31/2024.
- Commissioner Mirras also noted he approved payroll and noticed overtime is going down a bit.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean discussed the sewer damage. The adjuster was here to check it out. We were able to secure a sanitary mitigation company and we thought they would have to bore into the wall but we do not have to do that. They sprayed down at the top of the block wall for sanitary purposes. At the bottom it was pored concrete so they sanitized that as well and will be back for the paint portion. We are waiting for a price quote for the sanitation of the turnout gear.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras looked at siren on West Lake and it seems to be fine. The one on Industrial Road seems to have some rust but minor. He believes we could take care of it ourselves. The board believes we never painted that one, we painted the one on W. Lake because that was really bad.

Paid Personnel:

- Vice-Chairman Wright noted they have a meeting on Wednesday @7:30pm. A question did arise, are those meetings open to the membership? Vice-Chairman Wright thought they were closed meetings. Chairman Schoen stated the meeting is with company 4 officers, Chris B. and Vice-Chairman Wright and that is how it started and should continue.

Department Personnel:

- Commissioner Mirras stated he spoke with Sergeant Alversa about coming and talking about crime scene procedures. The zero tolerance for alcohol should be put on the agenda for the next department meeting.

Law:

- no information at this time

Old Business:

- ***Ambulance-*** Ms. Lucas noted the ambulance committee received the final documentation from all the phone calls and emails back and forth and they had a meeting on the 12th to discuss. They went over every point and even got on the phone with the engineer, he will be submitting final drawing with specifications on what was discussed for review. Chairman Schoen asked if there was any delivery date mentioned on the ambulance. Commissioner McLean who is on the committee stated it was not discussed or asked about. Original delivery date was October. We will need some time to put the old ambulance out to bid. We have had some inquiries on it. We need at least 30 days notice. It was also asked if there is any price difference. Commissioner McLean stated it was not discussed. Chairman Schoen noted we have a signed contract so it shouldn't be any more,. Commissioner McLean asked if we would be taking the radios from 9-3-16 and transferring them over to the new ambulance. The answer was YES. Commissioner McLean is also going contact Stryker to find out if the stretcher will fit on this new rail system that is being installed in the new ambulance. In addition to this rail system there is a trolley that moves in and out that carries the stretcher itself. He just wants to know what needs to come off to make it work correctly. If it's a duplicate of 18 it should fit but double checking is always good.
- ***Budget-*** Commissioner Mirras noted he and Ms. Lucas worked on it and went right up to the 2% cap. He did note he made some adjustments to certain line items where he felt was needed, did a big amount in physicals not knowing what is going to happen with this OSHA

ruling. We have a new ambulance cost of about \$239,000, tanker cost about \$750,000 and 2 engines at about \$2,000,000. After talking and realizing we have these new apparatus's to pay for soon, the board decided to bust the cap and add \$400,000 to the Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund which brings that total to \$922,000 and the proposed budget to \$4,029,021.00. The property taxes that need to be raised is \$3,276,221. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the proposed budget of \$4,029,021.00, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

- **Miscellaneous items-** Commissioner Marino addressed the parking situation at the substation. He also asked Ms. Lucas to find out exactly who owns the property next door. He would like to send a letter to this multi occupant establishment and Sole East about the parking situation. Vice-Chairman Wright stated it has been brought up before and was told we want to be good neighbors. Commissioner Marino was just double checking, now that the trailers are there they tend to park in between them. Do we just leave it alone? Do we have insurance is something happens? The board feels it should be left alone at this moment. Chief said he could just go over and politely ask them not to park in certain areas, he also noted that getting a letter could be perceived as threatening. Chief will talk to them.

New Business:

- District Officers Meeting is next Tuesday at Springs at 6:30 pm.
- Three month's left for physicals. Chief noted they made it abundantly clear at the officer's meetings to make sure their people get their physicals done. Chairman Schoen also asked the chief if letters went out to members not in good standing last year. His response was NO, they were talked to. He is not obligated to send letters. Chairman Schoen suggested documenting the time, date and witnesses so there is no issues.
- Discussion arose about changing next meeting to Thursday @ 6:30pm instead of Wednesday.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Glogg brought up the TERC tournament and asked Joe Lenahan to talk about it. This will be the last tournament at Hagerman and then will transition into a training event. Joe put together a packet with all pertinent information, cost of event, hotels, per diem rates, and van dates. The whole total comes to \$4,956.00. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino, Commissioner Mirras abstained (member of the team); motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg is requesting 10 pagers and 5 radios with mics. Waiting on pricing before approved. Ms. Lucas will work on that.
- Chief Glogg is also requesting new tires for the Chief's vehicle. It should also get a n alignment done if new tires will be put on .

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session regarding Employee Contracts @ 20:02, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular session @ 20:33, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned for a \$200.00 award to a member that was discussed in Executive Session and will be announced publicly at the September 20th Annual Inspection dinner, seconded by

Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. It was asked if this is an annual award. Chairman Schoen stated it could be. There should be some sort of criteria involved with this if we do this annually. The criteria would be someone that goes above and beyond the norm.

Commissioner McLean motioned to adjourn @ 20:35 hours, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:35 hours