

Montauk Fire District

July 16, 2025

Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:00 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
Michael Mirras
Carminc Marino

Also Present: 2nd Asst. Chief Joe McDonald and Secretary- Deputy Treasurer Dawn E Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Vice-Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Marino motioned to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2025 Regular Commissioner Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request- Ms. Lucas presented a building use request from Beach Comber for their annual Owners meeting on October 25 or November 1, 2025. Check is forthcoming. Commissioner Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Request:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$3,199.03, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Bills- Ms. Lucas presented the bills for payment totaling \$71,686.43 Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve payment of the bills, totaling \$71,686.43, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Budget Prep- Commissioner Mirras mentioned the budget and how he worked on some numbers and so did Ms. Lucas and now they just need to get together to compare them. Commissioner Mirras did state he will run it by Robert Hauser to see if he has any comments but it will be done between him and Ms. Lucas. Commissioner Mirras explained if you look at front page, we put in values we might get from PILOTS, Fire Protection, Alarm Fees, etc. and we back into what we need to charge for the

real property taxes from the Town which is the normal process. Commissioner Mirras is not sure about how much we will be busting the cap yet, the board needs to see what is needed for fire protection. Also the board will need to see the fund balances after the audits are completed to see what needs to go into the Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserves Account. Ms. Lucas has been working with the auditors on providing all the necessary paperwork that has been requested. Vice-Chairman Schoen noted he would like to see us update by the end of this year and Commissioner Mirras agreed. Robert Hauser, the Treasurer agrees too. Commissioner Mirras gave Ms. Lucas the signed Treasurers report for each bank account from last meeting for the records. Vice-Chairman Schoen asked what needs to be done before our next meeting or at our next meeting for the budget. Commissioner Mirras noted he will get together with Ms. Lucas and iron out the budget and almost get a final budget. Since we will bust the cap, Commissioner Mirras in the past has gone to the AARP, since they are the most concerned to explain why we are busting the cap, he asked if he should still go. The board agreed it is in good faith to go, so Commissioner Mirras will take care of that. Also our next meeting will be August 12th at 6pm. Vice-Chairman Schoen motioned to approve meeting start time at 6pm, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Vice-Chairman Schoen asked if Ms. Lucas spoke with Tony Hill about extending LOSAP points to 50 years of service. Ms. Lucas provided an email to all the Commissioner's from Tony Hill explaining and he might be able to attend next meeting to discuss in more detail and it's about a \$10,000 difference. Tony Hill in his email does explain how we can accommodate members so they can continue to earn the \$10 a year until they reach the maximum of \$1,200.00. So Vice-Chairman Schoen noted it looks like there are two options; 1- extend to 50 years of service or allow members to earn the additional \$10a year until they reach the \$1,200.00.
- Vice-Chairman Schoen noted the Chief has the ultimate decision on where members are assigned to a company and what equipment is assigned to a company. There is nothing in writing it has just been known. Vice-Chairman Schoen would like to put that in writing, and he will send to Joe Frank so it can be written up as a formal resolution and be approved at next meeting.
- Vice-Chairman Schoen followed up on an inquiry about physical information regarding OSHA. He found that chest x-rays are required every 5 years. Ms. Lucas noted that IOMR can due them and the cost is \$85 each, she will find out if Meeting House Medical can and their cost. Commissioner Mirras noted the Fire District Association sent out information regarding this and said it's all still in limbo and probably won't be agreed upon for years. It seems like no one is worried about it. Commissioner Marino noted we should be positioned accordingly because what if they turnaround in 2 years or so and say something different. Commissioner Mirras stated that is why we are budgeting for it.
- Commissioner Marino informed the board that the walk-in refrigerator is broken, the equipment on top is shot, it looks like about \$6,700 to repair, but still waiting on another estimate. Commissioner Marino is well aware that Big Bucks is approaching sooner than later and the fridge needs to be fixed.
- Also a piece of equipment on roof (A/C unit) has gone bad too, Brent has been trying to get people here but they are backed up for at least 2 weeks.
- Commissioner Mirras noted a windshield cutter is still out. Any news on that? Ms. Lucas will double check on that.
- Vice-Chairman Schoen was talking with Brent and found out one of the solar panels aren't working? A transformer or something. Brent contacted the company who installed them and their response was, you are all the way in Montauk.
- Commissioner Marino discussed the Re-Pointing Project. It's basically done, they power washed the

entire building, they were here sealing it. Commissioner Marino needs to talk with the architect John Tanzi because there are some issues on the south side, places were missed and some cracked bricks. Commissioner Marino also stated the letters were sent out for powder coating but what about the big number 12 by the front door. Commissioner Marino will talk to John Tanzi about this too. He also believes they did a good job.

- Commissioner Mirras noted while driving 9-3-18 for 2 calls in a row, he noticed a little chip in the windshield and just wanted to make sure it didn't spread. He noted it in the book.
- Commissioner Marino asked why there is no driver safety class to help lower insurance given anymore? Vice-Chairman Schoen looked into and found we could take a class online for this, it's about 2 hours.
- Ms. Lucas explained she received the new plates and title for the new ambulance (9-3-16). The plates will we put on after everything is completed. She will be uploading everything to the DOH (Department of Health) portal for the stickers for the ambulance tomorrow morning. Once the information is received and a confirmation email is sent, Ms. Lucas can get a verbal authorization from Mark Dunleavy but will also get it in writing to utilize the new ambulance. It could take up to 2 weeks to get the stickers in the mail. The old ambulance is out for bid and there is no minimum bid noted. Commissioner Mirras also noted while talking with Chris Boccabella and Brent Becker regarding new ambulance 9-3-16, when the AC is on it collects moisture and has to be emptied every few hours so if Brent is not here, it will overflow and could be a problem for anyone coming to drive. So Commissioner Mirras changed the temperature to 72 degrees which is what the state requires, and Chris Boccabella agreed. Vice-Chairman Schoen also noted we might have to put a new outlet in the ceiling because it draws more juice than the old one. If we do not do all three then we will not be able to rotate the ambulance out. Commissioner Mirras suggested a dry well and drain. The idea sounds good, but the Health Department might not like that.

Chief's Report

- Chief Joe McDonald gave a typed up report for apparatus and equipment that will be needed in the years coming. Vice-Chairman Schoen asked where this is all coming from. Answer, Ex-Chief John McDonald and Ex-Chief Peter Joyce. As per Commissioner Mirras when this list was first put together the ambulances were only lasting 6 years but now they are lasting 9-10 years and the mileage to the hospital is changing also. Chief Joe McDonald was interested in the Fire Apparatus more so right now. Commissioner Mirras did note that a tower ladder in 2-3 years will be well over \$2 million and we will have to prepare for it.
- Chief Joe McDonald wasn't sure the recommendation for hydro-testing the SCBA bottles. Ms. Lucas will reach out to MES to find out.
- Also the Chief wanted the board to keep in mind for budgeting purposes the new members with turn out gear, etc. Commissioner Mirras already increased that budget line.
- At last meeting Chief Joyce and Chief McDonald brought up the fact that a business would like to donate money to the Fire District. Ms. Lucas has spoken to the gentleman and Fidelity about this. She found out they increased the donation from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Ms. Lucas is helping to facilitate this donation as quick as possible. Chief McDonald stated they would like to use for new hoses for the new engines.
- Vice-Chairman Schoen was talking with Captain Eddie Schnell about the tanker and found out it should be here by end of August beginning of September. Chief also stated Eddie has been back and forth with them about graphics and answered some questions they had. Eddie is a smart guy, Chief even said he helped with the donation letter that was for the company.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go into Executive Session regarding Personal issues @ 18:12 hours, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Workshop Session @ 18:17 hours, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Marino motioned to adjourn @ 19:02, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:30 hours