

**Montauk Fire District**  
**January 28, 2026**  
**Commissioners Meeting 18:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Eddie Eurell  
Charles “Chip” McLean  
Michael Mirras  
Carmine Marino

**Also Present:** Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Joe McDonald, Robert Hauser CPA-Treasurer and Secretary- Deputy Treasurer Dawn E Lucas.

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Vice-Chairman Marino called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. He also noted Chairman Schoen is not present, all other Commissioner's are. He also recognized Tom Barbieri to discuss training.

***Discussion about Training with Tom Barbieri;*** Tom Barbieri said there are a lot of changes with training from the State and Suffolk County. He has told Chief Joyce and one other chief that he is planning on teaching a challenge refresher at St. Therese. There are several people in need from our department and others. Suffolk County does not do refreshers often. Tom Barbieri will also be putting in to teach an original course. He has passed all his CIC (Certified Instructor Coordinator) credentials and now has to run an original program. He can either do it at Montauk Fire or St. Therese they are both training centers. He is not aware of any Montauk members in need right now, but there are people from Bridgehampton and Springs. Commissioner Mirras believes we might have one individual in need of the class. It was asked if this class will be on REMSCO's website, Tom Barbieri's response was YES. He did say he can't do anything until he gets a course number. The NY portal has had a glitch since November, they lost submissions. The state looks at all of this and then decides, but the lecture information is all the same. Most courses are now hybrid unless the sponsor hasn't put in the paperwork. The state prefers the hybrid model. A discussion about skills came up, skills are done at Southampton Hospital, only for original program. Tom Barbieri explained for original course person needs 10 patient contacts either done on the ambulance, emergency room, clinic or doctor's office that is approved. This will depend on District/Department preference. Commissioner Mirras asked about start date. Tom Barbieri is not sure they will get approved, he is putting them in, it takes 45 days and hopes to start end of March or beginning of April. The refresher will run approximately 3 months, but people may not have to go all 3 months depending on their test results, Tom's sponsor requires 85 to pass, state requires 70. Also anyone can come to the skills training in the original and use it for their practice towards their CME (Continuing Medical Education). Commissioner Mirras explained to Tom Barbieri that he needs to let the Captain and Chief know what is going on. Chief Joyce did explain to Tom Barbieri that he will need more

information other than a brief discussion right before a meeting. Tom Barbieri stated he was going to give all the paperwork to Chief Joyce once it was approved. But Chief Joyce does not want to be put in a position to either support or not in a short amount of time. Tom Barbieri really would like to run the refresher here at Montauk because we have 3 of our own in need. He said he would run the original at St. Therese and donate his salary back to the church. Commissioner McLean asked since this is a state refresher, ideally anyone could take the class, answer is YES. This will all go through the Chief as per Vice-Chairman Marino. Tom Barbieri also wanted to inform everyone that Montauk is a NREAMT (National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians) training site so that the alphabet courses could be run so members could get CME credits without going anywhere else. These are recognized by Suffolk and New York State for CME (continuing medical education) credits. It was always a District decision, not Department. The district allowed for a room request and run the program here and the equipment and everything was inspected so Montauk could be a registered site.

**Secretary's Report:**

***Approval of Minutes:*** Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept the Organizational minutes of January 13 2026, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Regular Commissioner Meeting with a slight correction, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

***Time Off Request:*** Ms. Lucas presented a time off request that was previously approved by Commissioner Eurell and Chairman Schoen for Brent Becker. He is requesting 2 personal days- January 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>. He arranged for coverage on Friday with Jimmy Angelidis and Saturday Rex will already be here. Vice-Chairman Marino also noted he told Brent to make Jimmy aware if we need him because of the bad weather that we could get a hold of him

**Audit of Bills:**

***Treasurer's Report- December 2025-*** Mr. Hauser noted the December bank rec's were done, all looks good and will wait till next month or so for the budget code transfers, the one that were sent previously are tentative. Some PO's need to be liquefied. The 2023 Audit is completed and a draft report was issued. The AFR was completed and the final 2023 report will be issued once final payment is received. According to a lead partner with Cullen & Danowski they have started 2024. Ms. Lucas stated they haven't sent her any requests yet. Mr. Hauser also noted we have the AFR (Annual Financial report) for 2025 due soon, but we can file an extension at the end of February which is good for 60 days. Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept Treasurer Report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

***Motion to Pay Bills-*** Ms. Lucas presented the bills for payment totaling \$66,806.94, Commissioner Mirras motioned to accept, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried. Additional bills were presented for payment, final bill for 2023 Audit from Cullen & Danowski for \$8,750.00 and \$60.43 for plug adapter to Edward Eurell, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

**Meeting Topics:**

***Swearing in-*** Vice-Chairman Marino swear in Robert Hauser as Treasurer of the Montauk Fire District and Oath of Office was signed in front of a notary.

***HVAC for Ambulance Bay-*** Vice-Chairman Marino has information from DiLandro Andrews Engineering and now a proposal from Montauk AC DBA SeaHag2 Services for \$24,500 for 3 indoor units and 3 outdoor heat pump units. There may be different approaches to this project we will need to discuss in more detail.

***Survey-*** Vice-Chairman Marino received an email from Jamie Walsh Surveyors with a proposal for an updated survey of the property, he signed it so we can get a CO on the back building and move forward on the fuel tank replacement project. Vice-Chairman Marino has been in discussion with Lahti Engineering on the Fuel tank replacement. He would prefer to go with Bill Lahti because he was an engineer with the Department of Health and has dealt with this before. He was told by other engineers that it was impossible to go bigger on the tanks, but Bill Lahti said with how tanks are built these days, it's a possibility to have a 1,000 gal diesel tank and 2,500 gal gas tank. It's not promised but possible. Commissioner Mirras stated at the last District Commissioner Meeting Eddie Schnell said he thought we could go up to on the tank size too.

***Correspondence:***

- ***Kitchen Renovation-*** We have 3 copies of the contract. Vice-Chairman Marino and Commissioner Eurell have been talking with Scott Pavick. They have started the demolition and clean up. They weren't told to order the equipment until this month which we know was approved prior. The hood may need to get extended, Al from Al's Sheet Metal will be coming to take a look. We are probably not taking out the window so that may offset the price of the hood extension. As per Commissioner Eurell the equipment/stainless has been ordered. Once the hood situation is all figured out than we can figure out the rest.

- ***District Commissioner's Meeting-*** Commissioner Mirras noted 911 has switched over to the Town on Monday. They are doing a huge amount of work to the dispatch room, more monitors, hired 5 dispatchers and hiring two more. Having the 2 years with the village was smart and then probably switching over will be good for us and cheaper. Also the Fire Marshal's office will have more information for the chief's at scenes moving forward, so going with the Town will eventually benefit us. Also talk about LOSAP, especially for departments up island. They are giving up LOSP and instead paying people per call. They think that might help with retention. A talk about the future of fire services also came up, possibly going to paid, we do not have a problem out here. Also Sag Harbor is going to reimbursement of Ambulance calls, they hired a company called ProPlan. They bill the individual after they meet their deductible, they get a bill and have 60 days to refute it and can say they can't afford it but after 90 days it's taken off the books and does not affect customers credit. The meeting that Montauk hosts has been changed.

***Chief's Report***

- Chief McDonald noted he keeps hearing that the tanker will be done in 5 days
- GFI outlet in 9-3-2 in one of the compartments is not working- as per Commissioner Eurell it has been ordered.
- Seals for 9-3-4 have been completed too.

Commissioner McLean motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:10 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

***Adjourned 19:10 hours***