

Montauk Fire District
March 10, 2026
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
Charles "Chip" McLean
Carmine Marino

Also Present: Secretary-Deputy Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the regular Commissioner 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: Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Commissioner Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

- Treasurer's Report- January 2026- tabled till next meeting.
- Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$1,123,445.42, Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. An additional bill for the Kitchen Renovation Project totaling \$81,130.00 was also presented for payment, Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Trucks-Chief vehicles/PU/9-3-12/9-3-15/Van- Commissioner Eurell not present

Apparatus: Ambulances/9-3-80 & 9-3-81- Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- The annual PM (preventative maintenance) was completed on all 3 ambulances.
- 9-3-81- still waiting on parts for the temperature control box. Needed new control panel.
- 9-3-80- the check engine light- pollution control device- does not affect the operation of the vehicle. Waiting on part for that.
- 9-3-18- windshield was replaced
- Commissioner McLean would like to amend his report from the February 10, 2026 meeting. It was 9-3-18 not 9-3-17 that had the chip in the windshield and needed the windshield replacement.

- Chairman Schoen noted he was able to take pictures of all the engines and they will be posted on the appropriate buying sites.
- Chairman Schoen asked about the books that were requested. Ms. Lucas said she gave both Commissioners Eurell and McLean binders with all the apparatus/vehicles they are responsible for.
- Ms. Lucas informed the board the steps were installed on 9-3-4.
- The tanker should be delivered by end of week.

Equipment:

- Vice-Chairman Marino is transitioning the equipment over to Commissioner Eurell.
- Nothing to report

Buildings & Grounds:

- Vice-Chairman Marino is still trying to get a copy of the 2019 AC work that was done from John Tanzi. He is going to contact an engineering firm to have them come for a site visit to get that project off the ground as far as the AC for the ambulances.
- Vice-Chairman Marino will get in touch with the surveying company to see where we stand for the fuel tanks. Suffolk County Health Department was out the other day checking stuff and no concerns with anything.
- The roof over the ice machine is leaking where the skylights are, we don't need them. We are going to get some numbers for discussion. Commissioner Eurell is looking into refinishing the nice fire department cross which is plexy and lights up, it's very faded.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- No report

Insurance: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- The last claim filed was for the windshield in 9-3-18
- sent information to John Ecker's office for insurance on the new tanker which will start on Thursday.
- Chairman Schoen would like Commissioner McLean to inquire with the insurance company if a lost hearing aid would be covered since he was on an actual EMS call. Commissioner McLean said he could file under homeowners insurance but will inquire.

Communications:

- No report
- Commissioner McLean asked if we ordered the siren. Ms. Lucas noted, she has no paperwork on it. Chairman Schoen said to ask Brent about it and get dollar amount.

Paid Personal:

- No report

Department Personal:

- No report

Law:

- No report

Old Business:

- ***Kitchen project-*** A discussion arose after Commissioner McLean asked if we have a signed contract. At this point we are not negotiating, the project has started and Tanzi approved the payment for work done already. The contractors had informed consent to go ahead and fill the contract we agreed upon. They started right away, cleared it out right away and they have been working on it. They will have enough stuff in the kitchen for the St. Patty's Day parade luncheon and everything else will fall into play. Chairman Schoen noted we have a contract that needs to be signed and motioned to sign the contract, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean asked where do we actually stand with this kitchen project. Vice-Chairman Marino explained the ceiling is still open because the electrician needs to run the wiring for the switches to over near the fire suppression system. They also need to wire for new light panel by window.
- Chairman Schoen is wondering about the new tape recorder. Ms. Lucas stated the one she researched at first was sold out, will be ordering one this week.

New Business:

- ***Department Physicals-*** Ms. Lucas has the department physicals scheduled May 16 and 17 and the chest x-rays are being included which was discussed at a previous meeting. The cost is \$85 per person and everyone is entitled to a chest x-ray. Chairman Schoen asked for clarification, is each member entitled or must they complete one. Chairman Schoen would like Ms. Lucas to ask Dr. Gardyn, "In order to qualify and pass the physical is a chest x-ray required by each member." He believes under the new OSHA regulations it is required. Ms. Lucas will email Dr. Gardyn for clarification. She also informed Chief McDonald and he thought those dates would work fine. Chairman Schoen noted as far as the board is concerned the dates in May for physicals at the department are the said dates of May 16 & 17th. Commissioner McLean wanted it noted the outfit pushed us back from the previous year. Ms. Lucas explained she requested same dates as last year but because Easter was so early it messed up all the requests.
- ***LOSAP Package-*** Will have to table since the Chief has to sign first before presented to the board. Ms. Lucas spoke with the LOSAP company and asked if the information has to be in by a certain date, answer was NO. Commissioner McLean asked for clarification on the procedure taken for the LOSAP package. Ms. Lucas explained, the chief signs off on the report with all the LOSAP points, then it is presented to the board and motioned to approve, Ms. Lucas will sign off and post for 30 days, if no ones contests then brought back to board and Chairman signs off then sent to Firefly our LOSAP company. Then payment is issued to all members who receive money.
- Chairman Schoen asked if the property tax exemption information was sent to the town. Ms. Lucas said YES.

Correspondence:

- None to report

Chiefs Report:

- No report

Miscellaneous items:

- Chairman Schoen stated the back garage will be worked on since weather is starting to change. He wants to get old 9-3-1 back there.
- Chairman Schoen had a discussion with Chief McDonald about changing the department by-laws to reflect good standing, relative to LOSAP. The finger reader and signing in as far as the district

is concerned is LOSAP related. The district has nothing to do with department good standing. The Chief was proposing instead of giving 15pts for good standing, give 25pts like LOSAP gives 25pts. What Chairman Schoen is proposing is for us to just put LOSAP numbers on the board because that is all the district is responsible for. They can make department good standing on that is they wish or any other way they want. The department can make a bylaw that states in order to be in good standing you have to make LOSAP points. Chief McDonald agreed. It is up to the department what they do.

Commissioner McLean motioned to adjourn @ 19:23 hours, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned hours 19:23 hours