

Montauk Fire District
April 14, 2026
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
Carmine Marino
Eddie Eurell

Also Present: Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., 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 March 25, 2026 Commissioner Meeting with, seconded by Commissioner Eurell; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

- Treasurer's Report- February 2026- tabled till next meeting.
- Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$59,132.16, Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Eurell; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Trucks-Chief vehicles/PU/9-3-12/9-3-15/Van- Commissioner Eurell- As per Commissioner Eurell nothing to report at this time.

Apparatus: Ambulances-9-3-80 & 9-3-81- Commissioner McLean not present; but there is an issue with the camera on 9-3-16. It was written in the book.

Equipment: nothing to report

Buildings & Grounds:

- Kitchen cabinets are dragging on a little too long. Commissioner Eurell spoke with Mike the foreman and he said the cabinets have always been a long lead time and are suppose to ship on Friday. Commissioner Eurell said the increase in oil prices are delaying the cabinets, they are getting slammed \$6,500 more for a shipping charge. Commissioner Eurell also noted he is working on an estimate with Ocean Graphics for the kitchen doors, instead of painting them he can get vinyl that looks like wood grain. Also Artie Lucas came up with an idea to do the fire department emblem on the roll up door when its down. Ocean Graphics would do the work.

- Final survey was sent to Bill Lati for the fuel tank project.
- Chairman Schoen asked if we got the CO for the back garage. Vice-Chairman Marino said NO, he needs to find out who to send the survey to. There seems to be some miscommunication if we really need one.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- No report

Insurance:

- No report

Communications:

- No report

Paid Personal:

- No report

Department Personal:

- No report

Law:

- Chairman Schoen explained we received an order from the NYS DOL (Department of Labor) that we not pay the firm that did the re-pointing work for the building anymore proceeds. We will need clearance from the NYSDOL that they fulfilled their obligation of paying prevailing wage to their workers.

Old Business:

- ***Kitchen project-*** discussed earlier
- ***Siren-*** Vice-Chairman Marino talked with houseman about, hasn't ordered yet. Need all the pricing, who is taking it down, who is installing, who is connecting before we can approve ordering the siren. Spoke with a few people just waiting on pricing from them.

New Business:

- Chairman Schoen inquired about the ice-machine area. We have a leak, does it need painting, a new roof? Getting estimates for work to be done.
- Commissioner Eurell would like to get a new light up emblem for the front of the building, old one doesn't work, cost is \$975.00 to replace it with a brand new one. Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to approve new light up emblem on front of building, seconded by Commissioner Eurell; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chairman Schoen was curious why there is a dryer in the back garage. Commissioner Eurell stated the dryer downstairs is not working 100% so the foreman for the kitchen project brought this one out since his wife is getting a new one, it works, it's practically brand new. Commissioner Eurell will talk to Brent about it tomorrow
- LOSAP package- Question arose when are we signing off on that. Ms. Lucas explained it has to be posted for 30days and that is up to end of month.
- Stair Chairs- Stryker is coming to get them
- Chairman Schoen noted the pins for the chief are in.
- Dick White requested a key fob for the UPS and Fed EX driver for big packages that need to be brought up in the elevator. Board thought it wasn't a good idea, drivers change periodically and there is always someone here.
- We need to change the date of the next meeting by one day, instead of Wednesday it will now be Thursday, will that be a problem, NO

Correspondence:

- Ms. Lucas stated John our representative from PERMA (workers compensation insurance) came out to deliver a dividend check to us in the amount of \$7,171.00.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Joyce asked Lieutenant Alan Burke if he had anything to discuss. Lieutenant Burke spoke with 2nd Asst. Chief Joe McDonald to ask the Commissioners not to approve any EMS training in this building or outside this building unless it has gone through the chain of command. There were courses given at St. Therese church, never went through chain of command and certificates were given out saying it was conducted by the Montauk Fire Department and they were using mannequins that belong to the Montauk Fire Department to teach the courses. He believes there is an EMT course coming up, not sure where it is being held, but this has not gone through the proper chain of command. Chairman Schoen noted the individual we are talking about can teach any course she is qualified to teach anyplace she wants to teach it. The other point about using District equipment we can certainly put a co-bash to. Chairman Schoen has had a discussion with the attorney, giving certificate stating it's representative of or being given by the Montauk Fire Department is totally unacceptable. The attorney suggested the Chief meet with this individual. There is a letter on record forbidding that without the Chief's approval. The Chief has options. These certificates have been seen and Chairman Schoen believes it's not good at all. The district can press charges if we decide she can not use our equipment and does anyway. Chairman Schoen will discuss with the attorney and ask him what he suggests we do. From what was told previously, Chief has to be in touch with this individual and make a determination what he would like. Chief would like to table it until he speaks with his fellow two chiefs about it. He does appreciate the insight.
- Chief noted there is a new member informational meeting tomorrow night at the firehouse.
- Chief noted in discussion with another department/district anyone that is hired to work on the property is to be paying prevailing wage and reflecting that. Chief and Vice-Chairman Marino are just trying to explain it sounds like not just public work jobs but all jobs. To clarify even further, prevailing wage is suppose to be paid on public works jobs over \$30,000 but now the New York State is trying to say anyone that comes on property to do any kind of work needs to be paid at the prevailing wage rate. This was all third hand information that Chairman Schoen will discuss with our attorney Joe Frank to get better understanding/clarification.
- Chief Joyce explained there was some back and forth with the person who bought the old tanker. When he first looked at truck, there were parts in the cabinets, etc. He came back after we accepted the check to get all the paperwork and noticed the truck was stripped. He said he is entitled to everything he saw and Chairman Schoen confirmed that. Chairman Schoen wanted to know who removed stuff from the tanker without permission. The members of company 3 moved fittings to make sure they have everything they needed as per Chief Joyce. Chairman Schoen stated before we put it up for sale and accepted the sale, he asked chief McDonald if there is anything on the truck that will be used and the answer was NO. Chief stated we have all new fittings with the new tanker. Chairman said OK, then the fittings will go with the truck. Chief Joyce noted that all the things that came off found their way back on the truck and he notified the new prospective owner and told him he could come and pick his truck when ever that is as long as everything in the office was finalized.

Miscellaneous items:

- Chairman Schoen noted at the last District Officer's meeting in Amagansett there was a presentation about EMS billing. They found out that Sag Harbor is going to start charging for ambulance calls. From the presentation, bottom line is that NO resident will be forced to pay co-

payments, or any payments. The company will be doing all the paperwork, they would just require information on the patient, signature from patient or attending EMT personal. Chairman Schoen is not saying we are doing this but has some questions, what effect it might have on personnel? This all depends on call volume. The rates per call are already pre-determined. Also the money received can only be used toward EMS purposes, ambulances, stretchers, supplies, etc. Chairman stated we are not in any serious discussion about it but will listen to any feedback company 4 has. It has been discussed in previous years when the EPCR's came out. If people have insurance or medicaid/medicare they are the ones mainly funding it. The monies received comes from insurance companies or medicare not individuals. Chief Joyce noted the Town bills for chief investigations and us as a district receive a percentage of said paid bill. Getting reimbursed for volunteer time it not really foreign. Since the billing/payment is going back to EMS costs and the cost of paramedics is only going to continue to go up it seems if we can recoup money, why not. In the future department/districts may start to have paid EMT's along side paid paramedics and this could help. The thought on this is Sag Harbor is going to start to bill and lets see how they do with it after 6 months, 9months, a year, do they like it? What effect does it have on their personnel? Is it actually how it was described? The company that provides the service would provide the laptops, programming, etc. This was all brought about 4 years ago and now it's extended till 2035. If at any point we decide to pursue it, we would have the company do a presentation about it.

- AC Project North Bay- Vice-Chairman Marino received a proposal from DiLandro Andrews for Engineering work regarding AC work. If we went this route we would sign proposal, give a \$3,300 deposit to start, which is actually not the job itself. They would come look it over get all the information needed, measurements, figure out the best system for the job, get bidding documents together, get proposals, etc and go from there. Chairman Schoen noted this outfit believes the 3 units that were originally discussed wouldn't work, correct as per Vice-Chairman Marino. Didn't someone else come out and give an estimate, YES, Richie from SeaHag, he proposed 3 split units to be blown down on the ambulances around \$24-\$25,000. Commissioner Eurell spoke with him the other day and he does not in anyway shape or form think it's not going to work. One thing about Richie if you have a problem, he will show up immediately to fix it. The ambulances will be non-compliant if we do not get this AC work done. Chief stated if you pursue Richie, you pursue the most immediate answer to a pending emergency. If it works or not works you are still trying to get after it expeditiously rather than wait for another person to figure out what might work, then bid it out, etc. Discussion continued about costs and services. Chairman Schoen noted right now we have two possible positions; have SeaHag do it it for \$25,000 to install three units or have DiLandro Andrews come out survey the job, give recommendations. Springs Fire Department used DiLandro Andrews , Vice-Charmin Marino would like to see how that went for them. With the estimate we have already of \$25,000, we need to seek 2 more estimates, the board would like to do that. We need to do our due diligence to get 3 estimates. If we only get one, we did our job. The suggestion is to put an ad in the paper for AC in the North Bay. The Equipment itself might be the only delay. Brent or Commissioner Eurell will to get answers on time frame to put in from Richie from SeaHag.

Commissioner Eurell motioned to adjourn @ 19:30 hours, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned hours 19:30 hours