

Montauk Fire District
August 26, 2026
Commissioners Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
Carmine Marino
Charles “Chip” McLean
Michael Mirras

Also Present: Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., and Secretary-Deputy Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the 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 August 11, 2026 Regular Commissioner Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2026 Special Meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,543.81, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Stryker for Life Pack 1000 batteries (AED's) totaling \$3,175.76, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request:

- A building use request from FDNY Fight for Firefighters Foundation fundraiser for September 21, 2026. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Requests:

- Brent is requesting time off in October, November and December. Rex is requesting time off November 21, 2026 through December 8, 2026. Instead of paying overtime, the board would like to see about getting coverage for all these days by either Luke or Jimmy and then requests can be resubmitted at next meeting.

- Ms. Lucas is requesting December 28 through December 31st and January 4th and 5th. Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

- **Treasure's Report-** Discussion arose regarding budget lines and to keep an eye on everything, Commissioner Mirras did note the apparatus equipment repair line is higher than usual, some big repairs. He is increasing that line significantly due to this. The Capital Reserve for Building is \$366,928.68 as of the end of July. The Apparatus Capital Reserve is \$787,860.58. Commissioner Mirras also discussed how there is \$1,494,617.59 between the general fund and the savings accounts and we have about \$983,000 left to spend and we usually do not spend it all so that would amount to a fund balance which is highly positive. But the last 4 years of audits the fund balances have been negative. We really need to sit down with the auditors to discuss this.
- Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling \$17,924.81, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve payment of bills totaling \$17,924.81, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Meeting Topics

- **Physicals-** Ms. Lucas needs to speak with the manager about dates of physicals at other departments, will let Chief know once she knows.
- **Budget Prep-** discussed previously.
- **Lahti Engineering (tank replacement)-** The engineers are moving along but the DEC and Suffolk County want a tank closure plan. It's a \$4,250 fee for them to do it which is cheaper than the tank company and it wouldn't delay the process. The new tank takes up the same amount of space. Vice-Chairman Marino would like to give them the go ahead to start the tank closure plan paperwork. At what point do we start a dialogue with the Town, he mentioned it to Tom Flight and that it's not a problem and he will talk about it with the Town.. Chairman Schoen said he will talk with them tomorrow. Chairman Schoen asked if we have a ballpark figure of cost for this project. We originally got an estimate of \$275,000 but now we are going bigger on the tanks so not sure the total cost yet. We do know that they use about 78% of the total gasoline purchased. We can say cost of new tanks is approximately \$400,000. Vice-Chairman Marino also noted the School buses have asked to fuel up here too. Commissioner McLean explained the school has their own supply of diesel, it would only be gasoline for the small buses. One more thing, Lahti engineering is looking to have four questions answered before everything, Omnitec alarm, conduit by tanks, electrical information, etc. Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to accept option #3 on the proposal for a tank closure plan totally \$4,250.00, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- **Parking Lot Repairs/Asphalt-** Ken Rousell gave an estimate for asphalt repair, mentioned at previous meeting of \$52,850. We also had Diamond Masonry come out, they did the curb/drainage a couple years ago, they will do both aprons to end of concrete, approximately 5,110 square feet plus 9 pot holes and patch on side, total \$38,215. Vice-Chairman Marino would like to do this all at once given the fact that for the gas pump replacement, the vendor is responsible for repaving, saw cuts have to be straight and true, curbs replaced with specific PSI concrete. Question arose is this to be done by end of year? Answer, YES. They would need a weeks notice. Asphalt has a definitive window, as for concrete, none, you can add additives. Vice-Chairman Marino will reach out to Diamond Masonry and see if he can do the the project after Columbus day weekend. It was asked to clarify if the concrete apron is staying, Yes, it's the

asphalt, 35' long by 75' wide and they will re-paint the lines too. This will be discussed/approved at next meeting.

Correspondence:

- none

Miscellaneous items:

- Chairman Schoen asked the chief for approval for the Fire Department to supply Fire Protection to the Fire Protection District. Chief approved but thought it was brought to the membership to vote on. Chief would like to get the membership approval before we send anything to the Town.
- Chairman Schoen was asked about payment for automatic alarms. Chief McDonald thought it was \$80,000, but we have received \$37,800.00.
- No officer in the department is authorized to contact John from Fully Involved either by telephone, text or email or any other outside repair vendor.
- Chairman Schoen is having Joe Frank look into this. Another issue is the blue lights on the Uber vehicles which are a distraction and it diminishes the effectiveness of our flashing blue lights for our members.
- Chairman Schoen spoke with Chief McDonald earlier and would like to give a short presentation to the department. Right now every member of the department is entitled to either a 10% reduction in property taxes or a \$200 credit toward their state income tax. There has been a bill passed by both parties of the legislature and is sitting on the Governor's desk. It eliminates the either or and if she signs it you get both and it increases the state tax credit from \$200 to \$800. There is a website, FASNY.org that everyone can go to help push this bill to get signed. Chief Joyce will put this out to the officers before the department meeting to get it done sooner and he will bring it up at the meeting as well.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief is asking for the housemen to set up for Town Chief's on Tuesday September 1, 2026.
- Chief noted that usually he is asked about any big purchases for the next year. He did mention a new chief's vehicle for 9-3-32, it's a 2016. Also radio batteries will need to be replaced for the EMS radios. They are usually good for 3 years. Not sure of total amount. Also will need to replace pagers that will not be able to be repaired. There main focus is replacing 9-3-14- the Tower Ladder.

Commissioner Mirras motioned @ 18:19 to go into Executive session regarding Personnel/Salaries and Legal, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 19:21 hours, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried. It was discussed to start the next meeting at 6pm instead of 6:30 on September 8, 2026 to go over the budget for 2027.

Commissioner McLean motioned to adjourn @ 19:55 hours, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned hours 19:55 hours