

Montauk Fire District
September 8, 2026
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Rich Schoen- Chairman
Carmine Marino
Charles “Chip” McLean
Michael Mirras
Eddie Eurell

Also Present: Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., Treasurer Robert Hauser and 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: Commissioner McLean motioned to approve the minutes with corrections of the August 26, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Requests:

- Ms. Lucas read a note that was attached to the requests, it read;
 - Just a quick note to let you all know that while Rex and Myself (Brent) are using our vacation time, we will have coverage by either Luke Stein or Jimmy Angelides. They are both knowledgeable about the building. In case of an emergency they both have our cell numbers for questions pertaining to anything that may come to question, Brent and Rex. Rex is requesting 12 vacation days from November 21st through December 8, 2026, Vice Chairman Marino motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried. Brent is requesting 5 vacation days, 10/7 & 10/8, 11/27 & 11/28 and 12/26/2026, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- ALS Supervisor report from Chris Boccabella; We had a surprise inspection last week by NYS. We were told we did great compared to other agencies, and passed. Controlled substance inspection passed as well. Additional suction units are needed as per NYS. (a purchase request is attached).
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies (suction units and canisters required by NYS) totaling \$3,263.53 (will be discounted once Ms. Lucas receives quote). Commissioner

Mirras wanted to know what was wrong with the ones we have, nothing is wrong but we now have to have separate portable units. Commissioner McLean explained it has always been mandated to have installed suction as well as portable suction and our units are installed and can go portable. Now NYS is mandating we get separate portable units. It's part of the 800 protocol. Commissioner Eurell motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,587.47 (will be discounted once Ms. Lucas receives quote), Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

1. **Treasurer's Report- July-** Mr. Hauser knows we have keeping a watchful eye on the expenditures and on a postie note, we have taken in more revenues this year than last. He questioned why? The answer, we sold apparatus/equipment. Bank rec's look good. Commissioner Mirras signed off on the July Treasurer's report. Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve Treasurer's report for July, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.
- Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling \$34,186.67. Commissioner Mirras asked if anyone went through the credit card statement, answer was YES. Some questions arose about a charge for boots. They were ordered incorrectly, sent back and the credit will show up on next months statement. A discussion arose about ordering, maintenance supplies, vehicle supplies, office supplies all understandable, but other than that it should be brought to the board for approval first. In the past the board used to get a purchase request for uniform items. Another question arose about gas for a chief's car. First the vehicle wouldn't start and the chief called Marshall's and they towed it to their shop, replaced the battery, did some diagnostics, added oil and filled up the gas tank so it could be test driven and then delivered to a chief's house. Commissioner Mirras stated the chiefs tried to jump it, but no luck, thought it might be more than that. It ended up having a loose ground strap and needed a new battery. Chairman Schoen asked who is authorized to contact somebody to come and fix it? Do we give the chief authorization? The problem was the vehicle was blocking the ambulance bay and they could not get it into neutral to push, so they had it flat bedded. This seemed to be an emergency. Again, do we authorize the chief to contact Marshall or anybody else or do they have to contact us first? Commissioner McLean motioned to approve payment of bills totaling \$34,186.67, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: (Ambulances, 9-3-80 & 9-3-81) Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-18- had an issue with loss of power, towed it out o Fully Involved, could not duplicate problem but replaced spark plugs and wires, running good now.
- 9-3-80- issue with the tie pressure indicator system as well as a check engine light, which was part of the pollution control system. Addressed all issues and now back in service running smoothly. Also got two new tires.

Apparatus: (Trucks/Chief's vehicles/9-3-12/9-3-15) -Commissioner Eurell gave his report;

- 9-3-1- had a leak and Firematic came to fix it. No charge because of faulty o-ring, all under warranty.

Equipment: No report

Buildings & Grounds: Vice-Chairman Marino gave his report;

- Fuel tanks- check for \$220 was sent to SCDHS (Suffolk County Department of Health Services) for the tank closure work plan.
- Asphalt project- Received quotes from Diamond Construction, who did the drainage and curbing repairs and Ken Rousell Inc. The difference is Rousell is doing 3,100 sq ft and Diamond is doing 5,100 sq ft all the way to the end of the walls, removing, repairing and re-doing asphalt, sealing and re-striping, saw cut and remove 7 potholes, repair, hot tar, seal. Rousell's quote was \$52,850 and Diamond is \$38,215 and he can do the project October 19, 2026 and approximately four days to complete job, weather permitting. Chairman Schoen noted we will need to approve so we can move money from Capital reserve account and put in paper. Ms. Lucas noted, the 30 day wait is from the approval date, not the date it goes into the paper. The quotes are both prevailing wage. Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to accept Diamond Construction quotes of \$38,215, seconded by Commissioner Mirras, motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas to put in paper not to exceed \$45,000.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Went over at last meeting, Budget will discuss later.

Insurance:

- Annual Update was given from insurance company, it was completed and submitted.

Communications:

- At an MVA yesterday, the siren on Industrial road never went off. A member stated it seems to be working fine now. The problem seems to be on the dispatch end of things. Commissioner Mirras will discuss with dispatch tomorrow.

Paid Personal:

- no issues

Department Personal:

- no issues

Law:

- Our formal complaint is still in the works, no updates.
- We are in talks with the Town on both the Fire Protection District and their portion of the tank replacement project. Ms. Lucas will follow up with the Town Administrator tomorrow for an update on the Fire Protection District.

Old Business:

- **Fuel Tanks-** discussed earlier in meeting
- **Physicals-** Ms. Lucas spoke with IOMR and found that Bridgehampton Fire Department has physicals on October 25, 2026 and East Hampton Fire Department on October 31, 2026 and November 1, 2026. She also let Chief Joyce know the same. She just asked to have members let her know when and where so she can let IOMR know as well. For the record right now we have 33 members in need of a physical.
- **Asphalt project-** discussed earlier in meeting
- **Budget-**

New Business:

- Chairman Schoen asked the chief if there is a reason the pilot lights are on for the stove. Commissioner Eurell noted Blue Light was here testing the equipment/grills for Bug Bucks and then came inside to test the rest of the equipment and must have left the pilot on. They can be shut off.

Correspondence:

- already discussed previously.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Joyce would like to the stockade fence fixed in the back by the extrication pad before Big Bucks.
- Chief Joyce is requesting Fully Involved look at his chief's car, siren not working.

Commissioner McLean motioned to go into Executive Session @ 18:50 hours regarding Budget/Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into regular session @ 19:36 hours, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras noted since the audit was done over a month ago maybe Mr. Hauser could contact Cullen & Danowski and see about adjustments and talk about the fund balance. There seems to be a disconnect between the general fund and fund balance.

Discussion arose about changing the next meeting from Wednesday September 23rd to Thursday September 24th, 2026 at 6pm. Commissioner McLean motioned to move meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen just reminded Ms. Lucas to send an email reminder to the town about the Fire Protection contract.

Vice-Chairman Marino motioned to adjourn at 19:45 hours, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:45 hours