

**Montauk Fire District**  
**September 13, 2022**  
**Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Richard Schoen  
John Mark  
Charles "Chip" McLean  
Thomas Dess

*Also Present:* Chief Scott Snow, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Peter Joyce Jr. and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Schoen called 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 Dess motioned to approve the minutes with said corrections of the August 24, 2022, Workshop meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Chairman asked if everyone had a chance to go over bills, answer was YES, any questions, comments or concerns. Commissioner Dess questioned a bill from ReadyFresh with a gratuity charge, Ms. Lucas will look into that. He also saw we purchased potting soil which he thought was high, Ms. Lucas explained it's for the planters outside. Commissioner Dess also wanted to know what the net was for on 9-3-12, to secure the items in the back Ms. Lucas stated. Also Commissioner Dess questioned a fuel charge of \$166.76, was that for travel or to fill up our truck, does not specify, lets ask John about this. Another charge that was questioned was pants and boots, who are they for, answer Brent and Rex, it's part of their uniform. On the copier bill there is a late charge of \$53, as stated on a previous bill, it is in the process of coming off. Last question is for Mickey's Carting, the bill is for September but garbage hasn't been picked up yet, usually you pay for a service after the service has occurred. Ms. Lucas explained it has always been like this. Commissioner Mark motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,157.87, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

**Building Use Request:** Chairman Schoen received a request for the Fire Department of New York Memorial Annual Bass Tournament that takes place Monday September 19, 2022. Chip McLean is the sponsor and Chief Snow stated the Fire Department will be presented a plaque for all the years of allowing them to have this event on our premise. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

### **Purchase Requisitions:**

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$664.02, Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1931.51, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$97.50, Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried..
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$679.14, Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried..

### **Committee Reports:**

**Apparatus:** Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-1- Still waiting on intersection lights, they are due to arrive in October.
- 9-3-2- Has developed a front end wobble when vehicle goes over 30 miles an hour. At top of list for John to check. Chief stated it shimmied when responding to the lighthouse call. Is there a warranty on it? How long, how many miles? Will need to look into the warranty details.
- 9-3-16 & 9-3-17- are still having the check engine lights come on. They were analyzed and determined that the glow plugs need to be changed. They are on order and awaiting arrival.
- 9-3-14- still waiting on the gate valve for the right side.
- 9-3-80- will be going in for front bumper repair to Suburban on Monday.
- 9-3-30 & 9-3-31 went to dealer for computer modifications so now the vehicles will NOT shut off after 30 minutes. We had to send them letters stating we own the vehicles which was done with the help of Ms. Lucas.
- Chairman Schoen asked about the status of the compressor on 9-3-18, Commissioner McLean stated Brent is still waiting on a valve and will have John from Fully Involved look at it. Also 9-3-17 has an air horn failure that John will look at also.
- 9-3-30- will be getting a hand lantern and Chief Joyce stated 9-3-32's vehicle does not have a Knox box and needs one. Brent will look at it and see if he can install, if not then John will take care of it.
- A discussion arose about the timeliness of John from Fully Involved getting out here to complete possible repairs. It was mentioned from Chief Glogg about possibly pursuing other avenues for repairs. Chairman Schoen stated let's first see about 9-3-2 and its warranty and very nicely explain to John our concerns about his response time, it might light a fire from within for him.

**Equipment:** Commissioner Mark asked Ms. Lucas about the AreoClave unit. She responded that the unit was picked up and we received a loaner, then we received our so called repaired unit back and it's still not working. She emailed company again and waiting on call tag for unit to be picked up again. We still have loaner machine for our use. Chief told Commissioner Mark he was able to fix the blower himself, the K12 saw is unable to be repaired because of age so Chief disposed of it. The department is waiting on purchasing a new saw because company 2 has a demonstration coming on two battery operated saws.

### **Buildings & Grounds:**

- House Report- Commissioner McLean stated there is one correction, 9-3-18 should read 9-3-17 and it was taken to Southampton tire for 6 tires not 2 and then to Mariner Auto for an alignment.

***Budget and Capital Reserves:*** No report

***Insurance:***

- Commissioner McLean spoke with our agent John Ecker and submitted all the information needed for the renewal of our policy and this information should be sufficient for the underwriters. Chairman Schoen also received a call about some information regarding the roof. He was able to get the information from Brent and let John Ecker know.

***Communications:***

- Commissioner McLean stated the Gator site is online but only for pagers as per Eddy Schnell.
- Commissioner McLean sat in on a meeting in Springs about the Tower they are trying to get online on their property. It seems the taxpayers are behind them because it will improve response time for emergency calls and help improve cell service. Only setback is the people directly adjacent to the property. The company that put the tower up stated it is all set up for emergency calls, all that needs to be done is a flip of a switch. This was all written up in an article in the East Hampton Star this week.

***Paid Personal:***

- No report- Commissioner Wright not present

***Department Personal:***

- No report

***Law:***

- No report but Chairman Schoen did hear that up in Albany right now about putting governors on vehicles so they can not go above the speed limit. Actually in 2024, New York is looking to require all vehicles to have governor's on their engine and be controlled by satellite technology so your car can not go above the speed limit.

***Old Business:***

- ***Budget modifications-*** Chairman addressed from previous meeting and we increased the total budget to \$2,794,848 because we will be hiring a full time employee. Ms. Lucas stated since we did that we will need to increase the medical insurance also. Chairman asked how much for insurance, Ms. Lucas stated about \$1,800 for a single person per month. So Chairman Schoen stated let's increase that line another \$20,000 and make it \$100,000.00. Commissioner McLean asked who takes the insurance now, Ms. Lucas replied Brent and Rex. Chris does not and neither does Ms. Lucas but that could change. The total budget for 2023 will be \$2,814,848.00. Commissioner McLean has a question about the salary line increase of \$4000 from last meeting, that is all that it will cost to add an additional full time employee. Chairman Schoen stated the increase is actually for the the staff raises.

***New Business:***

- ***District Dinner 9/27/22-*** Chairman stated we are hosting a Commissioner dinner here at the firehouse Tuesday September 27. We need someone to cook and the Chairman reached out to Tom Barbieri since he cooked the Chief's dinner the other night and it was simple and rather tasty. He has to check his schedule, might be working. If he is unable to cook we will need to consider other options. Commissioner Dess suggested Joey or Brian Mooney. Chairman

Schoen said it was simple, shrimp, cheese and cracker, steak, potatoes, vegetable and ice cream for dessert. Chief even stated it was only \$750 for 30 people. Commissioner Dess stated we usually set up for 40 people. He will take charge of the committee and see who else we might be able to get to cook.

- **Approve Proposed Budget-** Chairman Schoen motioned to approved the 2023 proposed budget of \$2,814,848.00, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

### Chiefs Report:

- Chief Snow mentioned that EMS has been really busy lately, 5 bad calls yesterday and some amazing saves. It pays to have the right people and we are so fortunate to have a great EMS program here in Montauk.
- Physicals are being done and are continually being done. Ms. Lucas informed the board that Dr. Genereaux will be losing a staff member and wants to get in as many members that need Class A physicals before she leaves. Chief is also reminding members of East Hampton and Bridgehampton options for physicals with same IOMR people.
- Training on the Scott packs tomorrow night.
- Chief thanked the district for the 30 trench coats.
- Thursday night uniform guy will be here at 6:30pm.
- Membership Drive also on Thursday night at 7pm, going back to the old way, meet potential members, have application, informational meeting.
- Department dinner Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief stated Michael Groen has been doing a lot with the brush truck. He turned it over to him. Michael and Joe McDonald went to Davis Park with Firematic, was shown their brush truck and Firematic did an amazing job with it. The truck is a bit larger than we need, but did find out that Firematic could scale it back for us. He actually found out some interesting information about chassis's. Ford 18 months for a chassis, Dodge/Chevy- 8 months. Truck ran great, some new technology. We will have a demo at end of month with a lighter truck.
- Chief asked Commissioner Dess about the UTV/ATV's, and he spoke with Donna Hitscherich and Joel Vetter about grants. The amount of money we have in the bank for equipment will be held against us. Chief Joyce stated Joe McDonald did some research on this also and found that Polaris produces an off the line set vehicle for Fire/EMS and could possibly get it through state purchasing. Chief Snow stated we should be set with one that can hold water, skid pack and stuff. We just need to keep talking about it.
- Chief also mentioned since we are not getting an ambulance, the next vehicle that should be replaced is the tanker 9-3-5. Robert Gosman was all for this and found out that Amagansett is building one right now. He copied their specs but simplified the truck. Chief said no front mount, 2 portable tanks, 2 side discharges and one in the back. The truck will be 3,500 gallons instead of 4,000 gallons to keep the truck short and we will probably go with Kenworth, it's the one all the big truck companies are going with, they are the most reliable with the least amount of problems. Approximate cost \$575,000 but that was for a bigger truck and chassis as per the Chief. Chairman Schoen asked time frame., Chief said 18 months to 2 years to be delivered. We should see specifications within 90 days.
- Chief Joyce looked into FOAM and he would like to move into something similar to Amagansett. They run cold fire instead of FOAM for their class A applications. It is more of a heavy water wetting agent instead of FOAM. Chief Joyce noted while speaking with other departments found they only keep a very small amount of true FOAM because their SOP's state its only for true fuel based fires. Chairman Schoen stated in past we have always had storage at the training facility in Wainscott. We can get everyone utilizing the same stuff.

- Chief Joyce asked Ms. Lucas to look into the physical list and see if Eddy Stein needs a physical this year. She stated it's probably due to his age, but will double check and get back to him.
- Also before Big Bucks can we remove the sheets of particle board from the side of the building and place in dumpster. Also is the dumpster going to be moved before the event. Chairman Schoen stated NO, because they are still finishing the lighting job. Commissioner McLean clarified and spoke with Brent about this, asked them to move by end of week because of an event we are having, they are suppose to move it. Let's get confirmation on exactly what is going to be done and if Mickey needs to be contacted, lets make sure he is aware too.
- Chief Glogg would like some weather tech mats for the two new chief's vehicles, Commissioner McLean said they are already on order.
- Chief Joyce mentioned people are having a problem trying to drop off a bid for the Chief's vehicle. Chairman stated lets get Ms. Lucas a doorbell so there is no confusion. We can have Brent order one tomorrow.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn @ 19:40 hours, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:40 hours**