

Montauk Fire District
October 11, 2022
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 2nd 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 September 28 2022 Workshop meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1,735.84, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$191.90, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,222.63, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Mercury Medical for medical supplies totaling \$580, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$299.33, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Ms. Lucas received a request for NOAA /National Marine Fisheries Service to utilize the meeting room on November 2, 2022 for an informational meeting for Montauk fisherman regarding proposed rules for dolphin fish (aka Mahi-Mahi). No check required because they are a governmental agency. Commissioner Dess approved, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Chairman asked if everyone had a chance to go over bills, answer was YES, any questions or comments, Commissioner Mark had a question with Riverhead Building Supply's

statement, there was an invoice on there for \$629.28 and he did not see that invoice. Ms Lucas explained it was already paid. The statement shows the same amount underneath as a PMT (payment) . Chairman Schoen explained to Commissioner Mark the statement consisted of a previous balance as of 8/28/2022 of \$671.83 which included invoices on 8/3, 8/23 and 8/26 and all paid on 9/19/2022. The invoice of \$19.98 is what is due as of 9/28/2022. Commissioner Mark also mentioned Becker's bills has one for flags, and other two are illegible. Ms. Lucas stated one bill is for the rails and the other is Rex's signature. Chairman Schoen explained he is having the bill for a white shirt from All American pulled because the district does not supply white shirts with uniforms. It was ordered by Chief Glogg and it will be up to him to pay for that. Commissioner Dess motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$149,149.55, minus the bill for \$47.55 for All American, seconded by Commissioner McLean, Commissioner Wright abstained; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-1- Intersection lights are scheduled to be installed this week. The directional lights have been an issue and it was a burnt out connector. Also the indicator gauge for the booster tank has been installed. The booster reel was leaking, removed part of the hose and waiting on part from Firematic. The booster reel is in service but with less hose, officers are aware. It was stated that the reel failed at times, but the reel is usually 1” but ours is 1 & 3/4”, we just need to lighten up on the line when loading as per the mechanics. The motor should handle it.
- 9-3-2- The issue with front end has been addressed. Apparently it was an issue with acceleration, if you accelerate too heavily it causes it to shimmy. As per Chairman Schoen similar to 9-3-14. It is a transmission shifting issue. Also right rear cabinet #8, brackets for tool board sliding mechanism were repaired.
- 9-3-4- Issue with fuel pump, it was leaking fitting tightened but fuel pump needs replacing. Part ordered and should be replaced this week.
- 9-3-5- Transmission leak was found by houseman but a fitting just needed to be be tightened. The mechanic was able to take care of it.
- 9-3-14- still waiting on the gate valve for the right side.
- 9-3-16 & 9-3-17- Glow plugs came in and 9-3-16 was replaced already and 9-3-17 is in the process and will be back tomorrow. They were taken to Fully Involved Inc's shop for replacement.

Also the air horn in 9-3-16 has been repaired and is operational. There was a rear inner tire flat that was repaired by the houseman. 9-3-17's air horn had a relay issue, it was repaired and is operational.

- 9-3-80- front bumper was replaced.
- 9-3-32- Knox Box was installed.
- 9-3-30- Floor mats are in.
- Also on a previous bill for 9-3-14, there was a diesel fuel charge for \$166.76, John from Fully Involved Inc. explained truck was not full so they had to top it off before returning to building. Trucks can't leave here without being full of fuel. The mechanics need to be told that. Commissioner McLean asked how do we enforce that? He stated just like yesterday 9-3-16 left the building and who knew it was leaving. Commissioner Dess asked who put it out of service. Chief Snow stated he eventually did. He texted the Captain of company 4 asking if stretcher and equipment was taken out, her reply was yes. The Chief remembers having a conversation about the ambulances going to Fully Involved about the glow plugs, but no one knew the date. Chairman Schoen stated we need to find out what mechanic took it and who

gave him permission to take it. Ms. Lucas noted she was in the building to send the meeting information via e-mail to the Commissioner's for this meeting and saw Fully Involved here ready to take the ambulance. John from Fully Involved, Brent and Commissioner McLean last week arranged for the ambulances to leave for the glow plugs. Brent usually does not have John come unless he is here, he also noted Monday was a holiday and we are only here for 2 hours to check the building. Commissioner Wright stated it seems to be a communication error since this was discussed and approved previously. Commissioner McLean also stated his last conversation with John was that the ambulance would be picked up either Monday or Tuesday depending on how the weekend went with Fully Involved Inc. calls. He told Brent and the company officers. He was going to tell the Chief when it actually went, which he thought he told him about. Chief said he had a conversation about the check engine light and process but no actual dates. Commissioner McLean will talk with John from Fully Involved about the notification process.

- Chairman Schoen was made aware that 9-3-16 had a flat tire and a note was put in to read USE AS LAST VEHICLE. Are we aware of this? We can not knowing do this. The vehicle needs to be put out of service. It was discovered late at night, note put in and when Commissioner McLean came in the next morning the house crew had it already repaired.

Equipment: Commissioner Mark asked Ms. Lucas about an update on the AeroClave unit. She responded that the unit was just returned back to us today. Commissioner Mark asked since there is a book for apparatus issues, is there one for equipment issues or should they get in touch with him. As of now no book, but we can absolutely get one if need be as per Chairman Schoen. Chief Joyce stated that is what the rack is for and the tags on the side to note the problem and truck. Ms. Lucas will get a book for equipment issues.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Commissioner Wright left a message with our architect John Tanzi, just waiting on a response. Waiting on the paperwork to go to bid on the oil burners. Kitchen project he was suppose to come out last month to meet and hasn't.
- Commissioner Wright was made aware that there has been some bugs/insects in the house. He took pictures and found out they are stink bugs. Not uncommon because of weather change. Maybe we should consider an exterminator 2x a year, fall and spring. You would have to do both the exterior, foundation and interior. Commissioner Wright will get a quote.
- Chairman Schoen spoke to Brent about the lights, he was told a couple more have to go in and then an inspection will occur from PSEG and then we will receive our rebate.
- Also with all the rain we received there is a leak in the boiler room of main building. It's from when the earth was disturbed on the back garage build. They had to dig up the earth to extend some pipes and from what was said they never sealed it, only back filled with sand. Commissioner Wright is waiting on a proposal to correct the situation. Commissioner McLean also stated the storage closet in the training room has water on the back wall and was flowing into the training room. That seems to be the same issue as the boiler room since they but up to each other. Also Chairman Schoen was approached by a member of the Ladies Auxiliary about their cabinet, it has mold in it and they wanted to know what to do about it. Chairman Schoen stated we can not have mold in the building, this could become a major issue. Commissioner Wright will reach out to Jamie to discuss.
- Commissioner McLean noted the touch pad at the substation is working intermittently. Commissioner Wright will check it out.
- House Report- was looked at.

Budget and Capital Reserves: No report- Commissioner Mark would like to know why we aren't able to get these reports in a timely manner. Ms. Lucas stated since People's United Bank was taken over by M&T Bank the statements weren't available yet. The transition has been rough. Commissioner Mark will contact her directly to discuss.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean stated all information that was requested for our renewal has been accepted since re received the bill. We were able to remove the old pick up truck which saved us almost \$600.

Communications:

- No report

Paid Personal:

- See Full Time Paid Paramedic

Department Personal:

- No report

Law:

- No report

Old Business:

- ***Full Time Paid Paramedic-*** Commissioner Wright stated before his vacation the board voted on hiring a full time paid paramedic and now we need to approve a person. A meeting occurred between Chris and the officers of company 4 which was facilitated by Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Mark, they all agreed we needed to hire someone and they all like Ernest Zabiela. In that meeting it was stated that Ernest Zabiela does have a 95 and there are no 100's. Chairman Schoen advised that we do not have to go through any of that, it was already covered and we can hire anyone we want with a 95. Commissioner Wright motioned to hire Ernest Zabiela as our new full time paid paramedic, seconded by Commissioner Dess, Commissioner McLean opposed due to a narcotics bureau complaint against him filed. Commissioner Wright stated that was addressed in the meeting and the three officers in company 4 stated he has worked diligently to improve. We had a problem which we took all the heat from but now we are working with Amagansett to fix and the parties were reprimanded and no issues since. Back to the motion, Commissioner Mark not present and Chairman Schoen voted to approve also; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Wright also noted they discussed not getting enough people to work out here. Commissioner McLean then asked if there was any mention about recruitment. It was brought up and all the neighboring districts are having the same issue. If there are any ideas let Chris know, he is willing to do anything to help the situation. This has been an ongoing issue.
- ***Quad-*** Commissioner Dess contacted Malvese, a Kubota dealership which handles all state contracts. He is waiting on a proposal back and a skid pack that goes on the back. He also saw Jones Beach just bought one, waiting on specifications from them. Chairman Schoen stated he spoke with Captain of Company 1, John McDonald and the decision was to go with a Dodge Ram 3500 4X4 Regular Cab. The thought would be to use the Dodge chassis, have Peter Grimes put a flat bed on it and then put a skid pack, possibly utilize the jump seats from 9-3-9 and maybe a scope rack. John McDonald asked if this Dodge Ram is on state contract. Chairman Schoen responded he would look into.
- Trench Coasts were delivered and they are in the back garage for now, but will eventually be

put upstairs.

- Public Hearing on the budget next Tuesday, Chairman Schoen suggested we set up some tables and chairs, never know who might show up. Also Ms. Lucas will print out copies of the proposed budget for the public's entitlement.
- Salary discussion for the paid paramedics, currently they are at \$32.50 per hour and Chairman Schoen proposes we increase a dollar an hour to \$33.50 as of January 1st., seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Dess asked if there was an agreement between the East End Districts, Chairman Schoen stated there was a gentleman's agreement.

New Business:

- Chairman Schoen noted last weekend there was triathlon with about 700 entered, at \$300 a piece and our ambulances stood by. He has a problem supplying taxpayer equipment to support a for profit event. That should not happen. Chief Snow stated this was also discussed in the officer's meeting. We need to STOP this. For an event like this they should be hiring their own company. We would still respond to any 911 calls but to utilize our resources for an event like this is taking away from our taxpayers. Commissioner Dess stated other events are required to have a medical station for the event. Commissioner McLean asked what does the Town require for an event like this. Bottom line they should hire their own.

Chiefs Report:

- Department Drill at Camp Hero end of month.
- October 19th Yaphank drill.
- October 18th is fire prevention at Montauk Public School.
- Pancake breakfast and open house was a success. Lion's Club tally was \$4,028.
- Chief asked if the 4 AED's was ordered, Ms. Lucas stated they were. Chief mentioned the other day there was CPR call in progress, the police and Robert Friedberg was able to get the girl back. Chief is proposing that 2 of the old AED's we give to Robert Friedberg and Rob Rosen, one would be on Old Montauk Highway and one on East Lake Drive, those two guys are advanced critical care, they go on a lot of calls and then would cover two ends of town. Ms. Lucas noted there was a trade-in for them included with ordering the new ones. The cost savings was \$400.00 for all. Chairman Schoen motioned to give two of the old AED's to the two gentlemen previously mentioned.
- Chief Joyce presented a purchase requisition for Firematic for a battery operated K-12 saw which will replace the gas powered saw that can not be repaired., totaling \$3,100.00, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief also asked what is the status of pump tests? Commissioner McLean stated they are scheduled for later this month.
- Chief Joyce also mentioned in the minutes the word psycho should read STICO.
- Chief Snow mentioned he posted the officer's eligibility list, which might have errors or omissions.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn @ 19:47 hours, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:47 hours