

Montauk Fire District
October 18, 2022
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:33 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Scott Snow, 1st Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 18:33 hours.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Resolution appointing Board of Elections for Annual Elections of the Montauk Fire District: Commissioner Wright would like to make one change add Vice-Chairman next to his name, Ms. Lucas will fix and all Board members voted unanimously; motioned/passed/carried.

Time Off Request: Ms. Lucas presented a time off request for Brent Becker, for November 18 and 19th. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Ms. Lucas presented the bills to be paid totaling \$12,957.14, Commissioner Mark had a question about the bill for Leaf, saw there was a late charge. Ms. Lucas explained she has been in contact with them to credit that amount and was told it could take a few months for us to see the credit. She will follow up with them for status. Commissioner Wright motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Paramedics- Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session @ 18:45 regarding salaries, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 18:57, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned as of January 1, 2023 EZ (Ernest Zabiela) will make \$34.50 per hour and Chris Boccabella will make \$37.00 per hour, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Additional workshop topics;

Physicals: Chairman Schoen noted that we have a rule on the books, any member that does not get a physical by October 31st will be suspended as of November 1st until such time that they complete their physical. Chief Snow stated he has contacted everyone reminding them of their physicals, might be 2 that he is unsure of, but the rest all have appointments either before the 31st or after. Chairman Schoen stated its all well and good but we have had issues in the past with members making appointments then canceling. Chairman Schoen explained, a member will be suspended as of November 1st if they have not completed a physical. They have until December 31st to complete a physical, once they receive one the suspension will be lifted but if they do not comply then they will be released from their membership with the Montauk Fire Department. Commissioner McLean agrees with Chairman Schoen and stated the Chief has gone way out of his way, the board has cooperated with him throughout the year, brought in the special physicals right to the department, extraordinary effects were made this year.

Commissioner Elections: Chairman Schoen spoke with our attorney Joe Frank and as you are aware we have 2 positions opened this year for Commissioner, a 5 year term and 2year term. It was asked if a person could run for both positions, the answer is NO, you can not run for both positions. You are legally not allowed to run for both positions. Applications/Petitions to be on the ballot can be obtained anytime after October 1st because that is the date that legally establishes what positions are opened. Commissioner McLean stated the petition period opened October 1st but wanted to know when does it close. As per Ms. Lucas petitions are due back on November 23rd by 12 NOON.

Chiefs Report: Chief Snow stated the following;

- Fire prevention was today at Montauk Public School, great turnout. The teachers gave a great response too.
- Yaphank drill tomorrow night. Twelve members to attend.
- Firematic was here filling 10 out of the 14 Scott bottles.
- Physicals are still being done.
- Tony Kalman resigned from the department. Chairman Schoen motioned to accept Tony Kalman's resignation letter, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Joel Valentin has injured his knee, the meniscus. He has been put on medical as of 10/1/22.
- A member is requesting 3 life rings to go around fort pond at \$76 per ring. Commissioner Dess motioned to purchase the life rings, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- The Montauk Library has a display of the Montauk Fire Department and a glass case in its new addition with a collection of pieces. It's very interesting.
- Chief Glogg is requesting a new helmet, has a purchase requisition for one. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg also noted he needs a new windshield. It had a ding, then an acorn hit it and cracked it.

Commissioner Dess is letting the board know that Napeague stretch is looking very scary with dead trees and its skyrocketing. Hither Woods is being affected now too. This disease is out of control. Commissioner Dess was told to let it burn and then new trees will grow back without the disease.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:15 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:15 hours