

***Montauk Fire District
February 22, 2023
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours***

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
Charles “Chip” McLean

Also Present: Chief Kenneth Glogg, 1st Asst. Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., 2nd Asst. Chief John McDonald and Secretary-Treasurer Dawn E Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner McLean noted some corrections in said minutes, one was for 9-3-14- it wasn't to check the outrigger, it was to repair the sensor for the outrigger. Then under 9-3-32, Commissioner McLean stated that it was running smooth as a baby's whatever. It was not idling rough. What it was, was the check engine light came on and when they ran the check engine light diagnostics it showed a rough idle. Ms Lucas explained that is not what was said in tape. Commissioner McLean stated you can write it up as 9-3-32 has a check engine light on and will be tuned up by the mechanic. Chairman Schoen said if that is how it was recorded then write exactly what was said on tape under 9-3-32. Commissioner McLean requested to come in and listen to that portion of the tape, answer was absolutely. One more correction under Chief's report, aerial was incorrectly spelled. Ms. Lucas noted that when Chief Joyce speaks, it's very clear and loud enough on the tape. Commissioner Wright also noted a correction under Buildings & Grounds, Camera- the last sentence reads wrong. Chairman Schoen stated it is correct, and explained, if we upgrade the existing system and it exceeds \$5,000 we DO NOT need an engineer but if we replace the system and it exceeds \$5,000 then WE DO need an engineer. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Commissioner McLean motioned to approve payment of the bills, totaling \$3,070.67, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Unauthorized Expenditures- Chairman Schoen addressed the Chief's, we can not have members go off and purchase things and then charge them to the Fire District. He understands it was during a period of mourning. One member went to Galls and basically purchased all the white gloves they had and 3 pairs of pants and now the District has a bill for it.. While the intentions were great we can not have that. Chairman Schoen noted we did not need any white gloves, we had plenty. He also mentioned to let the members know they can not go out and arbitrarily purchase things and have it billed to the Fire District, it doesn't work like that.

Paid ALS- Chairman Schoen spoke with Commissioner Dess who spoke to Jack from Amagansett. He stated that they are going up to \$35.50 for their paid staff and Springs is going to \$35.00. This will be discussed at the next meeting. This is the verification that was requested by the board.

SCWA- Chairman Schoen informed the Chief's that the district received a call from SCWA (Suffolk County Water Authority) about a hydrant on the corner of Flamingo and Mulford that has a fence against the hydrant that makes it inoperable. Your best move is to contact the Fire Marshall and have him address. SCWA addressed the homeowner and got crap from him. The Fire Marshall will explain he has to take it down or get fined. The Chief stated they could also do a drill down there.

MSA Packs- Chairman Schoen spoke to John from Coastal (MES) and he is picking up the old packs by end of week. Chief Glogg also spoke with him and was told Friday. Chairman Schoen cleared it with his captain and while on the phone with John from Coastal discovered that 9-3-14's bucket, which has never utilized the onboard air, we are not equipped to use it with onboard air. He asked John do we have to modify the Scott Packs to utilize the onboard air. As per John there are a number of ways we can do this. Chairman Schoen found that there are two fittings in the bucket, a plug type fitting and a screw type fitting which doesn't work well because we always have two people in the bucket. John stated we can adapt some of the Scott Packs so you can attach a hose to plug into the bucket but the fittings would have to be modified. Just an FYI the port on the pack is not for onboard air but for the RIT team. Chairman Schoen concluded there are 3 different ways to utilize the onboard air- 1/ modify packs with reducing valves or, 2/ reducer put right in the bucket that way you can use any pack or, 3/ plug hose from fitting in bucket right to mask, no pack required. Only drawback you can't go out on roof and you are tied to the length of that hose. This is something that will need to be discussed with the Captain.

Apparatus- Commissioner McLean stated we had some work done on all three chief's cars, oil change, rough idle indicator on the the check engine light was turned off because it got a tune up today. One Chief's vehicle had a spare on it and it was corrected. He also mentioned that Commissioner Wright's pest motel was installed.

Equipment- Chairman Schoen noted we all received a purchase request from Brent for an exhaust fan switch for the south bay. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Re-Bid Heating Plant Project- Ms. Lucas noted the re-bid will be out in paper tomorrow, she wanted to inform the board the date of bid opening is March 2, 2023. She will not be here. Someone needs to

be here with John Tanzi. Commissioner Wright said he will be in touch with John to discuss. Bid opens at 1 pm.

Also Ms. Lucas informed the board that we received our Fire Protection money from the Town.

Chief's Report

- Chief Glogg brought up the Age Requirement- it was passed for the maximum age requirement 56 to 12. Chairman Schoen stated this is going to be a by-law change and once it's written up and put into effect then it gets submitted to the board.
- Chief McDonald is cleaning up the Captain's room and also noticed in the upstairs garage there is a lot of stuff that we can dispose of. Chief Glogg asked if we can get a dumpster and discard of anything that is not needed or working, answer from Chairman Schoen is YES go ahead but would wait until the MSA Packs are gone.
- Chief Joyce mentioned that CO1 and CO2 are both looking into vehicles, they both feel they are ready for replacement. Both companies have been in discussion with each other and the Chief's and it's looking like we can standardize the engines for the department to be identical. Chairman Schoen said last year it was decided that 9-3-1 was good for another 5 years. Now the companies are looking to replace 2 engines. Chief Glogg stated it has to do with all the new regulations coming into effect in 2024. Chief Joyce stated in 2024 it will be difficult to get any type of equipment. He does know that Cummings the main motor provider for Pierce during 2024-2027 will be cutting their production down to almost nothing. In 2027 the regulations for emissions has to be EV or equal. In order to meet these requirements Cummings and other diesel manufacturers are switching fuel systems entirely, meaning re-tool of an engine. We don't want to be stuck buying something the first go around, biting the bullet now gives us a 20 year buffer. This seems like the better way to go as per Chief Joyce. Chairman Schoen stated get the committee's together and the board will have to deal with it. Chief Joyce stated right now we are trying to get the committee's to agree upon a ZERO custom vehicle. The goal is to have both companies be able to drive either one and ZERO confusion.
- Commissioner McLean asked Chief Glogg what is the status of the committee that was supposed to be formed regarding driver only for the department? Has it been formed? If so, who is on it? And when are they meeting? Chief Glogg stated there has not been any further progress. The Captain and Lieutenant came to him after he approached the subject. The feeling he got from them was there are 18 drivers and they are willing to look in house for drivers. They feel there is no need to approach the subject of having an auxiliary driver squad, whatever you want to call it. Chairman Schoen noted it will be put on back burner until further notice from the Chief.
- Commissioner McLean also noted the list of apparatus is growing, we are up to 2 pumpers, 1 tanker in need of replacing. Also the 3 ambulances are continuing to age, where do we stand with that? Last fall we were talking about purchasing a new ambulance but there was some question with the vendor they wanted to use insisting on upfront money for the order. Chairman Schoen said we got to the point of almost placing the order when word came through the ambulance is good for another year so hold off on everything and that is where it ended. Commissioner Wright stated because of supply chain problems they weren't telling us when we would receive or cost of ambulance but you have to give us money and sign for it. Commissioner McLean said now delivery date is from 2 years to 3 years. He has been contacted by the vendor and he has an anticipated delivery date of a chassis that could still come our way. When more information from the vendor is available, Commissioner McLean will bring it to the table. That 1 year, wait a year till they tell us they can do it, which is 3 years, but really 4 years down the line. That doesn't really serve us well with an aging fleet. Two ambulances (9-3-16 & 9-3-17) are the same age and roughly the same mileage. 9-3-18 we probably have some wiggle room

on that. That is something we have to keep on the burner. Chairman Schoen stated we will take all of them under advisement once we start working on the budget. We were hit with some interesting info tonight and considerable amounts of money. His stance has always been, money is not really an issue when it comes to equipment that we need. We always have many sources of obtaining it. We need the equipment, we need the equipment. We are not going to not purchase needed equipment because of funding. Commissioner McLean added as long as we know that they need to be on the list of apparatuses that need to be replaced. Chairman Schoen said it's getting to be a big list and we will address it when we address it. Commissioner Wright added that the board does not drive that, the officer's are the ones that put the committee together and start talking about buying another ambulance. It's up to them if they want to move forward. Commissioner McLean stated that was done and it was delivered here, but then it was shot down by their own committee as per Chief Joyce. It was shot down by the committee for what reason asked Commissioner McLean. Chief Joyce stated, Commissioner Mark came in and said the ambulance committee is not going to pursue investigating buying a new ambulance. Commissioner Wright is suggesting the first step is to see if they still feel the same way or do they want a new ambulance, tell them your concerns and it might take 3- 4 years. Chairman Schoen if he hears correctly, understands the salesman can get us one now, next one will be three years. Commissioner McLean said the salesman was going to order the ambulance anyway. Chairman Schoen also heard the salesman was pissed off because it cost him a sale. Chief Glogg asked if we had an option to lease the vehicle. As per Chairman Schoen all buying options come to the table to be addressed and discussed. The company does not decide if it gets leased or bought. Commissioner McLean stated we need to provide the guidance and leadership to the companies. We should be well aware of the status of the vehicles since we are ultimately responsible for the vehicles. Chairman Schoen stated a committee is put together to formulate their opinion and suggestions on when a piece of equipment needs to be replaced and then they bring it to he board. It is up the the board to determine whether we feel it should be replaced, initially it comes from the committee. We do not impose upon the ambulance company or any other company and think we should get this piece of equipment and it's coming in 2 years. It does not work like that. The people that run them, play with them, work on them have more knowledge than anyone sitting around this board. Ultimately the board makes the final decision. Chief Joyce suggested that as Commissioner's you be mindful with the budgeting and the initiative should be brought to the captain and lieutenant and if you disagree with the fact that they do not want a replacement, have a conversation with them or talk with the chief's about it and we will try to have a conversation with them. This is a group effort.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:08 hrs, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:08 hours