

Montauk Fire District
March 14, 2023
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

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

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 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 Wright motioned to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 Commissioner's Workshop Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner McLean motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$1,524.42, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$858.66, Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A previous purchase requisition for a RAD-57 Pulse Oximeter was approved for \$4,403 but it did not include the electrodes needed. Ms. Lucas contacted Masimo directly for a price quote to include the adult and pediatric electrodes needed. She received two different prices, \$5,350.00 with a 3 year protection plan and \$4,950.00 with a 1 year protection plan. Also with the protection plans we receive a discount of 35% off any accessories. Chairman Schoen asked what warranty does the unit come with, Ms, Lucas noted after reading the fine print, it has a 30 day warranty. Chairman Schoen suggested the 3 year plan. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Red Knights is requesting use of the meeting room for their monthly meeting to discuss raising money for the burn center and autism awareness. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Lucas had a problem with the copier and will be finishing up during meeting. Chairman Schoen said we will address later.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$114,035.43. Commissioner Mark had a question regarding a uniform bill for Brent and Rex, he asked if it was approved. Ms. Lucas said YES. He also wanted to know why are we getting it now. The person at that office forgot to send it, she asked the same question to Brent and he said she forgot. Commissioner Mark also questioned a late charge on the credit card bill. Ms Lucas is in the process of getting it removed and will double check that tomorrow. Commissioner Mark also wanted to know does credit card use require a Commissioner approval? There is a sheet for 3 Commissioner's to approve, that is for payment as per Chairman Schoen, so there is no approval for use of card, NO. Commissioner Mark also asked about the hotel room charges for the ice rescue course. He wanted to make sure there was no tax just hotel fees. Ms. Lucas will call to double check. Commissioner Mark requested in the future to get a receipt showing all the charges, Ms. Lucas agreed. Commissioner McLean wanted to clarify what kind of taxes is Commissioner Mark talking about? It was regarding sales tax. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$114,035.43 seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- The annual PM's and inspections are completed.
- 9-3-81- is at Fully Involved's shop for the installation of the temperature control device, drug cabinet. It is anticipated to return by end of week.
- 9-3-9- is out back because the substation is being utilized for a parade float.
- 9-3-1- gauge for pump panel is ordered, it may be difficult to obtain but Pierce is working on getting it for us.

Equipment: Commissioner Dess gave his report;

- Three pieces of equipment are out; two chainsaws and one fan off 9-3-14. One saw came back today, and the other two are still being worked on.
- Scott Packs- Chairman Schoen stated with the new Scott Packs and extensive training, the cylinders get used frequently. Firematic only comes on Tuesday which leaves us with empties. Chairman checked with Brent today and Firematic will come out anytime. It's a simple phone call. Chief Joyce was curious what we pay to fill a bottle. Ms Lucas stated \$21.25 per bottle. When Chief Joyce called Firematic to refill the bottles he was told it would be \$33.60 per bottle. Ms. Lucas will call to verify/clarify. Chief Joyce stated they have no problem sending a driver but it could be an additional fee per bottle. Chief Glogg also noted we might be able to speak with Amagansett, to his knowledge they have a filling station that they purchased. Chairman Schoen said that is something we would have to take under consideration. His thoughts were who is filling the tanks. Chief Glogg stated Scott Rodriguez, who has been trained by John Drews to fill tanks. It's something to look into but for the meantime we will not be left with empty cylinders Chairman Schoen stated.

Buildings & Grounds:

- **Heating Project-** Commissioner Wright advised the board two bids came in, one for \$250,655.00 from Maccarone Plumbing and one for \$324,000.00 from Dominion Construction

Corp. John Tanzi recommends giving it to the lowest bidder, Maccarone Plumbing. Commissioner Wright motioned to accept lowest bid, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen motioned to go out on a public referendum to seek permission to spend \$260,000.000 out of the reserve account, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Wright stated we budgeted for this already, yes, we might have as per Chairman Schoen but that doesn't matter we are spending money out of the building reserve fund.

- **Kitchen Project-** Commissioner Wright hasn't heard back from John Tanzi yet.
- Commissioner Wright does have something from Brent that was discussed awhile back the venting system in the kitchen. At first it was the hood not working, but the room has a venting system that hasn't been running for quite some time now. To replace with like kind is \$3,900.00 which seems reasonable. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- **House report-** was reviewed, pest motel installed and elevator for it is working. Chairman Schoen suggests the house report be done prior to the meeting night and given to the board with everything else is, Ms Lucas will inform Brent.
- Commissioner Dess mentioned the back garage has been cleaned up, but there is still expired drinks that need to be disposed of. Chairman Schoen stated will be taken care, was waiting for the MSA packs to be picked up.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Reports are downstairs and will be addressed. Commissioner Mark asked if they will be online and getting these statements on a regular basis. Ms. Lucas stated, yes.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean stated we have provided the state with a certificate of insurance for 2023 for the John McDonald Training Center at Camp Hero. Commissioner Dess mentioned a permit application will be dropped off so it can be filled out again for this year.

Communications:

- Chairman Schoen questioned what happened when communications went down the other day? Commissioner Dess said no one got back to him or the chief. But it did come back fairly quickly. Then it went down again that same night. Supposedly it was a problem with the two computers, one went down and the backup one never switched over properly. Chairman Schoen asked how long were we down? Not even an hour. Dess will discuss with Mr. Schnell. Chief Glogg stated we no longer have a low band system, so what is our back up? Phones, yelling? We could use cell phones but if we need to mutual aid it could be tough. Chief Glogg stated this is a needed necessity and should be addressed. We need to come up with a solution. Chairman Schoen said this will be addressed at the next District Officers meeting.

Paid Personal:

- Paid ALS and Volunteer had a meeting, it was brought up, what happened to the Cyano kits. Ms. Lucas stated they are being worked on, she is working with Ellen to order. Commissioner Wright also noted there seems to be a lack of communication regarding orders. If they are done through email and such let Chris and Ellen know status. Ms. Lucas will do. Chairman Schoen asked if it would help when the order is placed and it's discovered that an item is on back order, inform Chris. Ms. Lucas stated she does tell Chris about items on back order. Commissioner Wright is not saying you don't do it, we are asking you to do more. Commissioner McLean asked if anyone recalls how many kits were approved, was it two because they are quite expensive. He also said we could go through 2 kits for one person on route to Southampton.

Ms. Lucas thought it was four but will double check. Commissioner McLean stated we should have at least enough to get one patient to Southampton hospital. Commissioner Mark stated we had a significant discussion about how many to order taking into consideration what other districts might have or don't have. He believes we did our homework before agreeing, and believes it was four. Chairman Schoen agrees.

- Commissioner Wright asked what is going on with the old LifePacs? A member would like to take one in his vehicle so there are more circulating around town. Originally we were going to turn them in for a small fee. Commissioner Mark clarified they are the LifePac AED's. Chief Glogg remembers with previous Chief Snow, Rob Rosen and Robert Friedberg would have an AED in their vehicle since they are on opposite sides of town. Commissioner Wright agrees the more we have circulating the better chance of saving someones life. Chairman Schoen asked if there is anything wrong with them. Commissioner Wright stated they have about two years left of life. Chairman Schoen suggested we record the expiration dates and Commissioner McLean said to test them for functionality. Commissioner Dess asked if we can buy batteries for these units. Yes and that was done on them already.

Department Personal:

- No report

Law:

- Chairman suggests everyone read the current edition of the Counsellor, has some pretty good information, especially about hiring engineers.
- At the end of this year our Fire Protection Contract expires with the Town of East Hampton. Chairman Schoen will sit down and put some #'s together, which need to be done by July so they can put it on their budget.

Old Business:

- **PAID ALS-** will be going to executive session to discuss.

New Business

- **Bid Opening- Dodge Ram 3500- NO BIDS.** Chairman Schoen asked if we know of any dealer that would have this available. What is the next step? He will ask Joe Frank.
- **Sign in Sheets-** Chairman Schoen said it's minor but need to know how the points are being handled so they can be allocated to the correct members. Chief Joyce has been handling it, so he will make everyone aware.

Chiefs Report:

- A purchase requisition for MES (Coastal) for SCBA masks totaling \$1,028.16, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for MES (Coastal) for helmets and helmet shields totaling \$1,573.56, Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried
- A purchase requisition for Amazon for traffic cones totaling \$319.80. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg noted that Company 4 would like to take an ambulance to an MCI drill April 18th and utilize the van. This is a multi agency drill. No issue's taking the ambulance. The probie's have class on Tuesday. Ellen and the probies can discuss and work it out for the van usage.
- Chief Joyce brought up the two engines the other month and now we are at a point where if time progresses the price tag continues to go up on the vehicles. We are now being forced to

look at a window that is closing momentarily. The manufacturers have bumped up their dates on slowing manufacturing down. Firematic is the only vendor we can go through to obtain a Pierce truck. Chief Joyce stated the recommendation of the committee is to push this to a referendum to move it along. Chairman Schoen clarified what a referendum actually is and does. Referendum- We have Reserve funds that has been put into a Reserve Account. In order to spend any of that money we have to seek permission from the public, it has to be put in the paper for 30 days. A referendum has nothing to do with dealing with a supplier. Peter Joyce, Sr. stated it was a recommendation from Firematic. Another option Peter was saying was to buy something that is already on contract. If that is the case we do not have to go out to bid as per Commissioner Dess. Peter Joyce, Sr. explained the need for getting two new trucks and the benefits of having two identical trucks for the department. The committee spoke with Ray at Firematic after seeing Center Moriches trucks. They received information about stock trucks, these are Pierce trucks built for Firematic. Peter Joyce, Sr. said buying stock alleviates the committee from coming up with a truck with all the bells and whistles or changes. The truck is produced/engineered as a fire truck. It is a considerable cost savings as well.

- Chairman Schoen asked what is the availability of these trucks? Ray from Firematic said May 1st is the cut off to place an order and 24 to 46 months lead time. Cummings Diesel is affecting the pricing on these trucks. 2027 is when the emissions is totally changing and Cummings is actually going to start re-tooling their factories in 2026. This means their factories will be cutting down production on their engines so they can switch from diesel to hydrogen engines. It helps to get in before new engine comes out, engineering change and cost increase. Cost is about \$1.1 million, 0% down and 30 months no payment.
- Chief Joyce's understanding is each dealer is given a layout or requests a layout as "stock" which is appropriate for their area.
- Chairman Schoen stated we are looking to order two trucks prior to 5/1/23, delivery is 24 to 46 months and payment of these trucks up to 30 months after delivery. We would need to address payment terms.
- Chairman Schoen asked the board their thoughts about buying two trucks for CO1 and CO2 before May 1, 2023. All gave their opinions but no vote right now, lets contact Ray from Firematic and see if he can come out to discuss details of the financing, delivery, where this starts from, the 0% down, 30 months.
- The board is in total agreement this is a good move to make one thing to consider, will they take our existing trucks in for trade. Peter Joyce, Sr, stated these trucks are not getting sold for great money, he's researched through Auctions International.
- Commissioner Wright stated any conversation you have with sales, you need to get in writing,
- Chairman Schoen asked captain of CO1, Joe McDonald to speak with Ray and see if he can come to our meeting next Wednesday 3/22/23 to get some questions answered.
- Commissioner McLean asked if we want to interview a provider in a public forum, answer was absolutely without question. Chairman Schoen noted; This is a public meeting not public hearing, the public is allowed to say nothing, they can observe, record, film and video but the meeting is subject to the Chairman's decision to let people speak. The public has no right to address a Commissioner's meeting. The only time they can is a budgetary hearing.
- Commissioner McLean doesn't think we should worry about liquidating our current stock when the new stock comes in. That shouldn't hold us back from getting the new trucks because we need to replace those two rigs. Chairman Schoen stated this will not hold us back from purchasing new equipment, however if we have the opportunity in purchasing new equipment

we can request and put in as part of the contract, we are trading two trucks in which we have done in the past.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive session regarding paramedic salaries at 19:47 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Dess motioned to go back into Regular session at 20:09 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Discussion was regarding salary issues in executive session. Commissioner Mark motioned to raise salaries to all paid ALS providers to \$2.00 more an hour effective May 1st, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner McLean wanted to clarify a previous discussion, the MCI drill at Southampton/Stonybrook University is on April 18th at 7am.

Chief Glogg stated they spoke with Ray from Firematic and he will be out next Wednesday. Also he just received word that we lost one of our ex-members, Frankie Ward passed away. He was an ex-Captain of Co. 1 and Co. 4.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn @ 20:12 hours, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:12 hours