

**Montauk Fire District**

**March 22, 2023**

**Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

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

**Also Present:** Chief Kenneth Glogg, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Peter Joyce, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 motioned to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

**Firematic Presentation:** Ray Muller from Firematic discussed proposal for two new fire engines and gave a presentation. Commissioner Dess asked him to explain the price changes and what is going on right now. Federal government announced emission changes and guidelines for the future. Most recent change was for 2024. The EPA came out and exempted the fire service from having 2024 emissions activated but we still have to pay for the motor which has the 2024 emissions in it. Problem is 2027 emissions is extremely strict, NO EXEMPTIONS because it's an EPA standard, which is federal. It's the strictest emission coming to the fire service to date. Problem is, it's untested and unproven technology. 2030 emissions will be 10 times worse. So Cummings who is the manufacturer for the fire industry moved their emissions cycle up to 2026 and only going to build so many 2024 engines and phase in 2027 ones. For 2027 engines trucks will now need a dual alternator to keep it warm from the start which requires 48V and a second shoreline, not sure of voltage and amps but possibly 220V and 80 amps, so the truck will need 2 plugs to plug into. This will also require more batteries. So Pierce has already discontinued two chassis because of this. Manufacturer who builds the chassis and cab will be responsible for cooling the engine. The manufacturer can only be certified for what they can cool it to. Pierce is certified for full horsepower. Pierce builds 300 stock trucks a year, currently they have 6. Pierce is also building based on lane builds. Lane 1 Pumper- stock unit, base fire truck, mid level content with 472 customization's with a 450HP Cummings engine until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Lane 2- medium-moderate customization, Lane 3- Customization, automatic 2027 engine and 46 months out. Just remember Pierce has been allotted 500 engines to sell by April 30<sup>th</sup> and they could

run out of engines before then. Ray did say that HGC and SourceWell are part of the national bidding process and if you belong to them, you can order through them. By 2030 the push will be to Hydrogen, NO DIESEL. The big push is to electric. Pierce and Osh Kosh Truck built an electric transmission and drive and added a small combustion engine in front of that. The EPA wants combustion engines out of the US market eventually. Chairman Schoen has financing concerns, we were told that Pierce is offering zero down, 30 months to pay. Does that start on contract signing or delivery date? Ray stated contract signing. Delivery dates are changing every week. Chairman Schoen asked if we were to place an order by April 30th, can we establish we will not take delivery for at least 24 months and put that in writing, Ray said YES. Another question, what is the deal with trading in our trucks for these new ones. Ray explained there are two different programs, one is a direct trade-in where Firematic would have it evaluated on what it would cost 24 months from now. That is the least you will make. The other option Firematic offers is a free brokerage service, 0% commission, free advertisement, find people to buy it, you set price with them and Firematic can negotiate on our behalf. Firematic wouldn't start to sell until one year out and set a contingency that the buyer could not have until our new truck came in.

***Building Use Request:*** Chamber of Commerce is requesting use of the meeting room April 5, 2023 for a meeting with the Town Board, Police, Code Enforcement, members of the MCOC (Montauk Chamber of Commerce), etc. to review business regulations ( safety, outdoor dining, etc) prior to the summer. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried. Board of Health Food Handlers Course is requesting use of Meeting Room either May 18, June 1, or June 15, 2023. Ms Lucas stated all three dates are available. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

***Treasurer's Reports:*** Commissioner Mark reviewed all the reports and had some questions on certain line items. Also a discussion arose on where to put cell phone usage. Commissioner's agreed to possibly add another line item under communications. Ms Lucas will look into. Commissioner Mark also noted on the Treasure report for October the money market account has a discrepancy. Ms Lucas checked and she noted that was incorrect, she must not have printed the correct one. Commissioner Mark also noted the banking names on the reconciliations are incorrect. Ms Lucas will double check, thought it was changed. If not, will change for future reports. Commissioner Mark motioned to accept the Treasure's reports with said corrections, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried,

***Audit of Bills:***

Commissioner Mark questioned tires for 9-3-30. Ms. Lucas explained it was one tire and it was when 9-3-30 got a flat on the railroad tracks. Commissioner Mark also questioned why we couldn't buy the Cyno Kits from CVS, Ms Lucas said Chris Boccabella helped with this, he would know better. Chris explained the coupon was from a website for personal use like a med-saver. He did call CVS and was told we need an actual prescription from a doctor not the one we have for securing medical supplies. He actually spoke to the pharmacist and then asked to speak to someone in corporate and he said NO, we can not fill orders for agencies like that, it has to be directly from the doctor to the patient. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve payment of the bills, totaling \$13,158.22, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

**Workshop Topics:**

**Truck (Engines) Ordering-** Chairman Schoen spoke with Joe Frank our attorney about this. Before we place a purchase order for these trucks we need a public referendum to get permission to purchase them. We can not issue a contract without a public referendum. The problem is that the delivery is two years out and we are basing this purchase on funds we will have then but don't have now. Joe Frank said you can probably go do this provided you have the funds when it comes time to pay the bill. This is a gray area, but you legally can't ask permission to spend what you don't have. Right now we have \$1.1 in the equipment fund and will be seeking to spend what the quote comes in at. There is no reason why we can't put in the paper, it's a 30 day referendum for the public to object. The consensus of the board is that we are going to order these engines, just need to wait the 30 days. Commissioner Mark is concerned that the 2024 engines could be gone by then. He was wondering if Pierce would let us place the order with the contingency, subject to approval of the referendum. That would be between us and Pierce. So basically we are saying Pierce will you accept our purchase order subject to us withdrawing it in 30 days. Chairman Schoen motioned to put a referendum in the paper to expend money out of the Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Account for two new engines, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

**9-3-9-** Chairman Schoen has three potential people interested and wanted to know how to purchase it. He said we will put it out again and get copy of bid proposal to them.

**Dodge Ram Truck: Chairman** Schoen is suggesting putting the same bid information back in the paper since we received no bids. After that is done we can then send bid information to who we desire. Chairman Schoen asked our attorney Joe Frank if we could go out and buy it, his answer was NO.

**Associate Members:** A question arose if associate members could possible serve here in Montauk. Chairman Schoen received an answer from Joe Frank and the answer is NO. They can join the department if they live in the next neighborhood, or if they work here 8 hours a day for the week. Another question arose about riding in another departments ambulance. Yes it can be done because we have a mutual aid policy. It was also asked at one time, can a non-member of the department drive one of our vehicles. Answer is YES. So EMS providers from other districts can ride in the back of our ambulances, YES it falls under our mutual aid agreement as per Chairman Schoen.

**Training Center:** Chairman Schoen noted we received a request from the Larry Franzone Fire Training Center in Wainscott for a \$3,000 check/fee/donation for upgrades to the center. Chairman Schoen stated we would probably do this but would like to hold off until we discuss at the next District Officers meeting next week. Commissioner McLean motioned to table until next meeting, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

**Membership:** Chairman Schoen asked when is the department taking in new members, is it once a year? Chief Glogg responded with once a year in September. Chairman Schoen noted we have about 5 people that would like to become an EMT. Chief would have to speak to the Captain to see when their course starts. Chief Glogg will look into.

**Good Standing Letters:** Chairman Schoen asked Chief Glogg where we stand on the good standing letters. Chief's response was just waiting for the ink and then they will be sent out.

**Back Garage:** Chairman Schoen would like to set a date, preferable a Saturday to go through the back garage and get rid of all unnecessary items.

**EMS Training Room:** Chairman Schoen wanted to point out one of the cabinet doors in the training room was half opened and as he went to shut it noticed a shelf with expired drugs. He is aware they are used for training purposes but it really should be secured.

**District Meeting:** Chairman Schoen reminded the board of the district meeting next Thursday in Bridgehampton, Commissioner Dess, Schoen, McLean will be there. Topics for discussion; EMT's-EH/ back up communication system/ paid ALS and salaries. Chairman will also address this quote in the EH Star from Mayor Laarson which is a slap in the face for any volunteers, especially volunteer EMT'S. The quote reads "Worst case scenario we loose twelve, which would leave us with 28 volunteers. We are happy with that."

**Lithium Batteries:** Peter Joyce took the lithium-ion battery class and it was mentioned that all lithium batteries should be replaced with OEM batteries not aftermarket or cost effective batteries. Information was noted by the board.

### Chief's Report

- Chief Glogg is requesting to purchase a New tanker to replace 9-3-5. The cost is \$775,000 and the 30 day public referendum is not as critical as the engines. Chairman Schoen asked if this is on SourceWell if not then we have to put it out to bid. He will ask Ray Muller tomorrow. Chief said it is a basic truck, no bells or whistles. Dimensions are similar to 9-3-7, not as big as current 9-3-5, a little shorter. Chairman suggests all Commissioner's read this and we can discuss at next meeting.
- Chief Joyce was told by another member that the roof at the substation is leaking.
- Chief Glogg asked the status of the UTV. Commissioner Dess stated he gave the chiefs the information on the skid packs and they were suppose to come back with which one they wanted to go with for the back of the vehicle.
- Chief McDonald is requesting 14 sets of turnout gear for senior interior fireman who qualify on the new Scott Packs totaling \$52, 137.82. Chairman Schoen asked if this is on state contract, answer is YES. Chairman Schoen said we need to go to a public referendum to take the money out of the equipment reserve fund. Chairman Schoen motioned to put out a public referendum for \$55,000.00 for new turnout gear, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen went over the checking account and as of December 31, 2022 we had a surplus of \$480,000.00. He would like to take \$400,000.00 and transfer into the Equipment Reserve Fund. Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mark asked the board if they are concerned with what is going on with the banking situation. Chairman Schoen stated he will check with the attorney. Chief McDonald noted he believes our funds are collateralized which means the banks need to have collateral on hand to cover the funds we have in our accounts. The banks should be sending you the collateral agreement every year. We should be protected because we are a municipality. Ms. Lucas will look into.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive session @ 20:13 regarding harassment, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen Motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 20:24, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Ms. Lucas presented paperwork for Chairman Schoen to sign regarding the LOSAP points for the department. All steps were followed, everything signed, posted for 30 days and now going to be sent off. Ms. Lucas will receive a confirmation back acknowledging what was sent.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn meeting @ 20:28 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 20:28 hours**