

Montauk Fire District
October 27, 2023
Special 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. and Secretary-Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence.

Bills: Ms Lucas presented insurance bills totaling \$ 92,770.11, Commissioner Dess motioned to pay, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. A PSEG bill for \$2,112.69, Commissioner Dess motioned to pay, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Wright would like to pay the progress payment for the water infiltration project. The contractor did dig it up and feels they found the problem. He does not want to hold it up. Also this is guaranteed for 5 years. He would like to get it paid, total for this progress payment is \$28,500.00. Commissioner Mark is concerned about slope, grade issues and the fact that the project is not done. Commissioner Wright never stated the work was completed, they never sent us a final bill. Chairman Schoen noted we had an engineer design this and Commissioner Mark suggested we might want to re-evaluate the whole engineer thing. He is disagreeing with the engineer's plans. Commissioner Dess explained this application is for payment on work already performed that they were asked to do. Chairman Schoen stated we have two issues here, are we willing to pay a partial payment? Commissioner McLean stated that John Tanzi was suppose to come and check on status. Commissioner Wright said he was coming out when the boilers were going to be fired up. They are waiting on a part for the second boiler. He hasn't spoken to Brent to find out status yet. Commissioner McLean noted we were expecting John Tanzi to look it over and see if it was a design flaw or something that should be redesigned. Pictures were taken, discussions had and Commissioner Wright did note they found a fault, dug it back up, fixed it and it has rained since with no problems. It is guaranteed for 5 years. John Tanzi is the one that submitted the application for payment, and signed off on it. Talking all at once. But Chairman Schoen did ask about the payment of this bill. Commissioner Wright motioned to pay bill, seconded by Commissioner Dess; Commissioner Mark feels the engineer should look at it and wants an explanation on why it's graded the way it is. Chairman Schoen said we can always ask that question but that has nothing to do with the payment.

The issue has nothing to do with the work the contractor was hired to do. Motion was on the floor, motioned by four and opposed by one/passed/carried.

New Members- Chairman Schoen asked if everyone had a chance to review the three new potential members. All confirmed YES. Any problems, NO. Commissioner Mark motioned to accept, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Meeting Change for November - Chairman Schoen suggested moving the November 14th meeting to Wednesday November 8, 2023 and the workshop meeting to Tuesday November 21, 2023. All are in agreement.

Physicals- Chairman Schoen noted the members that do not get their physicals by October 31st will be suspended as of November 1st and receive a letter stating the same.

Building Use Request- The district received a letter from Donna Hitscherich requesting the use of the training room on four different dates, November 17th & 18th and December 14th & 15th. Chairman Schoen stated he spoke with her, addressed that the letter should have gone to the Chief. Also the letter names three individuals but if the board was to approve, it should be open to any EMT that needs CME credit that wants to take the class. Chairman Schoen is uncomfortable in the fact that this was sent to us not the members and officers of Company 4. He has no problem with her doing this and believes she is an asset with the ability to teach these CME classes, which can be quite beneficial to our EMT's renewing their certification. Commissioner Mark asked if this was an AEMT class or continuing education. Commissioner McLean's response was it's continuing education. It's going to be taught at the national level. Chief noted that they have had discussions with Donna before about chain of command, running classes without opening it up to other people. No one in company 4 new about this, nor did the three chiefs. If she wants to do this, the chief feels it should be done through the proper channels. Is it a chain of command issue, paperwork issue or what? The chief has a problem with this because she was talked to about this before and she still seems to avoid the proper channels. A discussion arose and people started talking all at once. Commissioner Wright made a motion on the chief's recommendation we send back the paperwork and tell Donna she has to go through the chain of command. Commissioner Mark asked if the motion could be amended to separate the building use portion from the actual teaching of the class. Chairman Schoen also noted in his conversation with her she stated if she does not get approval she can do the course at the church because the classrooms are open. And who's to say she could actually teach this class anywhere if she so desires. Commissioner Wright repeated his motion, Donna needs to go through the normal chain of command for her request, give it to her captain who will then present to the Chief, who will then present to the district. Chief Glogg noted she has done this before with CPR classes, if she wants to teach a class he has no problem with it but follow the proper channels, let the officers know and open it up to everyone that is eligible to take the class. The first step Donna should do is let company four know she can teach this CME class and see if anyone is interested, then present to the officers the interest and ask if they could present to the chief's/commissioner's so she can get use of the building on these specific dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.

Letter from a community member- The district received a letter from a community member, Marshall Prado criticizing the fact that the Montauk Fire District doesn't utilize local businesses for potential jobs/work. Chairman Schoen also noted that this letter is now in the East Hampton Star. The district needs to respond to this person. As a district we are required to secure as many bids as legally

possible. In the future if we know someone that might be interested, yes we can mention the ad is in the paper so they could potentially bid the project. Commissioner Wright suggested explaining the process we are legally bound by.

Commissioner McLean motioned to go into Executive Session at 19:12pm for discussion of contracts, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go back into Regular Session at 19:24pm, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. After discussing a letter that was received from Marshall Prado, the district will be responding as requested within a week.

Chief is asking to go into Executive session regarding personal. Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session at 19:45pm, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Dess motioned to go back into Regular Session at 20:04, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean would like to make a motion that the Board of Fire Commissioner's encourage new EMS members of the Montauk Fire Department to attend a fully accredited EMT course approved by Suffolk County EMS. There was talk back and forth on how this motion should actually read. Also as per Chairman Schoen if the board passes a resolution on what we require it supersedes any by-law the department may have. So to the motion by Commissioner McLean will read; Any new EMS member is required to take a fully accredited Suffolk County EMT course, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

A discussion arose about new EMS members taking an accredited Suffolk County EMT course. Commissioner Wright motioned for a resolution to read as follows; The Board of Fire Commissioner's requires any new EMS member to take a fully accredited Suffolk County EMT course.

Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:10 hours