

Montauk Fire District
November 21, 2023
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:32 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Kenneth Glogg, 1st Asst. Peter Joyce, Jr. 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 approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen discussed ice machine from previous meeting. Originally the time frame for a new one was 12 weeks, but in fact it's 4-5 weeks. The board is still set to order after new year for delivery in March.

Audit of the Bills:

Bills: Ms. Lucas presented bills for payment, totaling \$32,123.63, Commissioner Mark is questioning cost for parts for the ambulances, they seem to be marked up quite a bit. Chairman Schoen asked Commissioner McLean to talk with John from Fully Involved about this. Another suggestion was to ask if we can supply simple maintenance parts ourselves, especially the fluids. Commissioner Dess motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Ms Lucas also asked for the refrigerator walk-in repair bill to be paid for \$299.00. Chairman Schoen said we should be good till January, it may be a coolant/refrigeration issue, it would take about 2.5 hours to replace the part but wants to revisit in January. Another bill presented is for lab work for department physicals for \$300.00 and a \$50.44 bill for insurance. Commissioner Wright motioned to pay bills, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics

Physicals 2024: The district made arrangements with IOMR again for department physicals. The dates available April 20th and 21st. Ms. Lucas already reserved the dates, she will confirm after meeting.

Kubota and Trailer- as per Commissioner Dess

- Kubota is sitting at Malvese's parking lot. Salesman on vacation, but it will probably be delivered either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. We will go over it and make sure everything runs right so we can sign off and pay them.
- Vin# was given to Commissioner McLean.
- Trailer information- was told to spec out for a 16' trailer, but keep it as small as possible. So the 14' trailer holds 5500lbs and comes with a ramp. Kubota is 11' plus skid pack 12'. Riverhead trailer has one left in stock for \$4,600.00. Commissioner Dess motioned to buy trailer, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Chief Joyce asked to double check the measurements to make sure the Kubota will fit. Commissioner Dess has one for his job and measured and it will fit.
- Commissioner McLean asked for the VIN# on the trailer.

Other Workshop Topics:

EMS Policy-

- Chairman Schoen stated after speaking with Mike Masterson of EMS Education Planning at Remsco, our resolution that we adopted is not viable. It describes a fully credited Suffolk County EMT Course, there is no such thing. Commissioner McLean motioned to rescind the previously adopted resolution from last meeting, Commissioner Wright would like more information before we rescind.
- Chairman Schoen asked Mike Masterson about a potential course taught out here by Donna, how would the clinical part be handled? Mike said it couldn't be done through us because REMSCO covers us for liability since they are our supporting agency. Richmond County has their own agreement. Chairman Schoen spoke with Donna and asked about the clinical portion and she said it would either have to be done in Nassau County who has an agreement with Richmond or in Staten Island. It can not be done on our equipment or utilizing any of our equipment. Her plan is to still teach this course. Commissioner Wright stated it's an abbreviated course and the board did not like that idea. He also asked if REMSCO is willing to insure someone that took an abbreviated course. Chairman Schoen stated they have no choice once they are certified by the state. Commissioner McLean stated the board was given false information on a 6 week course, it is not an abbreviated course, it was intended to be a full length course. Multiple people started talking. Chairman Schoen stated there are options to teach this course, online or in person. The course is intended to be in person. Also if no one decides to take the course then Donna can not hold the course. Donna's long goal is to be certified to teach the EMT Basic course not necessarily for department members but for the youth group at the school/church. Once they are certified they can get jobs at \$25-\$30 an hour. Mike Masterson also noted right now there are only 2 basic EMT courses scheduled for 2024, one in Lindenhurst and the other in Babylon. He did say unofficially there will be one in Southampton first quarter of 2024.
- Chairman Schoen stated right now if a new EMS member obtains NYS certification, regardless of where, does that qualify them because the bylaws states any new EMT member needs to obtain certification within 2 years. Chairman Schoen stated if a new member takes and passes the certification required to be a BLS EMT, he doesn't see we can legally deny them. There is some misconception on the length of the course, no one knows how long it will be and the instructor will be zooming in to teach and Donna will be acting as the liaison/assistant. The sponsor is from Staten

Island and will not be coming out to Montauk. Chief Glogg asked how many weeks is this course. Chairman Schoen will find out answer.

- A discussion arose about course length, patient contact, etc. and all talking at once. Clarification from Chairman Schoen about patient contact/hours, Mike Masterson said for certification they need 10 patient contacts performed.
- Chairman Schoen is going to address questions that arose after a lengthy discussion and get back to the board., length of course, start/end date, practical test given, riding as observer, are all our members covered regardless of where they take this course.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Glogg got a request to utilize the training room from Captain Ellen Cook to hire Ray Smith to teach a PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) course. She did not get the exact cost, It is for 3-5 ALS members for December 17th. Chief will get the cost before the next meeting.
- All members going to Yaphank for the Fire academy are signed up and course starts in January.
- Chief Joyce presented a purchase requisition for LA Rescue for medical bag totaling \$58.39. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chairman Schoen asked the Chief about the cabinets in the back garage, where are they going because they are in the way right now blocking the boat. Christine Schnell asked Dick White to order them not sure why.
- Chief Joyce asked where the black cabinets in the control room went, he had blank truck check sheets in there. We will ask Brent about that.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:16 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.