

**Montauk Fire District
December 27, 2023
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
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 Dess motioned to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions: Ms. Lucas presented a purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$773.70. Commissioner Dess motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of the Bills:

Treasurer's Reports: Chairman Schoen went over treasurer's reports for October and November all checks matched the bills he also motioned to accept these reports, seconded by Commissioner Dess; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner Dess questioned the salary line item in the reports. Ms Lucas will look into.

Bills: Ms. Lucas presented bills for payment, totaling \$43,893.71, Commissioner Dess motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Ms Lucas also asked for a few more bills to be paid that came in late totaling \$7,882.31, Commissioner Dess motioned to pay those bills, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen presented a bill to the Chief for asparagus and cheesecake that was utilized for the senior dinner for the department to pay on our behalf.

Workshop Topics

Active 911: Commissioner Dess is still working on this.

Company 4 and Ambulance Information:

- Chief Glogg noted that the Captain, Ellen Cooke was putting together an Ambulance committee to organize and will get back to him. He told her there needs to be three different manufacturer's for a broader selection of sources. Chief said we should have an update at meeting in January. Commissioner Mark asked about the possibility of re-mounts, Chief said not a chance.

Other Workshop Topics:

Physical letters :

- Chairman Schoen mentioned there will be two members receiving letters for failure to complete a physical removing them from the department. They also will not make good standing points, 2nd year in a row. The members are Helen and Emerald Turnbull. Chairman Schoen also mentioned we have not yet received a report from the doctor who performed the physical for Keith Grimes. Susan Grimes has been contacted numerous times about this. Commissioner Mark asked if the Turnbull's were to resign would that make a difference. Chairman Schoen stated, NO they are already not in good standing and if they do not get a physical, they would have to wait a year anyway to rejoin. Commissioner Mark asked if they are aware of their status. Chief said they are aware, they have been told many times.

New Officers:

- Chairman Schoen verified with Chief Glogg the only new officers this coming year are Lieutenant's in Company 1 and Company 6. Yes. Swearing in will take place January 1, 2024 around noon.

NYS EMS Policy:

- Chairman Schoen discussed in lieu of the shortage of EMT's in the State of New York our politicians agreed to pay for EMT training. The qualifier is people have to observe or show interest to earn 12 hours of credits. Once they receive these credits the State will pay for their Basic EMT training provided they pass the course. Chairman Schoen was asked to present this for our information only. People can obtain the 12 hours/credits by observing/sitting in on a drill, department meeting, firehouse workings, a CPR course, First Aid course and be qualified under the state program to have their Basic EMT course paid for. The district would not be involved in this in any shape or form. Chairman Schoen also spoke with our attorney and this decision about the above is up to the Chief. Commissioner Mark asked what if they are injured while attending/observing, doesn't that involve the district? NO, as per Chairman Schoen, it's no different then having an open house at the firehouse. It's at people's own risk. Commissioner McLean also heard about this program from the State and explained it's a PILOT program and if any department is interested in this internship program they would create a curriculum which would then get approved by the state. Chairman Schoen said it has nothing specifically to do with the Montauk Fire Department, from what he was told it was getting permission to observe. What the State is looking for from departments was permission with the Chief to observe a drill and the State approves that as a learning experience, to walk through the building and be shown equipment, the State approves that as a learning experience. That is different from the department organizing an instructional program.

Chairman Schoen is aware we received two checks for 9-3-16 and 9-3-80, what are we doing about them? Commissioner McLean is arranging to get them up to body shop for estimate, parts order and get started. Chairman Schoen also noticed we only got charged one \$500 deductible. Commissioner McLean stated it was through his negotiations with the claims adjuster.

Commissioner Dess noted the tie downs (straps) for the Kubota came in and are sitting on the front seat. They need to be installed first. In case you are using the vehicle it needs to be tied down to the trailer before someone drives away with it.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Joyce noted on the thermal imaging camera he would like to stay with the FLIRR camera proposal Firematic provided because we already have these pieces of equipment and everyone is used to using them. He just wants to make sure the K65 Kit comes with camera and charger. Ms. Lucas will clarify.

Commissioner Dess motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:11 hrs, seconded by Commissioner Mark; motioned/passed/carried.