

Montauk Fire District
January 24, 2024
Commissioners Workshop Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
Charles “Chip” McLean

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 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: Chairman Schoen motioned to accept the Organizational minutes of January 9, 2024 as written, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Commissioner McLean motioned to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Commissioner Meeting with said corrections, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisitions:

- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$796.24, Chairman Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$1,801.20, Commissioner Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills for payment totaling \$31,480.46. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve payment of the bills, totaling \$31,480.46, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas also asked for three more bills to be paid, one for Sprague totaling \$1,068.22 which was inadvertently left off the original journal and two for Suburban totaling \$10,235.56 and \$2,245.46. She was waiting on the supplemental check, it was received and deposited. Commissioner McLean motioned to pay, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Workshop Topics:

Camera's- Chairman Schoen noted everyone received copies of proposal but we will hold off discussing until a full board is here.

Ambulance information- In regards to the ambulance information Chief Glogg received back two inquires. Both outfits stated lead time would be 24-30 months. VCI (Horton) has two options, one is

a possible delivery by October and the other is 24-30 months. Now we just need to tell the committee how we want to proceed. The ambulances are getting up in mileage and it would make sense to buy two ambulances, one for possible October delivery and then one delivery for 24-30 months later. Ms. Lucas also noted the possible October delivery date requires a prepayment for the chassis, but the District does not prepay. Chief Glogg will talk to the committee chair and get the Horton rep to come out to discuss and get this finalized for next board meeting.

Property Tax Exemptions- Chairman Schoen discussed the resolution on Property Tax Exemptions which has been in affect since 2002. Currently members who have been in the department for over 5 years are eligible for a property tax exemption and those that are in for over 20 years get it permanently. New York State just passed an update on this exemption. The district can now offer this tax exemption to people with 2 years of membership. But before we can do that we need to authorize putting notification in paper for a Public Hearing which can be done the first meeting in February. Chairman Schoen motioned to put notice of public hearing for Property Tax Exemptions in paper for our first February meeting and if there are no objections than we can vote on the resolution, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. Chief Joyce was concerned that if a member gets in and does not complete an EMT-B course or Firefighter one within two years, they could potentially receive that exemption. Chairman Schoen said NO, they actually would be out of the department and not entitled to the exemption, the only members with permanent exemption are ones who have been in the department over 20 years.

Hose Jumpers- At last meeting we approved purchasing new hose jumpers. Since then we have discovered there are 3 sets of them in the back shed as well as a set upstairs in the attic of the garage. Chairman Schoen would like them looked at before we spend money on new ones.

Knox Box- Chairman Schoen was asked to get information on them. The box is to be put at entrance of house no lower than 3ft., no higher than 6ft. and no more than 3ft. away from the door. That is the town's regulation.

Live Fire burns and training- Chairman Schoen received information from the town about 20 pages that he passed along to Chief McDonald. Also Amagansett is having an MCI drill in April and they are looking for participation.

Board information- Chairman Schoen noted next Tuesday is the district officers meeting in East Hampton. At this meeting there will be two subjects being brought up, one being the grant money the state authorized, \$25 million dollars. Chairman Schoen was able to watch a video presentation and print out information on it. Another thing that will be discussed is the stipend information.

Ice Machine- Chairman Schoen noted the board discussed ordering an ice machine in January. The delivery is 4 weeks and should be delivered around March which is what we discussed. Chairman Schoen motioned to approve the replacement of the ice machine for approximately \$7,000, Commissioner McLean asked if this was on state bid. Chairman Schoen will inquire but we are replacing like kind. Vice-Chairman Wright seconded; motioned/passed/carried.

Point System- Chairman Schoen already has Ms. Lucas looking into this. The reporting of points on our printout is confusing especially for company 4. They all know they have to make 10% of first 500 calls and 7.5% any calls after that. But the reports are not reflecting that. So the district is working on changing them.

Chief's Report

- Chief Glogg presented a letter of resignation for Jamie Quaresimo. Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to accept resignation, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg presented the signed Sexual Harassment forms to the district.
- Chief Glogg presented a request from company 4 for an Advanced Life Support course, AHA/ACLS and skills evaluation on January 28, 2024. The cost is \$1200.00. Chairman Schoen asked if this is every month, answer was NO. It is usually done every 2- 3years depending on the course. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief Glogg presented a purchase request from company 4 for some training electrodes totaling \$119.89. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; Motioned/passed/carried. Chairman Schoen also mentioned to remind this individual request go through you not Brent.
- Chief Joyce stated some officers were wondering if there is anyway for the district to consider some sort of fuel credit for the officers responding to chief's investigations. Chairman Schoen stated he has asked the lawyer before and the answer was NO.
- Chief McDonald stated the ice-rescue guys have been training and noticed some equipment that is needed. A purchase requisition was presented for wet suit hangers, blowers, carabiners totaling \$303.89. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.
- Another purchase requisition was present for 2 spools of rope totaling \$359.98, Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried. \
- Chief Glogg stated Joey Lenahan would like to discuss something with the Rescue Truck. Joey explained last October they had a heavy rescue course and found some issues with the amount of air they can supply off the truck to the tools for an operation. We do have an air cart and received new fittings for the Scott bottles to marry into. But there are other tools that still work off MSA screw bottles. Joey spoke with the officers and asked if he could take the old 6000 PSI bottles that were on the old rescue truck and have them mounted on the new rescue truck. Chairman Schoen asked if there is room, Joey said YES. Joey then was able to reach out to John from Fully Involved since he does work on our trucks. He was able to get a quote on labor to install the tanks that the district already owns, the cost is \$3,291.75. John would mount a 100ft, 3/8 reel to top of cab in cabinet #7, add support brackets for the bottles and make sure the hose would work for all tools on the truck. The only thing not included in John's quote is the visual inspection and then hydro-test of the 6000 PSI bottles or we can get 2 brand new 5000PSI bottles for \$4,800.00. Chairman Schoen asked Joey to get price for visual inspection and hydro-test of the two 6000 PSI bottles and we will discuss at next meeting when the rest of the Commissioner's are here.
- Chief Glogg is requesting to go through the storage room in back of garage that is full of tires, and move them over to the substation. Then utilize that storage area for the excess equipment so it's not all in different places. Chief McDonald will arrange this with Brent.

Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to adjourn meeting @ 19:14 hrs, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 19:14 hours