

Montauk Fire District
July 9, 2024
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Richard Schoen
James Wright
Charles “Chip” McLean
Michael Mirras
Carmine Marino

Also Present: Chief Kenneth Glogg, and Secretary-Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the Regular Commissioner's Meeting to order at 18:30 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Treasurer Reports: Treasurer reports were presented for May and Commissioner Mirras checked all the checks and reports and everything is fine, he motioned to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Motion to pay Bills: Ms. Lucas presented invoices for payments totaling \$53,260.52. Commissioner Mirras noted there was a duplicate payment for The Hartford. Ms. Lucas will deduct \$559.96 from total. Commissioner Mirras motioned to pay bills, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas presented two more invoices for payment totaling \$9,051.97, Commissioner McLean motioned to pay, seconded by Commissioner Mirras motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-4- Prime Pump Repair is ready to go, should be the week of July 15th and about a 2-3 day turnaround. Work to be performed at Fully Involved's shop. This repair is more detailed than 9-3-1, the primer pump cables have failed and the pump panels need to be removed for access.
- 9-3-16- Glow Plug issue was taken care of in house and back alarm issue resolved.
- 9-3-17- E-brake replacement done at Fully Involved's shop.
- 9-3-3- Three air valves were replaced.

- 9-3-30- accident paperwork filed with insurance company. Chief Glogg will bring up for an estimate from the body shop.
- 9-3-32- accident paperwork filed with insurance company. The vehicle was parked and a Jitney came around the corner and clipped the front left corner of it. Will make arrangements to bring up to body shop for an estimate.
- 9-3-2- High pressure tank installation. Fully Involved provided an updated quote; Fully involved is pleased to provide an estimate for the installation of two customer supplied high pressure tanks, regulator and our air powered hose reel in the right rear compartment of our Ferrara Rescue Truck. Side note- Commissioner McLean stated the powered air hose reel was recovered from a rig before it was sold by our houseman Brent, it's stainless steel and quite expensive so he saved us some money on this project. Installation will require the removal of the existing pull out board and mounts, rear wall will be modified and properly reinforced to fit a dual tank mounting bracket. The supplied 12v heavy duty hose reel will be mounted to the ceiling, the high pressure hose assembly will be fabricated to connect the regulator to the reel and a coupling will be furnished on the reel to match the tools. Wiring will be provided and run to the hose reel for rewinding. Parts cost- \$2,751.75 and labor \$3,960.00, totaling \$6,711.75, which does not include shipping costs. It was asked if we had a copy of the original quote. Chief Glogg read the original proposal as is; The following is the estimated cost for installation - parts, \$1,791.75 and the labor \$1,500.00, total \$3291.75. The original quote had Fully Involved installing a 3/8", 100ft spring retracted heavy duty hose reel. The new quote has them installing our hose reel. We need to find out why the cost went up so much if we own most of the equipment being installed. Chief Glogg asked if Firematic could install this. No reason why not. We can get a quote for comparison purposes. The installation would take 3-4 days at Fully Involved's Speonk location.

Equipment:

- Commissioner Marino noted there are truck checks missing for June from 2, 4, 5 and 8. He asked Chief Glogg if items are missing do we need to order to get trucks up to full equipment. Vice Chairman noted this came up before and some items get put back on other trucks after fires, drills, etc. Commissioner Marino said a 6 & 8 ft pike pole were missing from 9-3-14. Chief will check. Commissioner Marino also got a checklist from Brent, checked all rigs, topped all with washer fluid, helped load speedy dry on 9-3-2 with Joey Lenahan, topped off DEF fluid in rigs that needed it and all seems OK. They also did visuals under the trucks no leaks and moved them out nothing that they can see. This should be done every other week. Good thing we are doing this now because once the new OSHA regulations come out we will need to drive them regularly. The housemen can only pull them out and fuel them up. Commissioner Mirras noted there used to be log books in the trucks and the trucks were driven weekly.

Buildings & Grounds: Vice-Chairman Wright gave his report;

- Discussed kitchen project earlier.
- Chairman Schoen noted it appears the leak has been resolved. As of now yes, we will see.
- House Report- was looked over.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Budget will be discussed later.

- Commissioner Mirras read the balances for the Equipment Reserve Fund which is \$2,198,661.74 and the Building Reserve is \$590,280.65 as of May 31, 2024. Chairman Schoen also noted interest to date is \$80,019.13 from our 3 NYCLASS accounts as of June 30th.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean is just waiting on two estimates for the Chief's vehicles for the accidents that occurred. All paperwork has been filed.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras was told that the siren on Industrial road is in need of painting. He will check it out and comment back to board with his thoughts.

Paid Personnel:

- Vice-Chairman Wright has no new information, we have the letter and no missed shifts so we should get through the summer OK.
- Commissioner Mirras in regards to paid personnel/housemen, has checked the overtime and seems to be consistent, dropped a little. There is good reason behind some, people working late, Brent stays with them, deliveries come late, etc. Vice-Chairman knows there was AC issues and he authorized Brent to stay with them.

Department Personnel:

- We will be going in to Executive Session to discuss.

Law:

- No new information

Old Business:

- ***Ambulance-*** Ms. Lucas informed the board that the committee is going over the spec sheet and will get back to us soon. Commissioner McLean and an ambulance committee member was able to let us know the specs that were sent over for sign off are different from original specs of 9-3-18. The committee is waiting on an answer from Pete Caliendo regarding an email they sent him and a verbal discussion was had this morning that Pete is waiting to hear back from engineering. Chairman Schoen is confused, we were given specs and the ambulance committee agreed upon and we placed an order for an ambulance now there is an issue with the specs? Commissioner McLean stated they are different from what was agreed upon in the beginning. Chairman Schoen asked who changed the specs, apparently the new specs came over like this from Pete Caliendo. Commissioner McLean explained there is a doorway missing, the ambulance as noted on proposal is a type III ambulance where you pass through from modular to front cab, which the committee agreed upon. The new specs has a simple pass through window. There is a side window that is missing. The specs were suppose to be a duplicate to 9-3-18. The drawings and specs he sent over for approval are not a duplicate of 9-3-18. Commissioner McLean recommends we wait to hear back from Pete on the email that was sent. Commissioner Mirras asked if we sent checks to them already, Ms. Lucas responded yes for the chassis. Commissioner McLean and the committee would be glad to look over the original specs to compare. Chairman Schoen and Ms. Lucas will look for that information.

- Kitchen Project-*** Vice-Chairman Wright brought Ex-Chief Joe Lenahan in to discuss kitchen project and see if there were any questions. One big question was the sinks in the corner, seems crowded and no place to dry dishes. Joe explained they will add a 36” grill top, 24” griddle next to cook top, oven will stay the same, fridge will stay, might add an ice maker on scullery side of fridge, convention oven next to 40lb fryer, work table next to griddle. With the bigger equipment we will need to extend the hood to code. This pushes into the windows. That is the reason for putting sinks in the corner. Also we need 3 sinks by health code. There is space by sink for drying rack with adjustable shelves and there is a work table next to sink that can be utilized for drying. What about all the big pots/pans, where are they going to be stored. The committee wants to use the center closet and store all the items when not in use and get better shelving. There will also be two new work tables on either side of the steam table which will be enclosed and can store things underneath. Steam table staying as is. Also service door will be removed and an electric door will be put in. New cabinets going to ceiling. Will there be a lighting issue? Should we upgrade electrical panel? That might be something to discuss with John Tanzi. It was mentioned about making it an Emergency Preparedness kitchen and possible get a grant. Vice-Chairman Wright looked into and only way to get anything is to get an actual quote. We can always put out to bid and not accept.
- Budget Prep-*** The board started going over the budget line by line and discussions arose. Big discussion about physicals due to new OSHA law, costs are between \$1,200- \$1,500 per member. Next discussion was about potential new projects or apparatus that might be needed to figure out the Appropriated funds. Vice Chairman Wright noted the only projects are the kitchen renovation and possibly electrical upgrade. The Apparatus and Equipment fund with the new engines, pumper and ambulance has just enough to cover, what do we do about the Lucas devices and stair chairs? Also Chairman Schoen noted we might need to get another ambulance, the 9-3-80 car, possibly another chief's vehicle. At some point we will need to replace 9-3-14 and that will be a huge number. We also have to consider all the emission changes that will be coming in the next few years and the talk of changing to electric or hydrogen by 2031. The electrical will have to be upgraded along with this too. Just for this new ambulance a bay will need to be reconfigured for the extra plug which needs to be on it's own circuit. The revenue side of the budget was discussed and some explanations were given on what certain line items were, PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). Commissioner Mirras also needs the tax rolls to help finalize the budget numbers. Ms. Lucas will get that information for him. Commissioner Mirras wants to start planning ahead and if we have to bust the cap than we do. Vice Chairman Wright did note he has a re-pointing project and possibility of redoing the parking lot so might need to increase his budget line. Commissioner Mirras needs some information from the Audit Report for budget purposes. Ms. Lucas will look into. He also stated he should be able to almost finalize the budget at next meeting. He also requested we start next meeting at 6pm. No problems from rest of board. Ms. Lucas will post on website and on doors.

New Business:

- Parking Lot-*** Chairman Schoen informed the board of issues with parking. A couple of members complained that pickle ball players are filling up our lot with their cars. They actually went and spoke with them which is not their place to do. Chairman Schoen's solution was to get signs that say firemen's parking only. Not sure what else we can do.
- Mautschke letter-*** was discussed in Executive session

Miscellaneous items:

- Chairman Schoen asked Chief Glogg if his computer is hooked up, Chief's response, YES.
- Chairman Schoen would like to thank company 4 for this weekend. There was about 25 calls or so from Thursday to Sunday and they answered all of them. That is an incredible accomplishment. He would also like to thank Dennis O'Reilly for putting together all the racks and storing away all the emergency preparedness stuff, it looks fabulous.
- Commissioner Schoen asked Chief Glogg about radios, do we have enough, do we need more? Chief said he has some in the locker and the new EMT's will be able to get one. Chairman Schoen was just wondering because Joe Morgano wants to drive and is qualified, just needs to take a run to the hospital. Commissioner Mirras also just EVOC's Luke Stein and also needs to take a ride to hospital and will need to change his pager to receive ambulance calls. Chief said Eddie Schnell would be the one to change it for Luke.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Glogg is requesting collapsible traffic cones for Fire Police totaling \$599.85. Commissioner Mirras motioned, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session @19:25 regarding personnel and legal issues, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned passed/carried.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 19:45, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Vice Chairman Wright motioned to adjourn @ 20:28 hours, seconded by Chairman Schoen; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:28 hours