

Montauk Fire District
October 8, 2024
Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Chief Kenneth Glogg, 1st Asst. Peter Joyce, Jr. and Secretary-Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Schoen called the Regular Commissioner's Meeting to order at 19:00 hours and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Marino motioned to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Purchase Requisition:

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$526.00, Commissioner Mirras motioned to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Building Use Request: Jon Forseberg is requesting use of the building September 23, 2025 for the annual BLOOD DRIVE. Commissioner McLean motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion to pay Bills: Ms. Lucas presented the bills for payment totaling \$27,652.22. Commissioner Mirras questioned \$1,200 for a set of tires seems steep. Commissioner Marino stated not for the tires we got and they were all 4 plus an alignment. Commissioner Mirras motioned to pay bills totaling \$27,652.22 seconded by Vice Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Ms. Lucas also presented another bill for health insurance that just came in totaling \$8,179.84, Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Committee Reports:

Apparatus: Commissioner McLean gave his report;

- 9-3-2- still waiting on electronics, iPad and cradle point.

- 9-3-4- Fully Involved is still looking for a windshield.
- 9-3-8- Back in service, fuel pump solenoid was replaced.
- 9-3-12- needed a new battery, it was ordered and Brent installed.
- 9-3-30- 4 new tires were put on and a wheel alignment was completed.
- 9-3-7- monitor and gauges for the tank were shot. Monitor and gauges weren't registering properly. John from Fully Involved was able to secure another set and was able to install. When he brought it down to test with the hydrant the pump failed. Commissioner McLean asked for an estimate to repair. As per Fully Involved the estimate is as follows; Upon completing repairs to the tank fill and deck gun valves we attempted to engage the fire pump and check it's operation. The fire pump would not engage, the impeller shaft was binding. The fire pump was disassembled and inspected. The upper bearing on the impeller shaft failed and seized on the shaft. This damaged the impeller shaft beyond repair. Fully Involved recommends to replace the failed bearings and shaft. All related seals, gaskets and fluids will also be replaced. The estimated cost for the repair, does not include shipping costs is as follows;

Labor:\$ 3,300.00

Parts: \$ 7,986.00

Total: \$11,286.00

Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to approve estimate from Fully Involved for the repair of 9-3-7, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Equipment: Commissioner Marino gave his report;

- 9-3-16 or 17- the flashlights that are in the #4 cabinet aren't recharging. He spoke with Brent and those rechargeable batteries are pricey and they don't seem to hold charges. He has bought flashlights for other apparatuses and we are going to order those, they last a lot longer and are more portable. We will then get rid of the old ones.

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

- He reached out to John Tanzi and thought the Re-Pointing Project was ready to go out to bid and asked about the lighting and electrical upgrades for the kitchen project. John's response was will be back with a more updated answer soon.
- House Report- was looked at. Noticed we passed our fire inspection.

Budget and Capital Reserves:

- Capital Reserve- Apparatus and Equipment account \$2,236,701.68 and there is a small account that has about \$5,000 in it also. the Building Reserve \$565,811.68 as of 9/30/24.

Insurance:

- Commissioner McLean stated the policy is up for renewal and awaiting an invoice for it. Also John Ecker suggested increasing our liability in a certain area and Commissioner McLean will explain further once we receive the bill. The overall increase may be about 2%.

Communications:

- Commissioner Mirras noted the meeting was canceled and no further information for it being rescheduled.

Paid Personnel:

- Vice-Chairman Wright noted they had a meeting recently and Chris stated there was some chatter today about things.

Department Personnel:

- Commissioner Mirras noted the usual stuff

Law:

- no information at this time

Old Business:

- ***Ambulance-*** Ms. Lucas noted the signed final paperwork was sent to Peter Caliendo on 9/27/24.
- ***Pagers/Radios-*** Pagers were ordered, Radios, just waiting on information from Eddie Schnell. He was waiting for state contract pricing and the other supplier of radios, Kirkwood or Kentwood he is still waiting on a quote from them.
- Vice-Chairman Wright asked if there was any update on the camera system. Ms. Lucas noted originally there were going to start the middle to end of October but spoke with them and they will be here after the election to install them. The materials are getting shipped directly to us and he will be here tomorrow to make sure he has everything he needs.

New Business:

- Physical list- Chairman Schoen noted there are about 16 or 17 people that as of November 1st will be suspended if they do not get one. They will then have till December 31st to get their physical.
- Refreshers- Chairman Schoen noted we have a number of people that still need them and if they do not take by end of year, as of January 1st they will be suspended until the fire school in January which means they will not be able to attend meetings or drills until such time.
- Commissioner Mirras noted there will be an extra room charge for the extrication tournament. Usually the team can take showers at Hagerman Fire Department but this time they couldn't so Joe kept one room for everyone to shower before heading home. Ms. Lucas noted it should still come under the amount already approved.

Chiefs Report:

- Chief Glogg mentioned the Flu Shots were given last night to about 30 members. Pricing was the same as last year, \$75 and \$125.
- Four new potential members were brought up, Eddie Ecker put in for the background checks already. Pictures are posted in the game room.
- Need to discuss 2 ex-chiefs and one is in a facility. Need some recommendations, what should we do about them. It was voted upon in the department that ex-chiefs do not have to make good standing points. This discussion went into Executive Session.

Chairman Schoen motioned to go into Executive Session @ 18:42, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Marino motioned to go back into Regular session @ 17:20, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Vice-Chairman Wright motioned to go into Executive Session regarding Personnel @19:28, seconded by Commissioner Marino; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Mirras motioned to go back into Regular Session @ 20:25, seconded by Commissioner McLean; motioned/passed/carried.

Commissioner Marino motioned to adjourn @ 20:27 hours, seconded by Commissioner Mirras; motioned/passed/carried.

Adjourned 20:27 hours