

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 12, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District was called to order by Chairman Press in the Library of the Tuckahoe School, 468 Magee Street, Southampton, New York, in accordance with the notice provided to the news media, copy of which is attached hereto. The meeting opened at 7:27 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Grisnik, W. Mark Press, Tom Martinez, David Price, Secretary Bette-jeanne H. Schreier, Treasurer Mike Hadix

ABSENT: Commissioner Tom White

GUESTS: Southampton Fire Department Chiefs James Walsh and Joe Corr  
Ex-chief Rodney Pierson  
Southampton Town Fire Marshal Scott Davonski and Code Enforcement Officer Steve Frano

Chairman Press welcomed the guests and asked Fire Marshal Davonski and Code Enforcement Officer Frano to proceed with their presentation. Mr. Davonski and Mr. Frano presented plans regarding safety issues during the US Open to be held at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club from June 14-20, 2004. They outlined the strategies for EMS, parking, and security that have been discussed so far. The Command Post for the Southampton Town Police Department will be at the Southampton College gymnasium.

Tuckahoe Road will be closed at County Road 39A which will create a problem for the fire department because the nearest hydrant is on the other side of the barricade. A suggestion was made to place a hydrant on the north side of the road and extend the water main into the area. A request was also made to lay dry hose in the area of the NBC compound because of the narrow approach. Southampton Fire Department does not own extra hose so this would cause a hardship for the department. Anything that is stripped from a fire truck for a public venue is totally unacceptable.

Both Mr. Davonski and Mr. Frano agreed to take our concerns back to the planning committee and keep us informed of future decisions.

The Board reviewed the 13 vouchers presented by the Treasurer. The list is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2004 as amended. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-57</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Martinez to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-58</u>

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Hadix (a copy attached herein) and on a motion made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Martinez; the Treasurer's Report was accepted by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-59</u>

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received over the last month. Letters were sent to the Town Planning Board with recommendations for the following subdivisions: Buzz Chew Isuzu, Elm St. Enterprises, Sandy Hollow Oaks (needs follow up), Janet Seraile, Southampton Brick, Thomas Jackson, Belesis/Highland, MacWhinnie, and Ricky Taylor. A letter was sent to Richard Haefeli indicating that we would not need his services and acceptance of contract and consult information regarding negotiations with the Village of Southampton were sent to attorney William Glass. Steve Clemente of the Suffolk County Water Authority mailed a list of hydrants and updated maps to check. Mr. Douglas Arndt called regarding ISO rating on his property. Chairman Press supplied the answer and a return phone call was made. Several letters were mailed to the Southampton Town Board regarding the Bayberry Land subdivision. We received a General Tenant Info Sheet from Lexington Plaza Assoc. New letters were received from the Town Planning Board regarding the Southampton Meadows, John Senyk, and John Terese & Glenn Cerrato subdivisions. Letters were resent to William Masterson regarding private roads and to John Berry regarding Deerfield Meadows. A letter was sent to the Chief and Council of the Southampton Fire Department congratulating them on the recent election.

Chief James Walsh reported on the monthly activities of the Southampton Fire Department. An updated list of Chiefs and Officers for 2004 as well as a report of total 2003 calls and January 2004 calls was received. The Junior members of the Southampton Fire Department (ages 12-18) meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays each month at 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's Road Fire House.

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There was a structure fire on Eileen Drive but  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the house was saved. The Fire Commissioners complimented the chiefs, officers and men of the Southampton Fire Department for a job well done.

A suggestion brought up by Mr. Rodney Pierson was that there is a need to survey flag lots throughout the district. There are some serious problems getting equipment down these driveways and the fire department needs proper access to do their job. Chief Walsh also spoke regarding the need for a standard town wide code for access to properties which have locked gates.

Mr. Grisnik asked if it were possible to obtain a list of names and addresses of fire department members so the school boards of the district could perhaps get tax savings for those members in the respective school districts. The Village Board indicated we could not get the addresses because of a privacy issue.

#### Committee Reports

- A. Budget – Payment to the village is still pending. Some tax money has been received.
- B. Long Range Planning – No report
- C. Wells and Hydrants – The letter from Steve Clemente of the Suffolk County Water Authority will be addressed.
- D. Government Liaison Committee – No report
- E. Liaison to Department – No report

#### Old Business

The Board of Commissioners has not contracted with an accountant. Chairman Press will check with our attorney and invite an accountant to the next meeting.

Tom Martinez updated the committee about the signs. Copies of prices are attached to these minutes. He has been in contact with the State, County and Town DOT's regarding sign regulations. The State requires written permission and specific setbacks, the County has their own sign making facility and the Town as no restrictions but you have to put up your own signs. No decisions will be made until the other estimates are received.

Insurance issues – Does the Surety Bond cover the Treasurer and the other designated check signers? Should we look into getting Liability and Officer insurance?

#### New Business

Business cards should be made for use by the Commissioners.

Payment of the contract with the Village of Southampton was discussed. The Board was under the impression that all the tax monies from the Town of Southampton for our 2004 budget would have been received by now. We have received some payments but not enough to cover the contract with the Village. It is illegal for the Town of Southampton to pay us before the tax monies are collected according to the Suffolk

County Tax Act. Mr. Price, Mr. Press and Mr. Hadix met with Charlene Kagel, the Town Comptroller for suggestions. One possibility would be for us to seek a Tax Anticipation Note to cover the expenses. The pros and cons were discussed. Mr. Grisnik and Mr. Martinez feel that this needs to be brought before the full Town Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Martinez to have the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District seek a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$230,000.00 for a period of no more than 120 days pending Commissioner Grisnik's discussion with Supervisor Heaney and the Town Board. The final decision would be made within the next two weeks. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-60</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Martinez to engage Attorney Randolph Mayer from the firm Wilkie, Farr & Gallagher LLP as bond counsel and authorize him to prepare all paperwork required to obtain a Tax Anticipation Note if necessary.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-61</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Martinez to accept bids, if necessary, on the Tax Anticipation Note from Fleet Bank (offering a percentage rate of 1.50%) and Bridgehampton National Bank (offer to be received within two days). The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-62</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Martinez to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District to agree to and execute a Tax Anticipation Note from the low bidding bank if necessary. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-63</u>

There being no further business to be brought before the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, a motion was made Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved as follows:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Martinez	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	<u>VS1-64</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bette-jeanne H. Schreier  
Secretary