

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District was called to order by Chairman Grisnik in the Library of the Tuckahoe School, 468 Magee Street, Southampton, New York, in accordance with the notice provided to the news media. The meeting opened at 7:30 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Commissioners Fred Andrews, Robert Grisnik, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White Treasurer Mike Hadix and Secretary Kristin White

ABSENT: N/A

GUESTS: Southampton Village Fire Department, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Rodney Pierson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Dennis Roy, Joe Corr, Ben Chaleff (Architect), Paul Rogers (Architect), William Glass (Attorney)

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 8, 2009 with corrections. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-26</u>

Chief's Report: Chief's report was submitted by Chief Pierson. Month of January was busy with structure and car fires. There were 21 false alarms. Mr. White asked if the Village had contacted the repeat false alarm offenders. He said the outlying district false alarms offenders had slowed down as well as the nursing home center.

The Board reviewed the 16 vouchers presented by the Treasurer.

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

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-27</u>

Mr. White asked if the private hydrants that were in questions had been sorted out, yes they have been.

Mr. Andrews asked if there was any sign of the present state of the economy effecting tax collection. The Treasurer responded not at this time. A majority of taxes have been met.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-28</u>

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received over the last month. A list is attached herein.

#### Committee Reports-

##### Fire District Budget – Submitted

Fire Protection Contract – We are currently at a standstill, the board has been presented with numbers from the Village. There are questions in regards to some of the numbers given. The Board was told that the explanation of those numbers (value) would come from the Fire Chiefs.

Long Range Planning – Board still interested in getting the RFP out so there can be a study of consolidation. Mr. Price has been in communication with the major in reference to our contract. The issue of the RFP and study was brought up to the Village Board, it was left that the Chiefs would review the RFP and bring before Council. Mr. Price is not sure of weather or not the RFP would be brought up at the Village Board meeting. It was suggested we work towards a work session. Mr. Andrews asked the Chief if the RFP was reviewed by the Council. Chief Pierson said there was a meeting last night with the Council and it was unanimously defeated. The Council does not care for the Board of Commissioners and does not want to answer to the board. Mr. White suggested we do our own RFP. Mr. Steudte said we at least have a definitive point of view from the department and are no longer being jerked around.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Looking at hydrants, Jewell Pond Flying Point and Cold Spring are public hydrants on private roads.

Mr. Andrews brought up the issue of Council's feelings towards the board. He feels the board has been constructive and adaptive to the Departments issues. He is disappointed and would like his feeling conveyed to the Council.

In reference to Whites lane, there is a deep well across the street. But it is a substantial distance from public water. The Chief would like to see a hydrant put in; Price said he would also but feels a realistic request must be put in. Maybe require 500 ft north on North Magee. If we could get it to the corner of White's Lane on North Magee that would be positive.

They will be bringing water from North Sea Rd for the 16 units on Sandy Hollow. Mr. Steudte feels there will be a greater long term benefit to having the water come under North Sea Rd.

Old Business –

New Business – Roger and Chaleff submitted their preliminary site plan to the board. The zoning is residential but a fire house is an approved use. The design will have to go to planning board. The Architects began with “the biggest building that would fit on the site” they decided to down size a little. The remaining property coverage is ample, could be used for firemen housing etc. It was desired to have a perpendicular building so that there would be a drive through building. Curb cuts were made with fire trucks in mind to accommodate the largest vehicle the department currently has. The lanes for parking have been kept wide to accommodate to large vehicles of fire fighters. The inside lanes have been kept at 8 foot lanes with 7 foot spacing. They contacted the Pierce Company for recommendations and no recommendations were available. Taking advantage of the topography, the rear area could be used therefore having a shorter stairway to second floor and possibly allowing for a basement area. Height may be an issue, but a variance may be possible. A construction cost estimator was used with a two story fire house would be \$112 per square foot, the estimator is dated (2004) a multiplier for our area and yearly increase was used bringing it to \$275 per square foot. Mr. Andrews asked about the economies effect on these numbers, Mr. Rogers said it is unfamiliar territory and does not know a formula for this. But the numbers he has shown is a legitimate way to price a budget. Even if labor was to go down material expenses are still going up. Mr. Steudte asked where we are in the process in respect to the Town. Mr. Rogers said he wanted our approval before he went the Town Planning Board. Mr. Price asked if it would be possible to build a building without finishing the second floor. Mr. Rogers said this would be possible. An estimate might be approximately 30% less than the final cost of the second floor. A stair tower would most likely be necessary with the uses of the second floor. MR. Price asked Chief Pierson of the footprint of the proposed Hampton road house was comparable to this building, he was not sure. Mr. Andrews ask when would be an appropriate time to ask the Chiefs input, in the future was the answer. One more issue brought up by Mr. Price would be a mountable curb which can be driven over for extra parking.

Chief Pierson stated as a taxpayer why are we building a fire house when we have no trucks, no department, this is a waste of money.

In reference to the Fire Extinguisher to be used it should be referred to the Town Fire Marshal.

Activites for Approval: RFP is the subject, the discussion with the Village shows that no RFP will be done with the Village without support of the department. The Village does not want to spend money and is trying to keep a \$0 based budget. The credit card policy was reviewed but has not been reviewed by the Attorney. We will look it over next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Andrews to proceed with the RFP. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews Aye                      Mr. Price      Aye      Mr. Grisnik      Aye  
Mr. Steudte      Aye                      Mr. White      Aye                                      VW6-29

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Steudte at 8:42 PM to recess to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews Aye                      Mr. Price      Aye      Mr. Grisnik      Aye  
Mr. Steudte      Aye                      Mr. White      Aye                                      VW6-30

The executive session was adjourned at 10:00 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to their regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Price to appoint William F. Glass, Jr. as General Counsel for the Southampton Fire District for the year 2009 pursuant to the terms of a separate retainer agreement, annexed hereto; seconded by Commissioner Steudte and approved on the following vote:

Mr. Andrews Aye                      Mr. Price      Aye                      Mr. White      Aye  
Mr. Grisnik      Aye                                      Mr. Steudte      Aye                                      VW6-31

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin White, Secretary