

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

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, Treasurer Mike Hadix (who left early) and Secretary Nicole Hadix

ABSENT: Commissioner Tom White

A motion was made by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 10, 2008 as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	<u>VH5-1</u>

Chairman Grisnik noted that Commissioner White was out of town.

The Board reviewed the 18 vouchers presented by the Treasurer.

The SCWA bill for hydrant rental was reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Andrews 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	<u>VH5-2</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Andrews 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	<u>VH5-3</u>

The Treasurer supplied the Board with the 2008 Tax Levy Receipt and noted all tax revenue usually is received by the second week of June.

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

Commissioner Andrews asked for information about a Knox Box. Commissioner Price stated it is a key box with a master key placed outside commercial structures to be used by emergency personal.

Commissioner Price spoke of the Halsey Lane Farm subdivision. He said recommendations were made to the SCWA with a hydrant to be placed at the intersection of Halsey Lane and David Lane. The Planning Board did not ask the developers to extend the water main so the SCWA could not place the hydrant. Therefore at this point no hydrant will be placed until the water mains have been looped on Halsey Lane and David Lane.

Commissioner Steudte said this Board should go to the Planning Board meeting and state the importance of looping the water mains for fire protection purposes. Commissioner Price agreed, this water main should have been extended the full length requested by the Board of Commissioners but the Planning Board has other ideas.

Commissioner Steudte questioned the SCWA hydrant bill. He questioned paying for hydrants on private roads like Fordune and Cold Spring Point Road. The Treasurer stated this has already been reviewed, ex-Commissioner Press knows why we are responsible for these hydrants.

Commissioner Steudte also questioned the need for two hydrants within 10 feet of each other on Tuckahoe Lane and at the St. Andrews subdivision. He recommends abandoning the hydrant at St. Andrews.

Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget – No Report

Fire Protection Contract – To be discussed in executive session

Long Range Planning – To be discussed in executive session

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Commissioner Price mentioned he asked the Chiefs to come to the meeting to go over the Planning Board requests. They are not in attendance. Commissioner Price has reviewed the requests.

Mercedes Benz – the Board will recommend a sprinkler system and Knox Box be installed. We will also request a hydrant be brought to the North side of County Road 39. Commissioner Stuedte said this Board has been requesting hydrant placement on the North side of County Road 39 for some time. He feels, at this point the Board should go to the Planning Board and request this in person since they do not seem to be listening.

Commissioner Stuedte questioned what the next step was for this Board if we feel our requests are not being followed. Commissioner Grisnik suggested sending the Planning Board a letter stating this Board's concerns and requesting a meeting either in public or in private to discuss these issues.

Pape – the Board will request the water main be extended to the north side of Montauk Highway to connect to Ridge Road.

Michael Polacco – the Board will recommend the water main be extended on North Magee. There are homes on North Magee which would be interested in public water.

48 Peconic Road – hydranted area, no recommendations

691 Flying Point Road – hydranted area, no recommendations

Hutham Olayan – hydranted area, no recommendations

Commissioner Andrews asked what the procedure is for reviewing these Planning Board requests, are the Chief's involved? Commissioner Price said there is no set policy. He reviewed site plans when he was the Chief. Commissioner Grisnik stated these Planning Board requests all fall with the District lines and since there are past fire dept Chiefs on the Board, they can handle the review process. The chiefs can be asked for their input.

Commissioner Steudte suggested the Board send a letter to the SCWA and ask for current installation prices along North Sea Mecox Road. The secretary will draft a letter.

Old Business – Commissioner Andrews stated his disappointment that the Board and the Chiefs could not get together this past month, also he questioned why the Chiefs weren't at this meeting. The consensus was because there was also a Village Board meeting. Commissioner Andrews stated his eagerness to discuss unification and other issues relating to the fire department with the Chiefs. He hopes in the coming month to have at least one meeting to continue answering questions regarding how unification will work. Commissioner Grisnik said the Board would make contact with the Chiefs to meet the third Thursday of this month as they had previously arranged.

New Business – Chairman Grisnik spoke of the Code of Ethics stating all officers and employees of the District must sign that they have received a copy. Chairman Grisnik also appointed Commissioner Price and Commissioner Andrews to the Board of Ethics. Both commissioners accepted.

Commissioner Andrews stated the fire department's committee to update and renovate their buildings is moving forward with their plans. He stated there have been design discussions and some approvals but no decision on the site yet. Commissioner Andrews spoke of the importance of this Board being involved with these plans.

Commissioner Steudte said the impact to the District will be the cost. How much will be added on to our contract to cover the cost of these renovations.

Commissioner Price stated the location is also very important if the District is going to continue contracting with the Village.

Commissioner Andrews said decisions regarding unification should be made before decisions regarding the new buildings. He questioned where would be the best location for a new firehouse? Commissioner Grisnik said the property in North Sea is exactly in the middle of the District and Village together. He stated this is one reason why this Board went ahead with the purchase. Commissioner Price said he doesn't understand why the Chiefs and the Village don't want to use the North Sea Road site for a main station. He stated the District should be involved and considered in the planning process since we are paying for the services. Commissioner Price said this Board needs to meet with the Village Board as soon as possible.

Activities for Approval – the Secretary asked for approval of a check in the amount of \$175 payable to the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York for the Fire Commissioner Training course.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Steudte to authorize the Treasurer to send a payment of \$175 to AFDSNY to enroll Commissioner Andrews in the mandated Commissioner Training Course.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	<u>VH5-4</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. Price at 8:19 PM to recess to Executive Session to discuss contractual matters and legal issues. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	<u>VH5-5</u>

The executive session was adjourned at 9:00 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to their regular meeting. No further business was conducted.

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. Price to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	<u>VH5-6</u>

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Hadix, Secretary