

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire 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 7:30 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

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

GUESTS: Joe Corr, First Assistant Chief Southampton Fire Department, Michael Wright, reporter from the "Southampton Press" and Kelly Gang, a member of the Southampton Fire Department

Several questions were asked during the public participation regarding the contract with the Village of Southampton for fire protection for the Southampton Fire District. Mr. Grisnik spoke of the fiscal responsibility of the Southampton Fire District in relation to the needs of the fire department as well as planning for the future. The ISO (Insurance Services Organization) report that has been requested by the Southampton Fire District was also discussed. The last report was completed in 1992. Mr. White explained the process whereby the ISO reviews records prepared by the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Fire Department to determine the needs of the area and whether these needs are being addressed. The result of this report is in the form of an insurance rating which affects all home owners in the area.

Chief's Report: First Assistant Chief Joe Corr thanked the members of the Southampton Fire District for their interest in communicating with the Southampton Fire Department. From 1 January through 9 February 2005 the fire department had 68 calls, 29 of which were alarms. The Fire Prevention Program is moving along with preplan committees in place. A Fire Prevention trailer has been ordered for their program. A new Chief's car was ordered.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 13, 2005 with three corrections. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye

Mr. Press Aye VS2-27

The Board reviewed the 12 vouchers presented by the Treasurer. Mr. Hadix asked them to review all but one insurance item which may be a duplicate.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the vouchers (minus one) as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-28</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). 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. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-29</u>

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

Committee Reports

A. Fire District Budget – no report

B. Fire Protection Contract – Mr. Price received a call from Village Administrator Jim Van Nostrand on Monday, February 14, 2005 stating that the contract for Fire Protection was approved on Friday night and a copy would be forwarded to our office after the Mayor and Fire Chief signed it.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White that upon receipt of a signed Fire Protection Contract, the Treasurer is authorized to send the monies allocated to the Southampton Village Fire Department (\$160,000) and the first payment to the Village of Southampton (\$241,990) as per item 2 of the contract. The motion was approved by the following vote (after consultation with attorney William F. Glass):

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-30</u>

C. Long Range Planning – Mr. White is waiting to hear from Trustee Ed Britt regarding a joint meeting of the Village of Southampton Board and the Southampton Fire District Board. He promised to bring it up at the Village Board meeting.

D. Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains –Chairman Press met with C.J. Foy, Regional Manager of the Suffolk County Water Authority regarding our last statement from their office. Six hydrants are located in Noyac fire district, 16 hydrants listed are in private developments and one hydrant being billed to the Village of Southampton should be transferred to the Southampton Fire District statement. Mr. Foy will research these requests and corrections will be forthcoming in 4-6 weeks. A letter was written to attach to the payment going to the Suffolk County Water Authority at this time.

The LIPA bills are still not completely cleared up. Both Chairman Press and Secretary Schreier have been in contact with the billing department and corrections are underway.

New Business

The site plan for Nugent & Potter was discussed. The Southampton Fire District will request 2 Knox boxes on the two buildings and mail recommendations back to the Southampton Town Planning Board.

Removal of deep wells in the Southampton Fire District that are in hydrated areas was discussed. Our attorney, William F. Glass, suggested that we send out legal notices for removal of these deep wells. Specifications must be drawn up for removal.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to research the procedure to remove the deep wells no longer needed in the hydrated areas in the Southampton Fire District. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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Chairman Press and Commissioner Price will work on this and communicate with the fire chiefs prior to having any actual work completed.

The Southampton Fire District is responsible for getting the hydrants cleared of snow during snowstorms/blizzards. Some hydrants were cleared and others weren't. It was done in a haphazard way. We do not have a contract to clear hydrants during emergencies. WLNG made a public announcement to ask people to clean around hydrants located near them. The Fire District Officer Association requested this. We need to come up with a plan to deal with such emergency situations.

Mr. Hadix needed signatures for the Bridgehampton National Bank accounts.

Mr. Price had his son, Thomas, draw a possible logo for the Southampton Fire District. He did a good job. The drawing will go back to Thomas for some color and be presented at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to recess to executive session at 8:55 PM to discuss contractual matters. Motion was carried by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-32</u>

Appraisals on possible land acquisitions were discussed.

On motion made by Mr. Grisnik, and seconded by Mr. Price, the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:30 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the Regular Meeting. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-33</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Press to have Commissioner White contact Mr. Ronald Matuza of 10 Jefferson Street, St. James, NY to get a second appraisal of Mr. Chiarani's parcel as suggested by our attorney, William Glass. Mr. Matuza is to evaluate the property and state whether the appraisal would be higher if there was a zoning change from residential to office hamlet as indicated by Mr. Chiarani. The expenditure for this appraisal would be up to \$1800.00. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-34</u>

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-35</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary