

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

MARCH 8, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire 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, 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, W. Mark Press, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White and Secretary Nicole Hadix

ABSENT: Treasurer Michael Hadix (Attending Enhanced Fire District Seminar)

GUESTS: So. Fire Dept 2nd Asst. Chief Rodney Pierson and Mr. William F. Glass Jr.

Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Pierson started by saying the chiefs were happy with the signed contract and ready to start unification negotiations. No NFPA Survey Report was provided due to computer malfunction but a copy would be provided at later date. The chief supplied the Southampton Fire Department Electric Deep Well Monthly Report and asked for an update on the decommissioned wells in the area. (The reports are attached herein to these minutes). Mr. Press stated all locks on wells were checked in December 2006. Mr. Steudte stated problem with well north of Zaluski farm. There may have been access to wells by unauthorized personnel. Mr. Press will look into issues raised on the deep well report. Issues regarding water or well problems to be brought to the attention of Chief Pierson.

The chief reported another very busy month. Change in night shift, 2 people on call per night, moral of firemen is up. The new hook and ladder #17 will be in service soon, it will be stationed at Hampton Road firehouse. Fire chiefs will make recommendations regarding the old truck but decision will be made by village.

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2007, with one correction. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the fourteen vouchers presented by Treasurer Hadix for payment. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye			<u>VH4-35</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, with one correction. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye			<u>VH4-36</u>

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

Committee Reports

Fire District Budget – No report

Fire Protection Contract – The Fire Protection Contract with the Village was signed by Chairman Grisnik on February 10, 2007. The 3 year contract with payments of 825,000 for 2007, 850,000 for 2008 and 875,000 for 2009. Payments to the fire department of 175,000 per year.

Long Range Planning – Commissioners and Chiefs ready to start negotiations for unification.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Mr. Press stated 5 electric deep wells have been decommissioned. A list will be provided to Chief Pierson.

Mr. Press spoke to Steve Phillips regarding water project on North Sea Mecox Road, he collected 18 names and 30 homeowners are needed before the water authority will install water to the area. The district is now in possession of a street list for the area within the fire district and the Water Mill CAC will be sending letters to all homeowners involved in the project area.

Edge of woods project has set price from SCWA but will be mitigated by new subdivision in area.

Mr. Press stated more **deep** wells will have to be removed. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

A discrepancy in the LIPA bill was discussed, the charge for a well on Farmstead Lane is very high. Mr. Press will review.

Old Business – Secretary Hadix presented the board with the Hamptons Online proposed

contract for their approval, they will review for next month (a copy is attached herein). Secretary Hadix presented the board with the office furniture information and bids for their approval (a copy is attached herein). Mr. Grisnik suggested contacting Twin Forks office supply in Riverhead for bid on copier. Mr. Glass stated you don't have to use state contracts as long as you follow your procurement policy. Mr. Press recently purchased a fire proof file cabinet for \$800; he will supply information to board. Items to be reviewed and acted upon next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White to purchase office furniture from Legendary Office Furniture Ltd. through NYS purchasing contract, also the purchase of a Notebook computer from Dell Inc. The treasurer is also authorized to purchase a fire proof file cabinet from either Legendary Office Furniture Ltd., or from the company Mr. Press has used which ever bid is lowest.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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Mr. Press is working on SFD badges for commissioners. He will have a proof for next months meeting.

Mr. Steudte stated he has used over 1000 hours of community service to date. Program working well. Mr. Price suggested having workers paint the wells.

New Business – Mr. Price asked Mr. Glass about the timeline for unification. Mr. Glass stated proper terminology is key. The term joint fire district is not appropriate; we need to educate the town and village regarding this issue. The steps needed for unification to happen are the following: the village, town, SFD and Fire department will have to have a meeting of the minds, then legislators would be contacted to draft legislation because special legislation will be needed, then public hearings can be scheduled and finally a vote. Mr. Glass stated he would first like to meet with the town attorney and review statutes. Mr. Press recommended the commissioners and chiefs get together to correct all miscommunication, so the fire department members have proper and correct information.

Mr. Steudte recommended sending correspondence to all three fire chiefs in the future.

Mr. Steudte asked Secretary Hadix to look into business cards and license plates.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Press to allow Mr. Glass to meet with the town attorney to discuss unification of fire district.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. Press at 8:33PM to recess to executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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Mr. William F. Glass was in attendance to discuss property acquisition.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:20 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

Mr. Glass recommended changing the name of one of the fire districts accounts from District General Reserve Fund to District General Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to increase the Building Reserve Fund by \$300,000. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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A motion was made by Commissioner White, that the following resolution be adopted, effective immediately:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that a sum not to exceed \$1,470,000.00 be expended from the Building Reserve Fund of said Fire District, together with such additional sums as may be required from the general operating funds of said Fire District, for a maximum estimated cost of \$1,850,000.00, for the purpose of acquiring certain real property within the Southampton Fire District, to be used for the public purposes of such Fire District, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price, whereupon a roll-call vote was taken, the results being as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners White, Price, Press, and Steudte

Noes: Commissioner Grisnik

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Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Hadix
Secretary

