

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

MARCH 8, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District was called to order by Chairman Price 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 David Price, Roy Wines, Brian Cooke, Tom White, and Treasurer MaryAnn Milton

ABSENT: Commissioner Bill Pell, Secretary Kristin White

GUESTS: Chief Rodney Pierson

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Cooke to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2012 with amendments. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Wines	Aye	
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. White	abstained	<u>VW9-32</u>

Chief's Report: The Chief's Report was presented by Chief Rodney Pierson. A copy is attached herein. The department ran 31 calls this month, nothing out of the ordinary. Com White asked if the last incident was the fire and Jordan Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Kampf reported on the fire last month, Com White was not present. The Chief offered to review the fire. Chief Pierson reported that the response was good but unfortunately there was a low supply of water. The men did a great job saving the adjacent structures. Com. Wines asked about the additional reports being handed in. Chief Pierson addressed the Board on this matter. The Village has referenced talks with District in reference to replacing apparatus. The Village alluded that the District is not in favor of replacing any apparatus. The Chief described the current 20 year replacement schedule utilized by the Department. It is the Chiefs outlook that the 20 yr replacement works well, and he understands some units can go further than others depending on their hours in service and equipment type. The Department is currently behind the schedule on an engine now, it is being replaced but it will be a few years before delivery. Safety comes into it as a Chief; the biggest concern is the safety of the members. All three Chiefs would love to sit and discuss the current schedule and where to stretch trucks. The Chiefs feel there input is key instead of Boards discussing without input of the Chiefs. It is the Chiefs request that the Boards and the Chiefs meet on a regular basis to discuss the department's equipment and apparatus needs. Com. White feels that this is a wonderful idea, he shared that the

contract committee met with mayor and the fire commissioner and there was a consensus that trucks didn't need to be replaced as frequently. In the past when the Department was running with poor equipment it was necessary to set up a replacement plan. Com White would like to discuss what you get for \$600,000 so the District is better versed in the Department needs. The Department is buying quality apparatus, they should last. Chief Pierson reported that it is not necessarily replacing worn out trucks, the schedule is meant to be aware of what is coming, the resale value available, and the safety value. Yes, apparatus is operating well, no real problems exist and the Village has a great maintenance program. The 20 year schedule is where we should be replacing to avoid problems. There are exceptions, the Tanker can last longer, but the Class A engines have been worked out, and these are the vehicles carrying the men to front line. Com. Wines commented on the mention of resale, trade in. Chief stated that Hampton Bays pushing to go to 15 yr schedule questing whether this would provide for trade in value. It is the consensus of the Chiefs that these trucks should not be given away as was the policy in the past. There is value in every truck whether it be \$1,000.00 or \$10,000.00, and these funds should go back to apparatus/equipment. Chiefs want the trucks sold and have told Village so. Com. Price reported that at the last met with Village the question raised was what is the money per year cost for apparatus, example there is an opportunity to standardize engines by taking a 10 year lease on 3 identical trucks. There is currently a fire house to pay for, an additional fire house to put on paper; therefore a discussion of dollars and cents has been broached, no one will compromise safety. The next meeting scheduled with the Village was to involve the Chiefs, or at least one representative from the Department. Pierson stated the Chiefs have been on the front lines, seen the trucks operate, taken complaints from the men, should have strong input in these discussions. The schedule is a year behind on truck now will be at 23 years before replacement. The Class As purchased together in 93 have been stretched to allow for a 550 each yr instead of million at once. Com. White said it would be helpful to see the notes for the schedule as to better understand the Departments needs. All this Board has seen is what has been purchased in the past few years. The District is interested in looking at leases per year opposed to purchase prices in one year. Chief Pierson does not like to look at the dollar and cents; he looks at the value of the lives on those trucks. Com. Price stated that members of the Board have been in the Chief's position; understand it and that he hopes the Chief can understand the Districts position. Chief Peirson would like to introduce into the record that North Sea has 225 calls per year and runs a 25 year replacement plan, Hampton Bays has 480 calls per year and is at a 20 yr plan and considering going to a 15 years, Bridgehampton has no replacement program at this time. Com. Price stated we will have another meeting with the Village and request the Chiefs presence. Com. White said it would be interesting to see odometer vs. hrs run.

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. White to approve the fourteen (14) vouchers as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Wines	Aye
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. White	Aye

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Com Wines wants to know the benefits from the Suffolk County Fire District Managers Association being that we do not have a District Manager. We are members for the information provided by them.

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Cooke and seconded by Mr. Wines to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Wines	Aye	
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VW9-34</u>

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

Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget - Budget planning on hold for the time being. Treasurer reported the audit is underway. Her first contact with Al Hulse was in January, prior to the organizational meeting, she provided him with the QuickBooks file, Hulse responded Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. The treasurer went to Hulse office on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> to review legal and bank information. The request for documents by Al Hulse was fulfilled and delivered on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>; and on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Hulse asked for extension, there is a 60 day extension letter on file. Al Hulse has been asked to attend the next District meeting so we can file on time. Com White asked if MaryAnn felt Hulse would be at next meeting, she said he must be here it is very important for Hulse to be here. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> audit with him, every year there has been an issue. The treasurer has gone out of her way to make sure he has gotten everything on time, no need for a late file. W will be reviewing the Audit with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Fire Protection Contract – Com. Price stated that contract numbers need to be firmed up with the Village.

Long Range Planning – Discussion need to be had with the Village Board. Com. White asked if we have gotten any dates from the Village or the Chiefs for a meeting. Chief Pierson said the Chiefs are available at any time.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Lenape Road has been approved. The District must review the maps submitted by the SCWA. The SCWA does not want to beak up plans, what is the priority of the plans submitted. The District would rather see Water Mill Towd than Deerfield; the SCWA wants to do both to provide for a loop. Both the Southampton Fire District and the North Sea Fire District would benefit from Water Mill Towd. That would have the water main go past on the road and not up Jordan Drive. Com. White asked who was paying; this is a proposal by the SCWA. It appears they want to make loops out of many dead ends. The Commissioners will continue to discuss and send a letter of priority to SCWA. Chief asked if any proposals will be made for the other Districts. There are some plans in North Sea and Sag Harbor.

Old Business – A contract was submitted by Dunn Engineering to move forward with the property on North Sea Rd. The Commissioners have reviewed and find satisfactory to the contract.

Com. Wines looked into the NIMS requirements. Fire Commissioners are required to have a half day course NIMS Executive Briefing. Southampton Fire District falls into a grey area as to the relationship with the Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. White to approve the contract with Dunn Engineering parts 1 and 2. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Wines	Aye	
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VW9-35</u>

New Business – National Golf Links wants to move facility. The Board will need to review the plans prior to making recommendations.

Recognition: Public Participation –

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Cooke at 8:30 P.M. to adjourn to executive session for the discussion on contractual issues. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Wines	Aye	
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VW9-36</u>

Open session was reconvened for the purpose of adjournment at 9:05 P.M.

Without further business a motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Wines to adjourn tonight's meeting at 9:06 P.M. The motion was approved by the following vote.

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Wines	Aye	
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VW9-37</u>

Chairman Price declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin White, Secretary