

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

MARCH 9, 2006

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, W. Mark Press, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White, Secretary Bette-jeanne H. Schreier, Treasurer Mike Hadix

GUEST: Chief Joe Corr

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2006 as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik to approve the 10 vouchers as presented plus two additional ones and approve 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		

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The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. 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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The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received over the last month. A list is attached herein.

Chief's Report

Chief Joe Corr reported on fire calls from 8 December 2005 – 9 March 2006. (Copies of these reports are attached to these minutes.) He also reported that the hydrant on Greenfield Road (north of Sebonac Road) was knocked over. The electric well on White Street/White Oak Street exploded and is no longer functioning. LIPA was called in to repair this well.

At 7:45 PM there were no bids to open.

Committee Reports

Fire District Budget – none

Fire Protection Contract

Chairman Press received a phone call from Mayor Epley earlier today. This was the first contact with Village officials since the 31 January 2006 meeting. Mayor Epley stated that the contract would be discussed at the Village Board meeting scheduled for tonight 9 March 2006 and that he relied on the Fire Advisory Board for input in the contract rather than the fire chiefs.

Long Range Planning

The Village ISO report is key to our long range plan. Chief Corr stated that the Village has not received the report to date. Chairman Press stated that the report was completed but has been sent to the main office for review before it will be sent to the Village.

A SEQRA update is necessary on the land purchase before the commissioners can make a motion for a bond issue vote.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains

The two hydrants on Sandy Hollow Road have been placed in service.

The Board received a letter from Adam Halsey requesting the possibility of taking over the existing fire well found in the town right-of-way near his property on Deerfield Road. The water main extension on Head of Pond Road makes this fire well obsolete for fire safety purposes.

Chairman Press has spoken to Councilwoman Linda Kabot regarding this request. She has referred it to the legal department of the Town of Southampton since the fire well is in the town right-of-way.

Mr. White noted that there is a precedent of a fire well that was no longer needed in Sagaponack that is now owned by the Foster farm.

The Secretary will write to Mr. Halsey to let him know the status of his request.

Old Business

On a motion made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik, to have the firm of Holzmacher, McLendon & Murrell, PC of 575 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY 11747 update the SEQRA on the Chiarani property from October 1995 through March 2006. 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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Mr. Price reported that we may not be able to purchase markers from the Town of Southampton. He is checking on several more alternatives. Table this discussion until the April meeting.

New Business

An Investment Policy was distributed for review. This will be acted upon during the April Regular Meeting.

Treasurer Hadix reported that our accountant, Arthur Hulse, has reviewed our draft for the audit for 2004. Copies were distributed for review. He has put in an extension for the 2005 Treasurer Report which is in the works.

Several recommendations were discussed:

Procurement Policy which was adopted in February 2006

Investment Policy which is under review

Obtain bids for investments – Secretary and Treasurer are working on this

Auditing of the district bank statements by a commissioner (monthly or quarterly)

These items will be reviewed and acted upon at the April meeting.

Mr. White asked if the our attorney, William Glass, had submitted the soft costs of the land purchase in writing yet. These have not been received to date. Oral estimates discussed are \$80,000 - \$90,000.

On a motion made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price that we go forth at \$1,700,000 for the bond and that the district pay for related soft costs from reserve funds. 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. Price and seconded by Mr. Grisnik to recess to executive session at 8:26 PM to discuss contractual issues.

Discussion continued regarding the proposed 2006 contract. A letter will be sent to Mayor Epley reiterating our position and requesting written response.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:14 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Steudte the secretary was authorized to send a letter to the Mayor of the Village of Southampton with copies to all Trustees of the Village of Southampton, the Council of the Southampton Fire Department and our attorney, William F. Glass, Jr. reiterating our position of the proposed contract of 2006 for fire protection. 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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Chairman Press reported that the request to Southampton College regarding a copy of the meeting of the Village of Southampton Board of Trustees on 24 April 2005 was denied.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to authorize Mr. Steudte to complete a FOIL request at the Village of Southampton office for a copy of the tape of the Southampton Village Board meeting held on 24 April 2005. 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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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. Steudte to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved as follows:

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

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Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier