

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

APRIL 8, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Board of 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 7:46 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Tom Martinez

GUEST: Ex-Chief Rodney Pierson

Chairman Press welcomed our guest, ex-chief Rodney Pierson.

Fire Chief's Report – None

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2004 as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-77</u>

The Board reviewed the 5 vouchers presented by the Treasurer. The list is attached to these minutes.

There was a discussion regarding the statement from our attorney, Mr. William F. Glass, Jr. The commissioners felt the meeting he attended in March was a get acquainted meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White authorizing the secretary to write a letter to Mr. William F. Glass, Jr. asking for a review of the March statement. A check for \$400 for the monthly retainer would be attached to the letter pending receipt of Mr. Glass's answer. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-78</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the vouchers with the revision stated in preceding motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-79</u>

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Hadix (a copy attached herein) and on a motion made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White; the Treasurer's Report was accepted with correction by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-80</u>

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received over the last month. Letters were sent to the Southampton Town Planning Board regarding Abe Haruvi and Alexandros Demetriades. Mr. Haruvi was in a hydranted area and no further recommendations were made. Public water was recommended for Mr. Alexandros Demetriades' subdivision. A letter was also sent to the Planning Board with the Commissioners' thoughts regarding the West Neck Woods project. A letter was sent to the Suffolk County Water Authority regarding the locations of a hydrant on the south side of East Gate Road. No response has been received to date. A letter was sent to Supervisor Heaney and the Town Board regarding the SCWA's proposal for water main extension in the area of the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. No response to date. Hamptons Online will have Verizon install a DSL line to our office. Emails were received from Mr. Glass today regarding: 1) FOIL request 2) fire hydrants on Private Roads 3) letter to Southampton Village regarding negotiations and 4) a MEMO about 2% Fund. A letter was sent to Village Administrator, James Van Nostrand, requesting a meeting for the negotiating team to commence discussion of the Fire Protection Agreement for 2005. A reply was received today indicating the request is premature until after the Village of Southampton approves their upcoming budget which will be no later than May 1, 2004.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to reply to the Village Board using the draft sent from Mr. Glass to make a second request for a meeting regarding the Fire Protection Agreement for 2005. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-81</u>

Committee Reports

- A. Budget – Requesting a meeting to begin discussions.
- B. Long Range Planning – No report
- C. Wells and Hydrants – Commissioner Price has not gotten prices back yet for removal of wells no longer needed in the district. He questioned what should be done

with shallow wells. One suggestion is that they should be pumped, cleaned and kept for civil defense

- D. Government Liaison Committee – No report
- E. Liaison to Department – No report

Old Business

The Town of Southampton Highway Superintendent has not answered the request to paint signs for the Southampton Fire District.

Mr. White has applied for Directors/Officers insurance and box business liability insurance. Workmen’s Compensation would have a minimum premium of \$1000.

Mr. Hadix has looked into getting a business credit card from MBNA through Bridgehampton National Bank.

New Business

Mr. Hadix reported that the Town of Southampton is changing the way they handle payments. They will send the funds by direct wire into the Southampton Fire District account.

On motion made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Press, the Board of Fire Commissioners agreed to go into Executive Session at 8:43 PM. The vote to approve this was as follows:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-82</u>

The Memo received from attorney Glass regarding the New York State Fire Insurance Premium Tax (2% Fund) was reviewed. The 2% funds will be dispersed directly to the Southampton Fire Department from the Southampton Fire District.

Executive session was adjourned at 8:43 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

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. White to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved as follows:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-83</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary