

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

APRIL 10, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of 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. The meeting opened at 7:33 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Commissioners Fred Andrews, Robert Grisnik, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White, Treasurer Mike Hadix and Secretary Nicole Hadix

GUESTS: Teri Westerhoff; Jon Sirkin, Tom Fleming and Christine Walsh of Vesta Development; Attorney David Gilmartin, Jr. and Attorney Stanley Orzechowski.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2008 as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VH5-38</u>
Mr. Price	Aye			

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

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VH5-39</u>
Mr. Price	Aye			

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. White to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VH5-40</u>
Mr. Price	Aye			

The Treasurer reminded the Board that the tax revenue is usually received in full by the second week of June.

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

The Treasurer stated he received a check from the Southampton Town Comptroller's office in the amount of \$1,190.00. It is a reimbursement for 2007 false fire alarms. The Commissioners asked the Treasurer to contact the Comptroller's office for more information regarding this check.

#### Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget – The Treasurer stated the second payment is due by the end of May. That item will be presented at the May meeting.

#### Fire Protection Contract – No Report

Long Range Planning – Chairman Grisnik stated this Board is actively talking to the Fire Chiefs. He said this Board will be meeting with the Village Board regarding unification. Commissioner Steudte asked if the Assistant Fire Chiefs were in favor of unification. Commissioner Grisnik stated they are considering that issue. The Assistant Chiefs have said they feel being governed by a 5 member Board of Commissioners instead of the Village Board might be in the best interest of the fire department. Although Commissioner Grisnik stated these are just discussions with the Assistant Chiefs and not an official statement. Commissioner Price and Commissioner Andrews both agreed that two of the Chiefs appear to be in support of unification; however it is important to respect the chain of command within the fire department. Commissioner Andrews stated the Fire Department Chiefs and members would like to see the least amount of change occur to their long standing and honorable procedures and they still have questions regarding unification.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Commissioner Price stated he spoke to Kim Judd, the attorney for 48 Peconic road. There is a question regarding the distance to the nearest hydrant. According to our paperwork there is a hydrant within 1000 feet on the subdivision. The attorney will have to verify with the survey company and the Planning Board.

Commissioner Price stated he visited the Fresh Air Home and discussed the proper size and width needed at the entrance for emergency vehicles to pass through on the south side of the property. He stresses the importance of a walk through before the organization opens. He recommends we suggest to the Chiefs they do a full drill at that site.

Lynch-David Whites Lane Subdivision – The Board will recommend accessibility, sprinkler system, and a Knox Box be installed. Additionally all codes must be met.

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Old Business – Commissioner Steudte will review the updated information for the North Sea Mecox Road water project and distribute the information to the homeowners.

New Business – Jon Sirkin, Tom Fleming and Christine Walsh from Vesta Development Group along with their attorney David Gilmartin, Jr. were present to inform the Board of a new housing project within the Southampton Fire District.

The items they presented included:

- The proposed project is located on Sandy Hollow Road.
- Sixteen unit all workforce housing, 4 buildings each with 4 units of 2 bedroom and 2 bath.
- The price of the units will be between \$225,000 and \$325,000.
- Natural gas and public water; they will extend the water main from either North Sea Mecox Road or Sandy Hollow Road to the project site and install a hydrant within the complex.
- The homes will contain a fire sprinkler with a scheduled system.
- They will use an onsite chromaglass sewage treatment system.
- The homes will be fully energy star compliant, rain water will be reused for the outdoor sprinkler system, and the outside will be vinyl perfection shake which is maintenance free.
- The entryway will be accessible to all emergency vehicles.
- Homes will be sold by lottery system with preference given to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel.
- This work force housing will always remain in perpetuity.
- This housing complex will be based on a co-op system.

Mr. Sirkin explained the Town and County code states preference be given to volunteers. They are required by the fair housing regulations to use a weighted system or a point system in a lottery format. Mr. Gilmartin stated a new law has to be established by the Town for the purpose of this issue. The Town Supervisor strongly supports the concept of volunteers and school district residents getting extra points toward the lottery.

Mr. Fleming stated the Vesta Development Group handles all aspects of building projects from historic, multifamily, large stores and single family homes. They have worked with modulars, subdivisions and apartment buildings. They feel they are well versified. They have also worked locally with a not for profit group in Mattituck.

Chairman Grisnik thanked the members of the Vesta Development Group for attending the meeting and presenting the information.

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A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. White at 8:23 PM to recess to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VH5-41</u>
Mr. Price	Aye			

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

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to deny the FOIL appeal presented by Esseks, Hefter & Angel, LLP. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VH5-42</u>
Mr. Price	Aye			

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VH5-43</u>
Mr. Price	Aye			

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Hadix, Secretary