

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

APRIL 12, 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 7:33 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, Treasurer Michael Hadix and Secretary Nicole Hadix

GUESTS: Southampton Fire Department Chief Joe Corr, 1st Assistant Chief Roy L. Wines IV and 2nd Assistant Chief Rodney C. Pierson.

Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Pierson supplied the NFPA Survey Report, the Commissioners asked again for a breakdown between the Village and the Fire District. Chief Pierson and Chief Wines stated they will have that available in the future. The chief supplied the So. Fire Department Electric Deep Well Monthly Report and thanked the board for the letter updating him on the decommissioned wells. (The reports are attached herein to these minutes). Mr. Press stated the well on Highland Road is not functioning; the pump will have to be replaced immediately. Mr. Press spoke about the procedure for abandoning the decommissioned wells and that job would have to go out for bids. Mr. Press also stated the remaining wells would have to be marked with proper identification. Mr. Grisnik asked Chief Wines to comment on the presentation he made to the Village Board at the March 8 and April 12 meetings regarding renovations to the Hampton Road and Windmill Lane fire houses. Chief Wines stated these renovations were necessary for the fire dept currently as well as for the future and had no effect on the unification plans. The chiefs are currently working with architectural firms and have the village board's support. Mr. Price spoke about the importance of the Fire District being included in these plans. Mr. Grisnik stated it was time for the Chiefs and the Fire District Board to meet and discuss unification. Chief Corr interjected the importance of educating the fire department and community members about unification; he stated they were waiting on the Fire District to tell them what was needed to make this happen. Chief Corr stated they were open to meeting and gathering information to bring back to their membership. All Chiefs agree they are ready to start; Commissioners and Chiefs will schedule a meeting. Mr. White stated importance of educating the fire chiefs and the department membership first. Mr. Price spoke of importance of timeline and starting right away. Mr. Grisnik stated the board passed a resolution at the March 8th meeting to purchase Property for use by the Fire District. The Fire District posted a notice in the Southampton Press on March 22 and the period of time for challenging the resolution has passed.

Therefore the Fire District will proceed with the purchase. Chief Corr speaking as a tax payer stated concern with purchase of property since the bond vote was defeated in June 2006. Mr. Grisnik noted his concern. Mr. Steudte spoke of concern if unification becomes too costly, the Fire District would have to have this property to start its own fire department; however the Fire District has not reached that point. Chief Corr stated he doesn't like hearing about the Fire District starting a new fire department. Mr. Steudte expressed concern that the chiefs were being insincere regarding uniting and keeping this board informed of their actions. Everyone agreed the issue of uniting is forefront and are ready to meet. Mr. Grisnik asked the chiefs to supply the board with some dates to set up a meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 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			<u>VH4-42</u>

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to approve the thirteen 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>VH4-43</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. Steudte 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>VH4-44</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 – No report

Long Range Planning – Meetings with Fire Chiefs, Town of Southampton and Village of Southampton will determine long range planning.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – The board needs to act on the Highland Road well which is not working. Gregor Wells say they can remove the pump from a well on

Deerfield Road which is out of service and install it at Highland Road for \$2000. In addition they can abandon the well on Deerfield road for \$2300. Also Mr. Press stated the board would have to purchase signs for all the electric deep wells remaining. The quote from Collum Signs is for \$23.75 per sign. The signs would state "Property of Southampton Fire District" with a phone number to call in case of damage and would be numbered. Mr. Press spoke of importance of maintaining these wells as they are part of the fire safety system.

Old Business – No Report

New Business –

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White to authorize Gregor Well Drilling to perform an emergency repair to the well on Highland Road for the amount of \$2000. **Also the abandonment of the well on Deerfield Road for \$2300.**

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

VH4-45

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Press to purchase #15 aluminum signs at \$23.75 per sign from Collum Signs for the deep wells.

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

VH4-46

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Steudte to go out to bid on the abandonment of 6 deep wells according to NYS DEC specifications.

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

VH4-47

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to authorize Hamptons Online to build and monitor the Southampton Fire District website.

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

VH4-48

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. White to contact the town regarding obtaining a radio frequency for the Southampton Fire District.

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

VH4-49

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White to authorize the treasurer to purchase updated Quick Books software for the So Fire District's notebook computer.

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

VH4-50

Mr. Steudte stated he spoke to a Suffolk County Official and asked what are the exact requirements needed to run a Fire Department as far as current laws require. When he receives this information he will pass it on to all commissioners. Mr. Press stated this information is necessary to understand what is required for a new unified district. Chief Wines requested a copy of this information.

Chief Pierson noted the junior fire department members would be holding their spaghetti dinner fundraiser on May 11, 2007 at the Hampton Road fire house at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Steudte at 8:52 PM 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		

VH4-51

Property acquisition and paperwork issues were addressed.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:36 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

The commissioners asked the secretary to write a letter to Mr. Glass requesting he send a copy of all correspondence regarding the Southampton Fire District to the Fire District for their records. The secretary was also asked to send a letter to the Southampton Village Board addressing our concern with the plans to move forward with the renovation to the fire houses without consulting this board.

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Steudte to authorize the secretary to purchase business cards for the 5 commissioners, the secretary and the treasurer from Long Island East Printing. Also approved is the purchase of badges and license plates for the commissioners from East End Quartermaster.

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

VH4-52

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Steudte to authorize the Chairman of the BOFC to execute a new Rider to the existing contract for the purchase of real property, the terms of which have already been negotiated. A copy of this Rider to be annexed to these minutes.

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

VH4-53

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Hadix
Secretary

