

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

APRIL 14, 2005

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 Rodney B. Pierson, David Price, W. Mark Press, Tom White, Secretary Bette-jeanne H. Schreier, Treasurer Mike Hadix

ABSENT: Commissioner Robert Grisnik

GUESTS: Joe Corr, First Assistant Chief Southampton Fire Department, Kelly Gang, Pat Corrigan, Mark Greenwald, Tom Martinez

Chief's Report: First Assistant Chief Joe Corr reported that there were 157 calls, 9 rescue calls, 6 good intent, 29 service, 18 hazardous conditions, 10 fires and 7 false alarms between Jan.1, 2005 and March 31, 2005. The fire chiefs have begun to review the list of fire wells in the district. The fire well at Deerfield and Deer Run is smoked. The well at Broidy Lane needs a new box around it.

Chairman Press stated that Deer Run has been out of service since 1994 because there was no LIPA transfer from developer (McLaughlin) to the Town of Southampton.

Chief Corr reported that the Fire Department has set up a procedure to continue to review the fire wells on a regular basis. The fire chiefs are planning to make a list of shallow wells that are in areas where hydrants have been placed.

Chairman Press requested a written report from the chiefs regarding their findings on the fire wells and shallow wells.

Commissioner White requested a replacement schedule of fire apparatus from the Southampton Fire Department. Presently we only have a list of the apparatus.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2005. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye

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The Board reviewed 11 vouchers presented by the Treasurer.

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

Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS2-44</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Pierson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS2-45</u>

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

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to authorize the Secretary to send a request for payment for FOIL request from the Attorney Lisa J. Ross of Esseks, Hefter & Angel. The FOIL request is for a map of our district, a list of eligible voters, and the list of the 106 voters who voted in the December 14, 2004 election. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS2-46</u>

Committee Reports

A. Fire District Budget – no report

B. Fire Protection Contract - Commissioner White reported on a meeting held 13 April 2005 with Trustee Ed Britt, and Commissioners White and Price. The major discussion was to try and get the 3-5 year contract under way before Mr. Britt leaves office. Trustee Britt asked if the district had money to help replace the cement pad in front of the Windmill Lane Fire House. Commissioner White reminded him that paragraph 12 of our contract states we will not enter into any capital expenditures until the Southampton Fire Department finishes their ISO report. Trustee Britt indicated that he had done everything that the Fire Commissioner had to do but it would be several weeks before preparation was completed e.g. paper work regarding pump tests performed in 2002-2003. The ISO report requests were made verbally on July 19, 2004 and again on August 3, 2004 as well as written in the 2005 contract between the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Fire District.

Mrs. Corrigan asked several questions regarding the budget and how it is determined. Chief Corr stated that the chiefs and council determine their needs and submit to the fire commissioner. The rest of the budget is determined in the village by internal accounting. The contract between the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Fire District is not broken down. Reserve accounts are line items in the village budget not separate accounts.

C. Long Range Planning – The Southampton Fire District Board of Commissioners was created in October 2003 because the ISO report of 12 years ago indicated that a fire facility should be considered in the Water Mill area.

Mr. Greenwald asked about benefits for unification of the Southampton Fire District and the Southampton Fire Department. Mr. Price stated that the management of a unified district by an uncompensated board of commissioners could be done much cheaper. The burden put on the volunteer chiefs presently is above and beyond what their duties should encompass. The men of the department and the taxpayer would benefit from a unified district.

Mr. Martinez suggested that the Board set up a subcommittee, of board members or residents, for grant writing, both the State and Federal governments, for fire protection for the Shinnecock Indian Reservation.

D. Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Chairman Press stated that he has a meeting at the Town of Southampton with Councilman Dennis Suskind on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 to discuss the lack of fire hydrants in our district. They hope to come up with a number that can be assessed per lot to extend water mains in the district. Another topic will be the wells in the district. Commissioner Price is still waiting for a list of wells that have been abandoned so that he can put a bid out to have them capped. Chief Cooke is supposed to be working on the list.

Chairman Price questioned whether a bid was necessary for emergency repair such as the box around the Broidy Lane fire well. Repairs can be made without bids under \$10,000 according to our attorney. This repair may only need an electrician but Mr. Price will check it out.

We are still communicating with Cold Spring Point Association regarding the Suffolk County Water Authority rental for the hydrants in their subdivision. This is a private subdivision and the fire district cannot legally pay for the hydrant rentals on private roads. We have requested a copy of the contract from the Suffolk County Water Authority so this problem can be resolved.

E. Old Business – Commissioner Price reported that the logos are back to the drawing board and will be submitted for approval at a future meeting.

Chairman Press will call the liaison of the ISO so that the application can be completed for the Southampton Fire District.

Commissioner White reported that the second appraisal for Chiarani property and cemetery association property has been received.

F. New Business – Commissioner White reported on a conversation he had with Suffolk County Assistant Parks Director Bill Sickles regarding obtaining county money to purchase a four wheel drive vehicle to help with fire protection for campers in the county park areas of the district. Mr. Sickles suggested the request go to his boss, Assistant County Commissioner Ronald Foley but he did not feel that it would progress from there.

Commissioner White reported that the commissioners were invited by Trustee Britt to be a part of the ISO discussion when the reviewers come to town.

Chairman Press reported on a meeting set up for 2:00 PM Friday, April 15, 2005 with Councilwoman Linda Kabot in the Town of Southampton to discuss the progress of the Southampton Fire District to date. One of the issues on the agenda is to try to secure property in Water Mill. All commissioners are welcome to attend.

There being no further business to be brought before the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, a motion was made by Mr. Pierson and seconded by Mr. Price to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved as follows:

Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS2-47</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary