

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

APRIL 16, 2009

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 7:30 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 Kristin White

ABSENT: N/A

GUESTS: Southampton Village Fire Department Chief Roy Wines and 1st Assistant Chief Rodney Pierson.

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. White to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2009 with corrections. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-41</u>

Chief's Report: Chief's report was submitted by Chief Pierson. This is a quarterly report, attached to these minutes. A busy quarter so far, 2 major MVA on County Rd 39 with loss of life. Also 1 working structure fire on Seven Ponds Towd Road. The men worked hard, saved a majority of the house as well as personal contents.

Mr. Grisnik asked if incident report was available on website, Chief Pierson answered not at this time. Mr. Grisnik suggested they should think about it to let the public know how busy the department is.

The Council would like each of the Fire Department Companies to donate \$300 to the Stony Brook Hospital Burn Center. They are asking that the district match the cumulative department donation. The funding at the Stony Brook Hospital Burn Center has been cut with the current economy. This burn center is for firemen as well as public victims.

Mr. White opened discussion of a proposed water main extension on Seven Ponds Towd from several years ago. Home owners didn't sign on even though it was encouraged by the Water Mill Community Association. Chief Pierson said water was not a problem for the fire on Seven Ponds Towd, tankers came from surrounding districts, their was a 2400

feet lay from home to nearest hydrant. Wells were not used for they do not put out a lot of water and do put out lots of rocks and debris. The Chiefs are drafting a letter to the SCWA, they are having lots of problems with sand, rocks and debris in the hydrants. The SCWA or their contractors are not cleaning them well when they are put together. This problem is especially bad with dead end mains, these need to be opened up and cleaned out. The screens are clogging, and some debris does get into the pump packing causing damage to the equipment.

Mr. Price will suggest that the SCWA install stone traps in all hydrants. He will bring it up at the SCFDOA meeting.

Mr. Price also said the Department deserves a lot of credit for the call on Seven Ponds Towd, it was a difficult home to get to.

Mr. White brought up the idea of requesting the Town to support the department by asking homeowners to open up driveways, perhaps to 14 ft. We need better access to provide adequate fire protection.

The Board reviewed the 12 vouchers presented by the Treasurer.

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

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-42</u>

Receiving two reports, first the schedule of 2009 tax levy receipts, second the income and expense report. Our next payment for Fire Protection is due May 31, 2009. The majority of taxes will be received by the payment due date, the balance most likely by the second week in June.

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

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-43</u>

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

Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget – N/A

Fire Protection Contract – Mr. White meet with Steve Funsch from Hampton Bays, he was alerted to our concerns in reference to the numbers from Village Hall. They took their time going over the vendors and numbers. Last Thursday Mr. White and Mr.

Price sat down with Steve Funsch and Mr. Van Nostrand, together they went over the village financial reports line by line. There was agreement that there were some duplication of numbers. They decided on a round number of \$1.1 million to run the department. Without tearing everything apart they agreed on some numbers to be carried across. Mr. White and Mr. Price feel very comfortable recommending these numbers with a 60/40 split. Mr. Van Nostrand will work up a 3-4% increase for the next several years. The biggest change in monetary value appeared to be with in the area of dispatch, where as the department seemed to be charged for police dispatch as well.

Mr. Andrews clarified the \$1.1 million is the operating budget paid to the Village, but does not include our direct payment to the department, firemen, which will also be subject to the 60/40 split. The medical payments portion of this payment still need a final ruling as well as the reserve number.

Mr. White said the main concern was the operating budget, he feels that the \$875,000 is a tad bit high, considering there is a possibility of spending between 4-10 million dollars on new firehouse buildings within the next few years. Chief Wines has been asked to substantiate some numbers and come back with a final number all boards can agree to. It was told to the Village Board that the fire district was not interested in donating extra monies to their firehouse building fund.

A meeting was proposed for May 7th for both the Village Board and the Board of Fire Commissioners to discuss matters further and agree on what we can.

The District Board needs to appoint two members to a combined committee with the Chiefs and the appointed members of the Village Board.

These numbers in question from the Village expense report represent \$358,000 in duplications of services or products. If we increase insurance to \$100,000 across the threshold it will take care of this difference in value.

LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) was misstated as the payments to the Volunteer Ambulance were lumped together with the Fire Department. This number has been adjusted to reflect proper amounts.

Mr. White stated that it seems that fire service is the last thing the Village is concerned about with everything else it has going on. The numbers were hastily drawn and no one has checked them. After discussing with the District there was agreement on most points of concern. Mr. White asked the chief of police about false alarms. The bills are sent by the Village police and paid to the police but deposited in the general fund. Twice a month these deposits are made. Steve is trying to get a hold of what this number may be. They do not know how much comes from E911. It is not just dollar amounts it is equipment value also.

Steve Funsch also said that it looks as though part of the Southampton Village Justice Center is being written off as a fire service or department expense.

Mr. Steudte reported the superiority of the East Hampton Dispatch, Mr. White said the East Hampton has an EMT dispatchers on duty, to have this in Southampton would be a great additional cost.

Long Range Planning – N/A

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Hydrant issue discussed with Chief’s report, Secretary will draft letter to SCWA on behalf of Department. More reflectors need to be ordered, along County Rd 39 there are reflectors in need of replacement.

Old Business – Chiarani property – Final application was done on the 3rd of March, application submitted to Southampton Planning Board it came back the final completed done on March 26th, which triggers a 30 written comment period. The County Engineering Department and the County Planning Department had to be alerted, they were on the 26th of March, the Highway department also alerted. These agencies have 30 days to submit written comments to the Planning Board of Southampton. There will be a public hearing on April 24th which is 2 days prior to the 30 days running out. It appears we are getting very close.

Dunn Engineering- We are in receipt of a contract for professional traffic engineering services. This is an outline of fees and services for the assistance of Dunn Engineering in the North Sea Road Fire House site plan. Paul Rogers and Wayne Bruyn need the assistance of Dunn Engineering in dealing with the Town Planning Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Andrew and seconded by Mr. Steudte to hire Dunn Engineering to assist with the site plan for the Chiarani property on North Sea Rd. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW6-44</u>

A letter from the Planning Board in regards to renovation/expansion of Hawke Enterprises on Montauk Hwy in Water Mill has been reviewed, there appears to be adequate public water from Montauk Hwy and Deerfield Rd. They must install Knox Boxes and sprinklers throughout 3 building and in all stories.

New Business – A letter from the Planning Board was reviewed in reference to a proposed Water Mill Townhouses: 51 unit townhouse complex located on Montauk Hwy near the center of Water Mill on Nowedonah Ave, adjacent to Water Mill Commons. The entrance to be off of Nowedonah Ave, secondary access to Station Road. Needed would be hydrants, sprinklers throughout all units and buildings. It also does not appear to be adequate parking for the proposed number of units.

The secretary contacted Verizon and Optimum in reference to switching internet and telephone service. The report is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White to switch the District's phone and internet provider to Optimum. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye	
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye			<u>VW6-45</u>

Items to be approved: We have been asked to appoint two delegates to a joint committee with the Village Board delegates and the Chiefs.

A motion was made by Mr. Andrew and seconded by Mr. Grisnik to designate Mr. Price and Mr. White with Mr. Andrews as an alternate to a committee with the Village Board and the Chiefs. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye	
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye			<u>VW6-46</u>

Public Participation- N/A

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Steudte to adjourn tonight's meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. Grisnik	Aye	
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye			<u>VW6-47</u>

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin White, Secretary