

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

MAY 12, 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 Robert Grisnik, Rodney B. Pierson, David Price, W. Mark Press, Tom White, Secretary Bette-jeanne H. Schreier

ABSENT: Treasurer Michael Hadix

GUESTS: Mrs. G. Benedict, Roger Blaugh, Joe Corr (First Assistant Chief Southampton Fire Department), Pat Corrigan, Maurice Corrigan, Robert Cox, Mark Epley (candidate for Village of Southampton Mayor), Joan Fitzgerald, Kelly Gang, Nancy McGann (candidate for Village of Southampton Trustee), W. Proctor, Dan Raynor, Michael Wright (reporter from Southampton Press)

A motion was made by Mr. Pierson and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2005. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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Sec. Schreier reported that there is no review of vouchers this evening because our Treasurer, Michael Hadix, was called to a meeting at his office this afternoon. He would like to pay the regular bills if agreed by the Commissioners. The Treasurer's report via e-mail stated that the General Operating account had a balance of \$66,048, the General Reserve Fund account had a balance of \$24,773 and the Contractual Reserve Fund had a balance of \$400,000. Since the April meeting, the Southampton Fire District received \$29,745.83 in tax revenues but Mr. Hadix could not recall what the remaining balance owed to us was.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price that the regular bills for the Southampton Fire District which are paid on a monthly basis, e.g. LIPA, Hamptons Telephone, William F. Glass, Jr., Lexington Plaza, M. Hadix, and B. Schreier be approved for payment. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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Chief's Report: First Assistant Chief Joe Corr reported the following:

4/13/05 – 5/13/05
5 Fire Calls – (2 brush, 2 dumpster, 1 other)
3 Rescue (1 remove a victim, 1 a medical assist
4 Hazardous conditions
 3 gas leaks
 2 electrical wires down
 4 other
6 Service calls
2 Good intent
21 False alarms/malfunctions

Commissioner Press requested a breakdown of the reports from 1 January 2005 separating the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Fire District

Chief Brian Cooke's report of the monthly test of the deep wells in the fire district and his findings are attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to send a letter to the Village of Southampton Fire Commissioner Britt to institute the policy of a monthly report of fire calls answered by the Southampton Village Fire Department separating the calls so that we would have a breakdown of calls in the Village of Southampton and calls in the Southampton Fire District. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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Commissioner White requested an apparatus schedule.

Chief Corr reported that the ISO study has been started.

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

Committee Reports

- A. Fire District Budget – no report
- B. Fire Protection Contract – no report – meeting scheduled next week
Commissioner White recommended a minimum of 3 years.
- C. Long Range Planning – Chairman Press will contact the ISO representative.

D. Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains

1. Southampton Meadows – requests that the Southampton Fire District accept the hydrant system to start building on several lots. There are no roadways in this subdivision; the project manager, Steve O’Hara has promised verbally to keep the dirt roadways smooth for emergency vehicle access.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White to authorize the Secretary to write to the project manager, Steve O’Hara, requesting a copy of the certified flow up test of the hydrants as well as certification from the SCWA that the mains are in and that all hydrants are operational. Once this is received, the Commissioners will accept the hydrant system but request that the roadway be maintained throughout the construction phase so that they are accessible for emergency vehicles. The motion was carried as follows:

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

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2. Southampton Yacht Club – requested that we accept the driveway at 15' between the pillars at the entrance. There are rocks to the north of the driveway which appear to be in the right-of-way and must be removed so that emergency access to the property will not be impeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White to authorize the Secretary to write a letter to the Southampton Town Planning Board with a copy to Chief Fire Marshal Cheryl Kraft to revise our earlier recommendation allowing for the 15' wide pillars at the driveway entrance but making note that the large rocks to the north of this driveway be removed. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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3. Cold Spring Point Association – private subdivisions and roads

Our lawyer advised us that the NY State law does not allow the Southampton Fire District to use public funds to pay the rental on hydrants on private roads. We sent a FOIL request to C.J. Foy, Director of Customer Service of the Suffolk County Water Authority requesting a copy of the agreement between the SCWA and the Cold Spring Point Association, Inc. regarding water main installation to their private development and payment records of the installation. Mr. Miller of the SCWA spoke to Chairman Press today and stated that the SCWA understands the Southampton Fire District’s position. Mr. Press told Mr. Miller that once the FOIL request was received, our lawyer would review it and make a determination officially based on NY State law regarding future hydrant rental payments.

4. DiMenna horse farm – The Southampton Fire District received a request to authorize them to install a fire well on their property. At our meeting with

representatives for the owners last year, the Commissioners stated that we are not accepting fire wells and the property owners needed to extend public water to their property from the nearest intersection at Head of the Pond Road and Water Mill Towd Road to this property.

5. Alexandros Demetriades subdivision – The water main extension has been an issue with the Suffolk County Water Authority. The SCWA extended the main to the center of the property and we feel that it should be extended to the end of the property as noted in a letter to Lawrence Anderson of the SCWA. Mr. Miller asked that we send a letter to the Southampton Town Planning Board regarding our policy.

On a motion made by Mr. Pierson and seconded by Mr. Price, the Secretary is authorized to send a letter to the Southampton Town Planning Board regarding our policy to have water mains extended to the end of the property in subdivisions referencing the Alexandros Demetriades subdivision. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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Old Business

- 1. Chiarani property

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Pierson to send two of our members to discuss the property acquisition with Mr. Paul Chiarani. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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- 2. Logo – still working on it

- 3. Tom Martinez suggested during the April meeting that a subcommittee be made for grant writing.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White authorizing the Secretary to send a letter to Congressman Bishop to let us know when the next “grant writing workshop” will be held so we can send a representative to it. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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New Business

Joe Corr asked if we would have input for the changes that are being discussed for County Road 39.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price that the Secretary be authorized to write a letter to the Southampton Town Task Force for Transportation

requesting that findings of the committee be forwarded to the Board. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-56</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to recess to executive session to discuss contractual matters at 8:35 PM. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-57</u>

The discussion continued regarding further negotiations with Mr. Paul Chiarani for property. Price and terms of contract should be discussed so that our lawyer can review.

Payment of balance of our contract to the Village of Southampton prior to the contract date of June 30, 2005 was discussed.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:12 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Pierson, the Treasurer is authorized to pay the balance of the contract to the Village of Southampton once the voucher is signed by all commissioners. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-58</u>

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. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-59</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary