

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

MAY 13, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Board of 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, W. Mark Press, David Price, Tom White, Secretary Bette-jeanne H. Schreier

ABSENT: Commissioner Tom Martinez, Treasurer Mike Hadix

GUEST: Chief Jim Walsh

Chairman Press welcomed our guest, Southampton Fire Department Chief Jim Walsh.

Fire Chief's Report

217 Total Calls

2759 Man hours

Department Drill – Hildreth's warehouse

Members of the Antique Truck Committee will take part in a show in Ocean City, MD this weekend

There is a Chief's Conference in Syracuse in June.

There will be a meeting this month with the Southampton Town Fire Marshal's office regarding the US Open.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to write to the Suffolk County Department of Transportation requesting a 24" spread at the joint of the Jersey barrier opposite the fire hydrant located on the south side of County Rd 39. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-84</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2004 as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye
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Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-85</u>
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The Board reviewed the 6 vouchers presented by the Treasurer. An additional voucher for installation of a DSL line was approved. The list is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the vouchers including the installation of the DSL line. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-86</u>

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-87</u>

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received over the last month. A notice was received from FASNY regarding a conference to be held in Melville, NY from August 19-21, 2004. A letter was mailed to William F. Glass on April 14, 2004 regarding his April statement. A reply was sent to the Village of Southampton regarding negotiations on April 14 and further correspondence was received from Mr. Van Nostrand, Village Administrator, on May 11, 2004. Letters were sent to Linda Kabot and Dennis Suskind regarding the ownership of the shallow and electric deep wells in the Southampton Fire District. The following letters were sent to the Southampton Town Planning Board: subdivision of Henry Hildreth recommending a 12" water main extension, Gregory Davis with no additional recommendation, Scan Security with no additional recommendation, and Oliveria with no additional recommendation. Maps were sent to the Southampton Town Highway Department to try to establish what roads in the district are private. Several phone calls with Barbara in the department suggested that the board list specific roads we have in question so she can review them. The highway department has no listing of private roads to refer to. Mr. Glass's address and phone numbers were given to Attorney Wanda Brown at her request. A letter was sent to Trustee Ed Britt requested the presence of the Southampton Fire Department Chief's at this meeting. A phone call was received asking why. A FOIL letter was sent to the Village Administrator, James Van Nostrand. A thank you letter was sent to the Southampton Fire Department for the invitations to their annual banquet.

Committee Reports

A. Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Press to notify the Village Board that Commissioners Price and White would be in contact soon regarding the contract for 2005. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-88</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to send a follow up to Supervisor Patrick A. Heaney from the February 27, 2004 request for a “statement of expenditures” from the Village of Southampton regarding the fire protection contract with the Town of Southampton and the Village of Southampton in 2003. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-89</u>

- B. Long Range Planning – no report
- C. Wells and Hydrants

Commissioner Price reported on an estimate received from North Sea Plumbing for \$3600. The proposal was vague with no breakdowns of fees. Mr. Price will contact them to clarify as well as get additional estimates.

Chairman Press has met with Town of Southampton Councilwoman Linda Kabot and Town of Southampton Attorney Wanda Brown regarding assets transferred from the Southampton Fire Protection District, hydrant installations on private roads and excess funds in the fire hydrant account.

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Grisnik to authorize the Secretary to write a follow up letter to Attorney Wanda Brown regarding the three issues noted above. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-90</u>

- D. Government Liaison Committee – No report
- E. Liaison to Department – No report

Old Business

Mr. Price reported that the Town of Southampton Highway Department is making the signs for the Southampton Fire District.

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White to submit a voucher for \$100 to the Tuckahoe Common School District for the Student Council who has supplied water for all of our meetings. The motion was unanimously approved as follows:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-91</u>

A list of members of the Southampton Fire Department has been received. This will be reviewed to see if the school districts can offer real estate tax breaks.

New Business

A discussion regarding the direction the Board of Commissioners should be heading in during the next few months. Mr. White suggested that we find out if the members of the Southampton Fire Department do or don't want a unified district. We should also educate ourselves to educate the members and taxpayers of the district. Mr. Glass, our attorney, was instrumental in the process for several unified fire districts including Westhampton. It's time for the leadership of the fire department to move forward. Mr. Price suggested that we request a meeting with the Council to discuss this further. Mr. Grisnik will find out if a resolution has been passed at the Village Board to set up a committee to study the feasibility of a unified fire district.

On a motion made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik, the Secretary was authorized to send a letter to Mr. William F. Glass asking him about the pros and cons of a unified fire district. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-92</u>

Mr. Press reported that Bridgehampton Fire District and Hampton Bays Fire District have extended invitations to Commissioners to attend their meetings.

On a motion made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White, the Secretary was authorized to send a letter to Ed DiMonda for an updated list of members of the Southampton Town Fire District Association. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-93</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. Press	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS1-94</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary