

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

JUNE 9, 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, Treasurer Mike Hadix

GUESTS: Southampton Fire Department First Assistant Chief Joe Corr

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 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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The Board reviewed 15 vouchers from May and June presented by the Treasurer.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White 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
Mr. Press	Aye		

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Chief's Report

Chief Joe Corr gave an Incident Report for May (copy attached herein). This month's report was divided into calls in Southampton Village and calls in the Southampton Fire District. Chairman Press requested that the reports from January – April 2005 be revised to also indicate a breakdown between the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Fire District. Commissioner White requested a inventory of fire trucks indicating age and when the department planned to replace each vehicle.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price 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
Mr. Press			

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

Committee Reports

A.& B. Fire District Budget & Fire Protection Contract – Commissioner White met with Village Administrator James Van Nostrand who thanked the Board of Fire Commissioners for sending an early payment for our contract.

Mr. White distributed a Village of Southampton Budget Summary (2005/2006). The decrease in salary is because Kenneth Zeh’s salary is now listed under the Highway Department. The budget presented does not include any insurance policies or repairs and tests that will be done on the fire department equipment during the year. Mr. Van Nostrand stated he would attempt to come up with “real costs” for next year and meet with the negotiating team. Mr. White suggested that they meet during the first week in July to discuss “real” numbers after the upcoming Village election. We would like a 2-3 year minimum contract.

Our budget is due to the Town of Southampton in September.

C. Long Range Planning – Commissioners White and Price met with our attorney, William Glass, and the Paul Chiarani’s attorney, Kerry Lynn Powers, in Hampton Bays on June 2, 2005. They discussed a contract and “shook hands” with a number. Mr. Glass will be writing the contract. Permission was granted from Mr. Chiarani to use his map to get a description of the property we are interested in to be put into the contract language. The seller understands that the District has to go to referendum for funding. We hope to have a preliminary contract within 6 weeks for the board to review. Motion was tabled until further discussion in executive session.

D. Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Chairman Press gave a synopsis of the Southampton Meadows subdivision. The hydrants were flow tested and we were notified by the Suffolk County Water Authority that they are operational.

Chairman Press checked the list of fire wells from Chief Cooke. The Broidy Lane well has not been operating for some time. South Beach Road is in a hydranted area and he was informed that the Highland Road fire well is running. The Southampton Town Highway Department has been notified of the growth on Deerfield Road. The Deerfield Run fire well has not been running since 1994. There is a hydrant across the street from this fire well. We will try to address the Fire Department list one-by-one.

There is a proposal to extend the water main on Sandy Hollow Road north as far as the old Paul Russell house. The water main on Sandy Hollow Road will pass Broidy Lane.

If there are any fire wells we do not want to repair, William Glass suggested that we could send a letter to residents near the nonfunctioning fire wells and suggest that they hook up to the public water which will decrease their individual insurance premiums.

On a motion made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik, Commissioner Price is authorized to get an estimate from two well drillers and take the best estimate to do the emergency repair necessary at Broidy Lane. 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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Old Business

We have not received an answer from Suffolk County Water Authority for a FOIL request sent to that office in April regarding the contract to set up hydrants in the Cold Spring Point Association.

Chairman Press discussed Fordune, Hampton Club II and Cold Spring Point Association with a representative of the Suffolk County Water Authority. Hampton Club II is a private subdivision and the mistake was made by the SCWA and has been corrected. Fordune, another private subdivision, would handle the payments for hydrants themselves. The Cold Spring Point Association issue has not been resolved.

Chief Corr asked if the private community of Fordune is allowed to lock their gate. The department received a call regarding an open hydrant inside the gate and he was unable to get to it. This is a private road and allowable.

Logo – This was circulated and suggestions were made so one more proof will be submitted at the next meeting.

ISO – Chairman Press reported that the Village of Southampton ISO report will not be done until after September. There is a delay in getting access to Suffolk County Water Authority records. When that report has been completed, the Southampton Fire District can then proceed to speak with our representative to find out what the district's needs will be.

There was a discussion regarding vehicular purchases that are in the process now and the near future. The recommendation for purchase will come to the Southampton Fire District after the committee completes its findings. The membership does not have a copy of the contract which states that the ISO report must be completed before any future capital expenditures. Chief Corr requested copies of contracts between the Village of Southampton and the Southampton Fire District for past years.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to authorize the Secretary to write a letter to the Code Enforcement division of the Department of Public Safety of the Town of Southampton regarding the rocks north of the Southampton Yacht Club driveway. This is a safety issue and makes emergency vehicle access to the property difficult. In addition, what can be done for all other obstructions like metal fence posts and other items found in the town right-of-ways. A copy of this should be mailed to the Southampton Town Highway Department. 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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New Business

A request was received from the Southampton Town Fire District Association to host a meeting. Is it possible to do such a meeting in conjunction with the Southampton Fire Department and the Village of Southampton? Ed Di Monda requested it for July but we will not have enough time to put this together. Chairman Press will notify Mr. Di Monda that we could not handle the July meeting but perhaps we could do the September or November meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to go into executive session at 8:53 PM to discuss several contract items. 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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A discussion ensued regarding purchase of the Chiarani property. The Board of Fire Commissioners must justify to the community why we are buying the property and the price we have agreed to pay. Two appraisals were received. A comparison chart of these appraisals should be made up and distributed to the commissioners for review. The Board has never agreed on an amount to spend on this land by motion to date. The negotiating team has discussed the amount of 1.7. This property is the geographical center of the Southampton Fire District.

A marketing firm should be hired to handle the public relations. At this point we are only signing a contract of intent which will be dependent on funding (via a bond issue) and zoning change the seller has requested. The biggest questions won't be the fact of how much but rather why and what is the need for purchase of this land. The key thing is this is an opportunity on the table that should be taken advantage of at this time.

The contact with the Cemetery Association has only been verbal to date. They have suggested that we should get an appraisal which we did for 1.5 acres of the 3 acre parcel.

Mr. Price reported that the Village of Southampton has received a grant via the state for \$50,000 toward a new brush truck. Mr. Price has received a small grant through Assemblyman Fred Thiele but he suggested that we need to have a meeting with Senator LaValle, Assemblyman Fred Thiele and our board to see what we're up against and how they can help us. We would like to see annual funding for our protection of the Shinnecock Reservation. Mr. Grisnik suggested that an appointment should be made for a meeting.

Mr. White suggested that the commissioners need to put all their ideas down on paper of what and why we need this property and circulate copies to each other. Once there is a contract of intent signed by both parties then the Board of Commissioners should have a meeting with members of the fire department sometime in July or August.

Chairman White reported that three commissioners met with Mr. Paul Chiarani on May 19, 2005 and had a handshake agreement to purchase the land for 1.7 million which was a reduction from his asking price of 2.7 million.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:40 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to approve that Squires, Holden, Weisenbacher and Smith be contacted to survey the property of the 2.07 acres that we are interested in the middle to get a description of the meets and bounds so that our attorney can draw up a contract of intent with Mr. Paul Chiarani. 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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Our next step would be to go to the Town of Southampton regarding this property because it needs to be carved out of the middle of the entire piece. This would take approximately 3-6 months for processing.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Price to authorize the expense for Mr. R. J. Matusa to appraise the entire piece of the cemetery property of 2.98 acres. Presently the appraisal we have is only for the 1.49 acres. 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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Another letter should be sent to the Southampton Public Schools regarding possible purchase of the bus garage to follow up because no reply was ever received from the school district from our letter dated January 10, 2005.

A letter should be sent to the Southampton Cemetery Association regarding conversations that have been held regarding an interest in purchasing acreage from the association for use by the Southampton Fire District. Commissioner White spoke to Steve Ham on May 18, 2005 following their annual meeting. Please get acknowledgement from the association to have their permission to get an appraisal.

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. Pierson 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		

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Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary