

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

June 18, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Price 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, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White, Treasurer Mike Hadix and Secretary Kristin White

ABSENT: Commissioner Robert Grisnik

GUESTS: Southampton Village Fire Department Chief Roy Wines, 1st Assistant Rodney Pierson, 2nd Assistant Dennis Roy.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Andrews to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2009. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VW6-55</u>

Chief's Report: Chief's report was submitted by Chief Pierson. There has been 238 calls to date, calls have been light, automatic alarms continue to be down. The department experienced a loss of long time member Rick Fowler, the department was very involved in the services and it has been an emotional strain on the department. Mr. Andrews asked if there was a direct cause of decline in automatic alarms. Chief Pierson responded it seems to be a result of increased fines, less work done on homes, people shutting off systems, etc.

Mr. White added that there are a lot less building permits being issued. Chief Pierson said the department is in line with past year on all other calls, but that false alarms are the category that is down.

Mr. White stated that he was very proud of the Department and their support of the Fowler family. It showed the tremendous fraternal ties of the department and its membership. Condolences were expressed.

The Board reviewed the 14 plus 1 vouchers presented by the Treasurer.

The treasurer reported on tax revenue received to date, account balances, expenses, all attached to these minutes,

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

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Steudte	Aye			<u>VW6-56</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Steudte 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. Steudte	Aye			<u>VW6-57</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 – The 2 versions are being reviewed.

Long Range Planning – Mr. Andrews shared his views of the meeting of the joint long range planning committee composed of members of the Village Board, District and the Fire Department Chiefs. He said he did not feel it was that promising of a discussion. The Village Fire Commissioner will not support a main fire house outside of the village lines. The Mayor did not say that much but did lead to the idea that there is some doubt with in the Village of the ability of the Board of Fire Commissioners to raise the type of funds necessary for construction of a fire house. With the legislation currently in Albany, involving the possibility of dissolving small government districts/villages etc., it may affect all fire districts, we do not know how the possibility of dissolving the fire district would affect a long term bond. The Chief said he would like the committee to go forward and investigate three possibilities, a main house constructed on: North Sea Road, Wind Mill Lane with substantial renovations to parallel the project at the Elementary School with parking possible on the property across the street if the abandoned building was ever removed, the third being Willow Street on the Village property. Possibilities for swapping properties for each other were also brought up. These possibilities need to be pursued by the long range planning board.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – There was discussion of wells in Water Mill in the area of Deerfield, Willow and Montauk Hwy. There is a well located across from Water Mill Rental west of Corwith Auto Body on Willow Lane, Chief Pierson suggested it be abandoned as it is not a good source. Mr. Price suggested the well not be abandoned for civil defense purposes. As it is a shallow well the District is not paying for electricity so it is virtually of no cost to keep it open. Chief Peirson has pumped the well in question. There is a new well on the corner of Deerfield Rd at the Mill Pond.

Old Business – The RFP was submitted to William Glass and reviewed by the Commissioners.

New Business – Mr. Andrews wanted to touch on what Mr. White had said earlier of the support shown by the department to the Fowler family. As a new comer to the department Mr. Andrews was very moved by seeing the entire community mourning his passing. He suggested that the board set up a procedure to be followed in times of condolence so that the time between meetings does not effect the response time by the board. Mr. Andrews suggested the board pass a resolution expressing our condolences of Rick Fowlers passing and gratitude for his many years of service to the department and community. He suggested the possibility of making a donation in the name of the deceased. The treasurer will look into the legality of the Board making such donations. Mr. Price and Mr. White were in agreement with Mr. Andrews views on the matter. The Commissioners asked for the Chiefs advice as to where a donation would be most useful for the department. A scholarship, although a lovely idea, would be added to a fund that is already well funded. Chief Roy pointed out that Rick was extremely supportive and involved with the benevolent fund.

Mr. Stuedte pointed out that no matter what the board decides a precedent will be set.

An application was sent by the Planning Board for review by the Board of Commissioner for a multi-unit housing complex on North Magee St. The Board reviewed the application and suggested the installation of a fire hydrant on site.

In regard to the application for the re-opening of a fuel station on County Rd 39 it was suggested a Knox Box be installed on site, as it is being re-opened as prior use all other fire defense are already complete.

In reference to LaBrava Farm located on Edge of Woods Rd. the Board suggested a water main be extended to property and a hydrant installed at the South Driveway. It is also requested that sprinklers be installed through out the buildings.

The legislation currently in Albany for dissolving/combining districts was discussed. We can make assumptions on how this could effect up, but there is no clear understanding. We must seek legal advice on this matter. Mr. Price suggested we bring in Fred Thiele for his explanation, there is some concern we would only get the “politician” view from him.

The Chiarani property is a week away from closing. The Town of Southampton wants the curve in the driveway changed. The Town Planning board tried to impose a park fee, our representations fought it and the compromise was that if the property was ever sold the park fee would apply.

Public Participation- N/A

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

Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Steudte	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VW6-58</u>

Commissioner Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin White, Secretary