

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

July 10, 2008

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.

The Chief's report was handed to the secretary by Chief Pierson and distributed among the Commissioners prior to the meeting beginning.

PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Grisnik, Fred Andrews, David Price, Harald Stuedte, Tom White, Treasurer Mike Hadix, resigning Secretary Nicole Hadix and new Secretary Kristin White

GUESTS: Southampton Fire Department, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Roy Wines IV and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Rodney C. Pierson, Teri Westerhoff.

Mr. Grisnik approved the minutes for motion. A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Stuedte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2008. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Stuedte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-58</u>

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Stuedte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-59</u>

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Stuedte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-60</u>

First report is all tax receipts collected to date. Second report is financial report through June, expenses as per voucher list. The treasurer made a point that the majority of the district general fund has been earmarked for the property purchase with the remainder

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allocated for reserve funds. Mr. Andrews asked about the net, is this allocated into one of the account balance; treasurer answered this is not included in these accounts; it is allocated into the reserve funds. Those values are allocated into reserve fund and apparatus and are moved at year end, the formula was determined at the creation of the budget.

Chief's Report – Chief Pierson did not vocalize a report but left copies with the Board.

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

Committee Reports-

Mr. Andrews had questions on the incident report, that will be visited at a later time in the meeting.

Fire District Budget – Mr. White asked for the hearing date. Response, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of October with the budget available 5 business days prior to meeting. Budget must be submitted to Town on or before 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Mr. Grisnik asked if the preliminary budget figures would be ready for next month. Treasurer answers, yes.

Fire Protection Contract – No Report

Long Range Planning – No Report.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains –

Commissioner Price spoke of speaking with the SCWA to see if it would be possible to change the hydrant fittings to stortz fittings on all hydrants in the district or if we were happy with the current fittings. It was discussed that we should look into the possibility of changing these fittings. We should also check with the Fire Marshall on Sprinkler systems. Mr. Price went over with the commissioners his suggested locations for hydrants on Seven Ponds Towd Water Mill. Chief Wines asked about the proposed water main stopping half way down the rd. Mr. Price mentioned that was entering swamp area and it would be an environmental issue. Statement proposed for our files in reference to the pumping of shallow wells, there are 2 on west neck, and one in the village on Herrick road for civil defense purposes.

The introduction of a resolution by the Town Board, it was reviewed by the commissioners. A planned development has been approved on Sandy Hollow Rd.

Old Business – Is there any more information from the Fire Marshall in reference to fees collected for false Auto Alarms. There was a gentleman introduced to the commissioners who was looking into info, Mr. White will contact him.

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The question was posed as to the status of the Chinari property in reference to the health department. Mr. White spoke to him about the contractor removal of sludge. It was tested re the house and the Canada dry building, the paper work is being submitted this week and Mr. White will be keep apprised of the progression.

Contents insurance has been quoted by the insurance company, if the board approves the treasurer will go ahead with that coverage

A motion was made by Mr. Stuedte to obtain content coverage, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-61</u>

New Business –Mr. Andrews asked if the onset of the summer season has a great effect on the Automatic alarms. Chief Pierson stated that it does have an additional burden on the Chiefs, etc, but is manageable with all helping.

Chief Wines asked if a Chief report would be submitted, there was a brief exchange between Chief Wines and Chairman Grisnik in reference to the Chiefs report. It was concluded that Chief Wines felt they would no longer make the effort to attend meeting if their report would never be made, Chairmen Grisnik stated his feelings on what needed to be done for the Chief report to be reinstated. Mr. Andrews addressed Chief Wines suggestion that the Chiefs were lied to, and stated that he would take exception to the word lies, he hoped there would be forward progress made in the relationship between the board and the fire department. He also questioned whether or not is was proper to hold the entire board responsible for a statement made by one of it's member off premised and outside the scope of business. Mr. Wines wanted to make a public statement in reference to his lack of support of the board as long as the fire chief was not recognized. Mr. Stuedte publicly stated his feeling towards the apology he felt the board was due by the chief.

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. Price at 8:07 PM to recess to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The motion was passed by the following vote.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-62</u>

The executive session was adjourned at 10:03 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to their regular meeting.

Open session was reconvened as of 10:02 p.m.

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A motion was made by Mr. Andrew and seconded by Mr. Price to a global unconditional discontinuation of all litigation involving the District Board the Village of Southampton its Mayor and Board of Trustees and Braun. The motion was passed by the following vote.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Nay	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Nay
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-63</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Price to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-64</u>

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin White, Secretary