

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

JULY 12, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire 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, copy of which is attached hereto. The meeting opened at 7:32 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Robert Grisnik, W. Mark Press, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White, Treasurer Michael Hadix and Secretary Nicole Hadix

**GUESTS:** Southampton Fire Department Chief Joe Corr, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Roy L. Wines IV and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Rodney C. Pierson. Also in attendance were Dan Raynor, Teri Westerhoff and Eric Halsey, the Southampton Fire Department Juniors Madeline Price, Thomas Price and Sam Price, and Dana Shaw a photographer for the Southampton Press.

Commissioner Grisnik opened the meeting by acknowledging and thanking the Fire Department Juniors for installing 240 fire hydrant markers throughout the Southampton Fire District. He stated the Fire District has purchased hats and badges for the juniors as a thank you for their hard work. A Photograph was taken of the Commissioners with three representatives from the Fire Department Juniors.

Public Participation – Mr. Raynor asked if there was any new information regarding meetings with the Fire Chiefs. Commissioner Grisnik stated they did not meet with the chiefs this month. He is waiting on additional information to bring to the chiefs and he does not have it at this time. Commissioner White stated he spoke to Chief Corr regarding setting up a regular monthly meeting between the Fire District Board and the Fire Department Chiefs, possibly on the fourth Thursday of each month. Commissioner White suggested including the Southampton Fire District's attorney to this meeting to answer any questions which may arise. The Southampton Fire District's attorney would be available on July 26 for the first meeting. Mr. Raynor asked if any conversation with the village board took place. Commissioner Grisnik stated nothing has been discussed only now that the village board election is over they will move forward.

Chief's Report – No NFPA report at this time. Chief Pierson reported 437 calls since January 1, 2007. 41 fires, 221 false alarms and the rest are miscellaneous. This has been a quiet month for fires but numerous accidents, including 2 fatal. The new ladder truck is in service as of yesterday. The old truck will be coming out of service. The village will decide the fate of the old truck. The Chief said they hired a new department manager to

help the Chiefs. Denis Chopy is an ex-chief from East Quogue; he will start on August 1, 2007. Commissioner Grisnik asked if this was a full time employee and who would pay the salary. The Chief stated the salary was already in the village budget. Commissioner Grisnik asked about the NFPA report and if the breakdown between village and district was available yet. Chief Pierson stated it was almost ready, they have the breakdown for the month ready but are still working on the year to date information.

Commissioner White reiterated his discussion with Chief Corr to set a meeting once a month preferable the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Chief Pierson stated he agreed a regular meeting would be beneficial. Chief Wines said the Chiefs are not available the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month, but they are in agreement the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month the Fire District Board, the Fire Chiefs and the Village will meet to discuss unification.

Commissioner Grisnik suggested Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> for this month as an alternative. Chief Pierson agreed to tentatively set the first meeting for Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2007 with one correction. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye			<u>VH4-69</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the eleven plus one vouchers presented by Treasurer Hadix for payment. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye			<u>VH4-70</u>

Commissioner Grisnik read aloud the voucher presented by Mr. Glass. Noting the total bill is split amongst 24 fire districts which he represents.

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Price	Aye			<u>VH4-71</u>

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

Commissioner White supplied a brochure from the North Sea Fire Dept with which he was impressed. He said he spoke to Rich Taylor of American Fire Fighter USA, and received a number of sample brochures from Fire Departments in the area. Commissioner White stated Mr. Taylor would be very interested in helping the Fire District get out their

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message to both the Fire Department as well as all constituents. Mr. White suggested the board interview Mr. Taylor and see what he could do for the District.

#### Committee Reports

Fire District Budget – No Report.

Fire Protection Contract – Within the first year of a 3 year contract.

Long Range Planning – Information received from Mr. Bruyn, an attorney for the Southampton Fire District, states the Planning Board scheduled a meeting at town hall for the Chiarani subdivision on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Hadix will check the meeting time.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Commissioner Press spoke about the community service project. The plan is to keep all hydrants clear of brush. The hydrants in Water Mill have been painted; next they will start in Shinnecock Hills.

Commissioner Press spoke of Water Mill public water project. The SCWA is planning to install mains on Rose Hill Road. The Southampton Fire District sent a strong letter to the Planning Board regarding the David's Lane and Halsey Lane area. The Board is requesting the mains on David's Lane and Halsey Lane and now Rose Hill Road be connected. Commissioner Press also spoke of the Hills Station Road site plan. A letter was drafted to the Planning Board regarding the lack of public water. Regarding the Hampton Little Neck project, Commissioner Press said the Board requested a 12 inch main be installed instead of an 8 inch main. Also the Board has requested the new road within this development be accessible for fire trucks.

Commissioner Press stated the North Sea Road, Majors Path project is ongoing. The SCWA has extended the main off North Main Street onto Dweil Drive. Mr. Steve Phillips and neighbors are working on gathering signatures. Commissioner Press said the plan for public water in this area is to extend the water main from Dovas Path north on Majors Path to the intersection, then east to Simms Street, also North Sea Road to Majors Path. The SCWA has given the Board a grace period until early September to collect the signatures and keep the original quoted price. Chief Wines asked about a road off North Sea Road, there are a few houses deep in the woods. Commissioner Steude asked if that was a deeded right of way. Chief Wines said the road is a deeded right of way with a covenant that this road be the only road into the area. Commissioner White said that doesn't mean it is deeded to the town and the SCWA won't install a main on private property. Commissioner Press said the homeowners could sign papers to get public water. He said 30 homeowners are needed to sign up for public water, then the water authority would bring the main up to the end of the road and the homeowners could work out an agreement with the water authority for this private road. Commissioner Steudte said the fee per home on Tuckahoe Road for public water is \$6000 while the fee on Majors Path will be \$950; this is because there are more homes on Majors Path. Commissioner Press stated for clarity all the wells on his list have been taken out of service, the meters were pulled and the wires cut. He said there are four more electric deep wells to be taken out of service. The board was supplied with 2 quotes for removal of the deep wells.

Chief Wines expressed concern with fire protection on the grounds of Southampton College. Commissioner Press said they do not have public water; they have their own water system. Chief Wines said they recently found an old buried hydrant and they have a booster system which doesn't work. He also stated it is 1500 feet from the north entrance to the closest dorm. Commissioner Press said he would talk to Fire Marshal Cheryl Kraft and find out who is in charge and the Fire District Secretary will draft a letter. Commissioner Steudte asked the courts to stop sending community service workers for a while. He has been having trouble with some workers not showing up.

Old Business – As of June 1, 2007 the board adopted the standard Code of Ethics and will review the abridged version from Mr. Glass this month. The secretary will remove the words "Southampton Fire Department" from the document. Commissioner Press explained the Code of Ethics to the public and told the Fire Chiefs we would supply them with a copy. Commissioner Price read aloud a few sections of the Code.

New Business – The treasurer spoke about the procurement policy and a conversation he had with Mr. Hulse. He suggested all Commissioners review the policy and he supplied them with a copy. Commissioner Grisnik read aloud some of the policy. A copy is included herein.

Mr. Grisnik stated there were two quotes for removal of the four electric deep wells. One from William Clair for \$1600 per well, the other from Gregor Well Drilling for \$2300 per well.

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. White to hire William Clair Inc. of 914B Noyac Road, Southampton to remove four (4) electric deep wells as per New York State DEC requirements and specifications for abandoning wells. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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Commissioner Press stated William Clair is aware of all NYS requirements and will provide the District with all proper paperwork. Commissioner Price requested Mr. Clair contact one of the Commissioners when the work is done so it can be inspected. The secretary will send an award letter to William Clair Inc. and will ask for that notification.

Commissioner Steudte would like to send a letter to the FCC requesting various radio frequencies. Commissioner Press said he contacted East Long Island Electronics but doesn't have any more information at this time. Commissioner Steudte said he spoke to the head of public works at Stony Brook Southampton. He would like to follow up with who ever is in charge and find out if their tower at the college is available to the Southampton Fire District. He also spoke about the tower at the railroad. Commissioner Price stated there was space available at the college when it was owned by LIU. Commissioner Press said he would ask the Fire Marshal. Chief Corr interjected that there are problems with radio frequencies within some buildings at the college. This would need to be addressed; he suggested a test of all buildings on the property.

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Public Participation – Chief Corr asked if the Fire District Board will be at the public hearing for sprinkler systems on August 14. The District was not aware of the meeting; the Chief will make a copy of the notice after the meeting. Commissioner Price suggested drafting a letter regarding the board’s position on the matter.

Commissioner White reiterated again his suggestion to schedule a regular meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. Price at 8:37 PM to recess to executive session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye		

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The executive session was adjourned at 8:58 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Hadix  
Secretary