

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

JULY 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting and public hearing of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District was called to order by Chairman Press in an upstairs classroom 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 7:34 PM with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Grisnik, W. Mark Press, Harald Steudte, Thomas B. White Treasurer Mike Hadix, and Secretary Bette-jeanne H. Schreier

Absent: Commissioner David Price

GUESTS: Chief Brian Cooke, Southampton Fire Department, Sam Dimon, Abdullah Aamir, Evelyn Boxer, Morgan MacWhinnie, Peter Kirwin

The Public Hearing regarding the vote to be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 for a bond issue for the purpose of land acquisition located at 449 North Sea Road was the first item on the agenda. Chairman Press explained the need and history leading of the possible land acquisition. There will be no increase in property taxes for the homeowners in Southampton Fire District if the land is acquired. There were several people present who spoke about various concerns. Examples of concerns that were answered was the exact location of the property, how it is possible for the land acquisition to be completed without increasing the taxes for the upcoming year, and what the plans are for the land.

Mr. Dimon asked why the taxes were increased last year. Mr. Grisnik explained that the calculation for the taxes was based on the wrong figure provided to us by the Comptroller's office of the Town of Southampton. Our figures were based on appraised value of the district rather than taxable appraised value.

Chief Brian Cooke presented an incident report from June 8 – July 13, 2006. A copy is attached to these minutes. Chief Cooke shared his concern regarding the way the Town of Transportation notified the Southampton Fire Department about changing the morning pattern of traffic on County Road 39. The department received a fax on Friday before the change was put into place. Chief Cooke felt that the department should have been apprised earlier and given a chance to discuss the implementation of the change in the traffic pattern. Commissioner Price agreed and said he has since talked to Mr. Neely, the

Executive Director of the Town of Southampton Transportation Commission regarding this.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2006 as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS3-78</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Steudte to approve the 17 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	<u>VS3-79</u>

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik 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	<u>VS3-80</u>

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

Committee Reports

Fire District Budget & Fire District Contract – Discussion was deferred until August and the board has had a chance to meet with members of the Village Board. The secretary was authorized to write to Mayor Epley requesting a meeting of both boards on Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

Long Range Planning – Bond vote for land acquisition on July 18, 2006

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – The following requests from the Southampton Town Planning Board were discussed.

Oliveira – Final subdivision – no additional requirements

691 Flying Point Road – concerns regarding driveway access for emergency vehicles for both houses – plans were unclear

PC Richard – recommend fire sprinkler throughout buildings, Knox box and questioned drainage at intersection

Henry Hildreth – recommend minimum of 800' water main extension

Old Business

Participation in the Community Service Program of the Town of Southampton was discussed. Authorize the secretary to write to Judge Kooperstein requesting this.

Commissioner White reported that the Junior Fire Department members have already begun placing posts around the hydrants.

New Business

On a motion made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. Steudte, Commissioner Press is authorized to request proposals for removal of three (3) electric deep wells. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS3-81</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. Steudte to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	<u>VS3-82</u>

Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier
Secretary