

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

AUGUST 11, 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, Michael Conte, CEO Syntax Communications

Chief's Report

Chief Joe Corr gave an Incident Report for period from July 14 – August 11, 2005 which is attached herein. He also gave a report of fire well inspection in the district noting that brush needs to be cut at Deer Run, Deerfield Road 500' south of Deerfield nursery and Deerfield Road ½ mile north of Head of Pond on west side. The Highland Road well pumps poorly and the well at the corner of Head of Pond and Deerfield Road cannot be opened. A copy of this report is attached herein. Mr. Corr thanked the Press family for donating the houses for training purposes by the local fire departments.

Chairman Press stated that letters were written to the State, County and Town regarding taking care of right-of-ways keeping fire wells clear of brush. The only entity which responded positively was the State. The Town stated they do not have the manpower to take care of this and the County never responded. Also, please note that a water main is being extended down Head of Pond Road to the DiMenna horse farm approximately 3000' from the present terminus at Water Mill Towd Road/Head of Pond Road intersection. The SCWA is planning to put a water main on Sandy Hollow Road which will take care of the Broidy Lane deep well.

Chief Corr asked for the date of the Southampton Town Fire District Officers' Association. It is Friday, November 4, 2005. The Chiefs will be happy to assist you in co-hosting the meeting. The fire department just needs information on what is needed of them.

Commissioner Tom White thanked Chief Corr for the fire truck replacement list, a copy of resolution of the adoption of the replacement plan.

Chief Corr reported on H. Raynor's condition following a fall in the parking lot of Windmill Lane responding to a false alarm. He is in the hospital having tests but has not been admitted as of this evening. Mr. Raynor is in stable condition.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2005. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-75</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the 7 vouchers as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-76</u>

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. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye	
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye	
Mr. Press	Aye			<u>VS2-77</u>

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 reported on a meeting held at Village of Southampton on 1 August 2005 with Mayor Mark Epley, Village Administrator James Van Nostrand, Trustee Paul Robinson (head of Fire Committee), Commissioner David Price and Commissioner White. Copies of handouts and minutes of that meeting are attached herein.

The committee reviewed the fire department budget of the Village of Southampton and discussed increases eg LOSAP, Workmen's Compensation and insurance costs. We discussed a 2-3 year contract based on operational expenses. The big picture to strive for is a combined district. Commissioner Price noted that the 2% insurance money from the state has increased approximately \$10,000 this past year. This money as well as a payment from the Southampton Fire District goes directly to the fraternal fund of the Southampton Fire Department. In light of this, the payment for 2006

from the Southampton Fire District to the Southampton Fire Department will be \$160,000 which is the same as last year. This payment in accordance with §209-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

The meeting has opened up communication between the Village officials and our negotiating team. Commissioner White has since spoken with the Mayor several times and another meeting has been set up. Mayor Epley feels that we should involve the Fire Department membership and educate them regarding facts and figures discussed at the previously mentioned meeting.

In 20 years, the percentage of second home owners in the village has increased from 20% to 60%.

70% of the volunteers of the fire department live outside of the village

The average age of fire fighter is 70½ years old.

The district pays 66% of the fraternal money.

In the last seven years, 75% of all the equipment has been paid by the district.

We are contractually paying 50% of the LOSAP that only the village residents can vote on to give to the membership.

The district is buying a piece of property and looking to the future.

C. Long Range Planning

Educate the fire department with chalk board talks. Commissioner White pointed out that he took a map of our district and drew an X – the first line was from the middle of the Shinnecock Reservation to Michael Graham’s nursery on Deerfield and the second line was from Flying Point to Cold Spring Road. They cross over on the property we have discussed purchasing on North Sea Road. He also drew two circles – a 1 mile circle and a 2 mile circle with the property at the center. The 2 mile circle gets us down to Gin Lane. These are the kinds of things that should be presented at a fire department membership meeting.

Michael Conte, the CEO of Syntax Communications discussed marketing strategies that could be used by the Southampton Fire District to educate the membership of the fire department and the constituents of the district. This is in regard to a bond issue for land acquisition for the fire district’s future. Strategy includes polling, voter mechanics, publications, and getting the message you want out to the media in a positive way.

Mr. Conte will make a proposal and present it to the Board at a work session on August 30, 2005.

D. Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains

Areas around hydrants and wells are overgrown. Another letter should be sent to the county regarding this. A suggestion was to advertise for some to clear around the hydrants and fire wells e.g. brush or snow in winter. This will be discussed further at the work session.

Old Business

More district signs are needed.

Our lawyer, William Glass, has not heard back about the contracts for the property. Mr. Chiarani's lawyer, Kerry Powers, will walk the property this month regarding the 10' easement.

Commissioner Pierson discussed any effects/liability of the accident of H. "Eggie" Raynor. We are contractually bound for services only; therefore, no liability on commissioners part.

New Business

An executive work session will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 to review the 2006 budget, pick date for departmental meeting and discuss any other financial issues.

There being no further business to be brought before the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, a motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grisnik 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 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier