

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

August 14, 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.

PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Grisnik, Fred Andrews, David Price, Harald Steudte, Tom White, Treasurer Mike Hadix, and Secretary Kristin White

GUESTS: Southampton Fire Department, Chief Joe Corr, 1st Assistant Chief Roy Wines IV and 2nd Assistant Chief Rodney C. Pierson, Teri Westerhoff, Samuel Dimon, Bill Chaleff, Paul Rogers.

Public Participation: N/A

Chief's Report: Chairmen Grisnik addressed the absence and now inclusion of the Chief's report. Chief Rodney Pierson submitted the Incident Report, not completed up to date as in the over flux of recent calls. With the many storms and electrical storm surges there have been numerous calls through out the district. These call are approximately even to where they were last year. The "Incident Type Report" dated 07/09/08 through 08/13/08 and 1/1/08 through 08/13/08 indicates incident types (e.g. fire, rescues & emergency medial service, hazardous) as well as calls by location (village vs. outlying districts). Copies are attached to these minutes.

There have been many beach calls which have been easily accessible by the high water rescue truck, also many calls in the low spot on Deerfield where flooding has occurred. Mr. Andrews acknowledged the dedication of the chiefs and that he was excited to have them back on the agenda.

There was a death of a department member, John Bennett, the department was able to have a proper service for him with the participation of many dept.

Donation to Roscoe Fire dept by an old truck. The numerous local papers have thanked the Southampton Fire Dept for their donation.

Info from the Village of Quogue was shared with the board, the village has begun to request house numbers in dunes for emergency location assistance. It was discussed with the board. The board will request on behalf of the department that the village and town adopt a resolution mandating home number identification on the dune (water) side of homes for emergency assistance.

Fire Prevention time for the local schools.

Mr. White discussed with the board and Chiefs the poor access to Lake Nowedonah on the corner of Deerfield. The access is very poor, last year a drowning occurred. Rescue vehicle had to access pond through private land. Also it is difficult for dept to access pond when additional water is needed for fire extinguishing reasons.

Chief Corr and the board had discussion as to the young man from Sag Harbor who was killed in Iraq and the appreciation by the boy's father for the Fire Department participation.

Mr. Grisnik approved the minutes for motion. A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2008. With correction of wells to hydrants. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-65</u>

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-66</u>

Revenues received to date reviewed, expenses updated with this months vouchers. Balances in accounts reviewed.

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

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-67</u>

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

Mr. Steudte asked Chief Pierson if they had district hydrant maps in their possession. The have maps that are outdated and can provide copies to us.

On the subject of hydrants the first hydrant north of Zuluski farm on Deerfield needs to be trimmed to remove thorn bushes and the electrical service repaired. As this is an “emergency” repair it is not necessary to put out to bid. North Sea Plumbing will be contacted to restore service to hydrant.

Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget – Deadline is as follows; adopted by September 30, and must be posted on website. October 1 is the earliest day to post notice of budget hearing and provide notice to Town Clerk. October 6 is the last day to post notice of budget hearing and provide notice to town clerk. October 16th is the last day to publish notice of budget hearing with official newspaper, web site and copy to town clerk. October 21 is the date for the mandatory budget hearing. The 4th of November is the last day to make any changes and it must be submitted on November 7th. Format based on estimates from last year. Look over community relations, hydrants and wells; and office supplies. Mr. Steudte asked for accessed value in comparison to last year. Those figures were shared. It was proposed that the commissioners take time to look over and discuss next month.

Fire Protection Contract – Brought to the boards attention that we have 1 year and 3 months left on our contract with the village

Long Range Planning – No Report.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Jordan Drive needs to be taken under district billing. Mr. Steudte will call Herman Miller in reference to extending wells under County Road 30. Green Field, Hill Station ideal places for a cross.

Old Business – MR. White discussed update on Chinari property. The pools at the homestead and Canada Dry building have been pumped. They have been inspected by SCWA, preliminary reading good, waiting on lab tests. 1200 gal septic tank and two new pools need to be installed to bring up to code. We will then move forward to town board for subdivision approval.

Last month the board decided to a global discontinuation of all litigation with the Village Board and Braun. Signed stipulations have been received and will be filed with the court. We hope that this will be an opportunity to move forward with RPF.

New Business – Chaleff and Rogers introduced, they have been invited to discuss preliminary development of the Chinari property. Rough estimates to be discussed for new construction, and renovations. There must be a high degree of cooperation between the Board and the Department.

Chairman Grisnik expressed condolences to Mr. Chaleff for the loss of his wife.

Discussion was brought up in reference to the last year of our contract. Mr. Steudte suggested that we actively pursue additional years on our contract with the Village. Realistically more time is needed, Mr. Grisnik agreed. We need to determine what fee will be charged by the Village in the future in discussion of the budget.

Chief Pierson stated that he appreciated the opinion of the Board to pursue additional years on the fire protection contract.

Mr. Grisnik asked the treasurer to give some explanation of his estimation for the 2009 budget. The treasurer went through line by line with discussion following each item.

Fire District Utilities should be increased to \$60,000 to accommodate additional wells and hydrants. Operating expense to be increased to \$20,000. Professional fees to be \$50,000, no longer involved in a lawsuit, but involved in property purchase and with consultant. We will leave hydrant maintenance open for further discussion. Operating expenses otherwise will remain relatively the same.

Mr. Andrews asked about the reserve funds. The treasurer explained that the reserve is a budgeted amount that is decided on ahead of time. The building reserve account is at 1.7 million, it is the amount that the property will cost the district. Reserves help the taxpayers in the long run.

It is important to keep discussion open with the Department as to what purchases they will need in the future. That will inevitable affect our budget.

Chief Wines brought up discussion of replacing a Chiefs Vehicle; he had been meeting with the Village Board earlier in the evening. Chief Wines shared the new bid process and these specs with the board. A new computer program will be installed that will voice activate the emergency functions.

A projection for replacement programs will be available to the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Steudte at 9:20 PM to recess as Executive Session was not necessary. The motion was passed by the following vote.

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Andrews	Aye	Mr. Steudte	Aye
Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	Aye		<u>VW5-68</u>

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin White, Secretary