

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

September 9, 2010

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, David Price, Harald Steudte, Micheal Hadix, Tom White, Treasurer MaryAnn Milton and Secretary Kristin White

ABSENT: N/A

GUESTS: 1st Assistant Chief Rodney Peirson, 2nd Assistant Chief Dennis Roy, Ex-Chief Joe Corr, Bruce Anderson

A motion was made by Mr. Hadix and seconded by Mr. Steudte to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2010 with changes. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye |
| Mr. Hadix | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | <u>VW7-57</u> |

Chief's Report: Submitted by 2nd Assistant Chief Roy, a copy is attached herein. As of the past month ending on August 12, 2010 there have been 31 calls in the Village, 20 in the District, none on the Reservation and 0 mutual aid. The Department manned a standby for Hurricane Earl from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 3rd. There was 1 call in the Village and 1 in the District, nothing storm related, electrical related.

The Board reviewed the 9 vouchers presented by the Treasurer. A report of vouchers is attached herein.

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

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye |
| Mr. Hadix | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | <u>VW7-58</u> |

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed, a copy is attached herein. It was noted by Mr. Hadix that the real estate tax revenue reported as of July 2010 is off; the correct value is \$1,565,631.43.

A motion was made by Mr. Hadix and seconded by Mr. Steudte to approve the Treasurer's Report noting the real estate revenue is not correct and will be corrected. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye | |
| Mr. Hadix | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | | <u>VW7-59</u> |

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

Mr. Grisnik reviewed the response by Dr. Charles Jennings of Manitou Inc. to the FOIL request dated August 26, 2010 and reviewed the Progress Report #5 dated September 7, 2010.

Mr. Grisnik also reviewed the apparatus replacement list submitted by the Department.

Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget – A calendar was provided to the Board at the August 12 meeting as to the dates associated with the budget approval and submission. A draft was also provided at the August meeting. Mr. Hadix reviewed the draft budget submitted for approval by the Board. Total Appropriations for the 2011 year to be \$1,616,000.00. A copy is attached herein. Mr. Grisnik asked if the proposed budget takes into consideration the apparatus expenditure list submitted by the department. Mr. Hadix responded that this number were submitted after the draft was drawn, the District does have a Capital Reserve account for Apparatus and Equipment, but apparatus purchases by the Village Fire Department does not effect the District Budget.

Mr. Steudte discussed the topic of extending water mains especially under County Rd 39. Is it possible to allocate funds earmarked as a capital reserve account for the extension in the two locations of County Rd 39, Hill Station and Greenfield? If the District extended those mains south from County Rd 39 it is possible that the funds could be recovered by homeowners extending main. Even if the funds were not recovered it is a public service for public safety. Mr. White asked if we had any rough numbers for this extension. Mr. Price said he had a discussion but no concrete numbers. He also feels it is necessary to garner support from Town Hall and this is not a District responsibility. It would be a benefit to have these extensions but may not be in the realm of District responsibility.

Mr. Steudte asked if other districts have extended water mains at their expense. Is there any thing that says the District can or cannot provide for extensions? Mr. Hadix brought up the question of whether the Board can expend tax payer money for something that the District will not own. Mr. White noted that we are currently paying for a department we don't own. He noted that it will be a huge mess if any of the major businesses along County Rd 39 were to experience a fire emergency. It would inevitably close down the entire east end.

Mr. Steudte asked if it is possible to allocated \$100,000.00 in our budget and if the money can not be used for water main extensions it will be there for other uses. It is still hard to believe that water main extension was not done at the time of the County Rd.

39 expansion. Mr. Grisnik noted if money is going to be allocated it must be done tonight. If money can not be used for this purpose it can be moved to another capital reserve fund. Mr. Hadix noted that we do not at this time have a capital reserve fund in place for water main extensions and in order to establish one the Board requires legal service and counsel. He suggested it be put in as an operating cost under fire well and hydrant maintenance for the year. Mr. White feels this is something that must be done, even if we allocated \$50,000.00 this year and an additional \$50,000.00 next year. The increase of \$100,000.00 to the budget would translate to a few cents for each taxpayer.

The secretary noted that in the minutes from the last meeting Mr. Johnson of the SCWA authority approximated the cost to extend the water main to be \$30,000.00 at each location or \$200 per foot to bore under the highway.

Bruce Anderson who represents the Nemec property submitted numbers he had received from the SCWA to bore under County Rd 39. Approximately \$41,000 with one hydrant and \$115,000 South to Montauk Highway at Hill Station Rd.

Mr. Steudte stated that it is not an exorbitant amount of money and should be considered. Mr. Price is concerned that the District could be setting a dangerous precedent and we need to confer with legal counsel and the SCWA before making any decisions for funds. Mr. Grisnik and Steudte suggested that the money can be put in the budget without actually spending it.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Steudte to increase the Fire Well and Hydrant Maintenance of the proposed budget by \$50,000.00 to increase the total appropriations to \$1,666,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Hadix and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the proposed budget with the adjustments, resulting in total appropriations of \$1,666,000.00 total revenue of \$15,000 for total real estate appropriation of \$1,651,000.00. The motion was approved by the following vote.

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye | |
| Mr. Hadix | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | | <u>VW7-60</u> |

Fire Protection Contract – 2 ¼ years remaining on existing contract.

Long Range Planning – Still working with Manitou on long range planning for the district.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Mr. Price reported that the deep well on Highland Drive needs to be replaced. The western most well on White’s Lane seems to have a power problem at the meter. LIPA needs to come and replace the meter. Mr. Price has been in contact with them. He has also given them the contact information for Mr. Chuppee.

Old Business – A letter was received from Chaleff and Rogers to Squires and Holden to go ahead with the Job #14629-CWB905 with the Southampton Fire District to provide a survey for the North Sea Rd property for a price of \$3,200.00. A response is required for Squires and Holden to proceed.

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin White, Secretary