

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

OCTOBER 13, 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, Southampton Fire Department Second Assistant Chief Buddy Wines, Southampton fireman Mo Corrigan

Chief's Report - Chief Joe Corr gave an Incident Report for period from September 8 – October 13, 2005 which is attached herein. He thanked the commissioners for attending the Southampton Fire Department meeting.

Both Chief Corr and Chief Wines reported on the success of fire prevention week. They were able to utilize the new trailer which was funded by donations (especially the estate of Betty Desch). Demonstrations were given at the Southampton Elementary School and Tuckahoe School. The presentation for Our Lady of the Hamptons was postponed because of inclement weather. An assembly is planned for the Southampton High School to discuss drinking and driving before the prom.

Open House for Fire Prevention Week will be at the Windmill Lane Fire House on Saturday (or Sunday – rain date), October 15, 2005 from 11 AM – 3 PM. There was an advertisement in *The Southampton Press*.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2005 with corrections. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Pierson to approve the 9 vouchers with exception. The statement from William F. Glass will be reviewed

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regarding the consult fee. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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The Treasurer's report was reviewed (a copy attached herein). A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik 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		

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

#### Committee Reports

A. Budget – The 2006 Budget, approved at the September 8, 2005 meeting was hand delivered to Town Clerk Marietta Seaman at her office at 116 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY on 12 September 2005.

B. Fire Protection Contract – Commissioner White reported that no new meetings have been set up between the Southampton Fire District negotiating team and the Village of Southampton board members. The ISO report has not been completed yet because no flow tests are done by the Suffolk County Water Authority during the summer because of sprinklers throughout the area. The Operating Budget is the same as last year with discussion of incremental increases over a 2-3 year period.

Chief Corr expressed his concern that the Southampton Fire District is not planning to increase their payment to the Southampton Fire Department \$5000 for 2006. There has been an increase over the past several years. He feels that it is wrong not to increase the funds to the fire department during their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration year.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to authorize the secretary to write a letter to Village Administrator James Van Nostrand requesting a copy of the last ISO report and letters updating said report. A request for a meeting date to discuss the fire protection contract will be included in the letter. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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C. Long Range Planning – Commissioner Pierson asked Chief Corr if the concern he spoke of during the last meeting was answered at the September department meeting. The concern was from a member of the fire department who asked why we have \$400,000 in a contract reserve fund. The commissioners requested that Chief Corr tell the fire department member to attend any of our meetings to get an answer to his question. Chief Corr said he told the member to attend our meeting. The Southampton Fire District is budgeting for the future.

Chief Wines questioned why we are planning to purchase land on North Sea Road rather than Water Mill. A substation in Water Mill was a recommendation mentioned in the last ISO report. Chief Wines stated that the concern is the bond issue that will be proposed for purchase. Commissioner White explained that other sites, including several in Water Mill, are under consideration but the North Sea Road site is centrally located in the district and available at this time.

D. Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – The recommendation the Southampton Fire District sent to the Southampton Town Planning Board regarding the Sand Hollow Oaks Subdivision was revised by the planning board without any notice to our board. We had requested a water main extension to the end of the property line. This was decreased by approximately 300'. We were notified by the manager of the subdivision who phoned Chairman Press asking that he change the placement of the hydrants from our original recommendation. Mr. Press feels that decreasing the length of the water main jeopardizes public safety.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. White to authorize a letter to Supervisor Patrick Heaney regarding the procedures of the Southampton Town Planning Board. We would like to have a face-to-face with the supervisor, a councilperson, and a representative of the planning board to discuss this issue. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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Chairman Press stated that our lawyer, William F. Glass, has notified him that legally the Southampton Fire District could pay for Suffolk County Water Authority for hydrant rental in the Cold Spring Point Association area even though they are private roads. There are 8 hydrants in this area.

Chief Wines requested that the district mark fire hydrants. Several ideas were discussed and must be presented to the SCWA before they can be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Pierson to go to bid and advertise for a maintenance contract for cleaning brush, marking, and snow removal around hydrants. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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Old Business

Letterhead samples were distributed by Mr. Grisnik. He will bring color samples to the November meeting.

New Business

The December election was discussed. Secretary Schreier will complete a building request at Tuckahoe School for Tuesday, December 13, 2005 from 4:30 PM – 9:30 PM. The election will be held from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Paper ballots will be used and voting booths, ballot boxes, distance markers, election signs, mailing labels and roster books will be ordered from the Board of Elections.

The Southampton Fire District Regulations for the conduct of Fire District Elections were reviewed. A copy of the resolutions passed on 14 October 2004 is attached to these minutes. They are still in effect because no amendments were necessary at this time.

Chairman Press introduced the following resolution for adoption by the Board:

RESOLVED the following notice for the Annual Election of the Southampton Fire District, December 13, 2005, will be published in the District newspaper, *The Southampton Press*, on November 10, 2005.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Southampton Fire District will take place on December 13, 2005, between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM at the Tuckahoe School located at 468 Magee Street, Southampton, New York for the purposes of electing the following:

One Commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2006 and ending on December 31, 2010

Candidates for the District Office of Commissioner shall file a written notice with the Secretary of the Fire District no later than November 23, 2005. Such notice must designate the office (Commissioner) the candidate seeks election to and contain the name, address (not P.O. Box) and signature of the candidate.

Voters may vote for one (1) Commissioner on the ballot. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected as Commissioner.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections as of November 21, 2005 shall be eligible to vote.

The resolution was approved and adopted by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the appointment of the following members of the Board of Election for the annual Fire District election to be held December 13, 2005 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Stanley Yastrzemski, Wanda Azmoodeh, Mary Alice Halsey, Daniel McKeever, and Joseph Tyborowski, and that the District Secretary be authorized to select replacements in the event any of the aforesaid individuals is unable to serve. The compensation to be paid to each member of the Board for each sitting will be \$50.00. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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A motion was made by Mr. Press and seconded by Mr. White that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the secretary and a member of the Board of Election to prepare the voter registration rolls during the week of November 28, 2005 for the annual election, and that the member of the Board of Election be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per hour for this clerical service. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
Mr. Pierson	Aye	Mr. White	Aye
Mr. Press	Aye		

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The date of the dinner for the Southampton Town Fire District Association was changed from November to January 6, 2006.

We still need a grant writer. Tom Martinez is interested and Mr. White will contact Ken Rothwell who is familiar with the process to see if he can help us out.

Mr. Press and Mr. White will check with William Glass regarding getting the bond issue on our ballot. This may be delayed because of need for an environmental study.

A motion was made by Mr. Grisnik and seconded by Mr. Price to go into Executive Session at 9:20 PM to discuss contractual items. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Mr. Grisnik	Aye	Mr. Price	Aye
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Mr. Pierson Aye  
Mr. Press Aye

Mr. White Aye

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The commissioners discussed the contract with the Village of Southampton and the meeting held with the fire department which was represented by several commissioners. Also, issues concerning the land contract and bond issue were discussed.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:54 PM and the Board of Fire Commissioners returned to the regular meeting.

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. Pierson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved as follows:

Mr. Grisnik Aye  
Mr. Pierson Aye  
Mr. Press Aye

Mr. Price Aye  
Mr. White Aye

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Chairman Press declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette-jeanne H. Schreier