

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

December 11, 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, Tom White, Harold Steudte and Secretary Kristin White

ABSENT: Treasurer Mike Hadix

GUESTS: Southampton Fire Department, Chief Joe Corr, 1st Assistant Roy Wines, 2nd Assistant Rodney Pierson.

Mr. Grisnik approved the minutes for motion. A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. Price to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2008. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Andrews | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye | |
| Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | | <u>VW5-84</u> |

Chief's Report: Chief Pierson submitted the Chief's report for the year (2008) to date. The department has reviewed there 53 Interspiro SCBA equipment and determined that new ones are needed in the department. The department units are 6 years old and are determined to have a life of 10 years. The department has had several issues with their units. The department has been spending approximately \$50,000 per year in parts and labor to service these items. Another problem they are experiencing is availability of parts for their units are the same as those used by the U.S. troops in Iraq and therefore it is the priority to the manufacturer to service the government equipment. The department is asking for the boards support to jump ahead of other apparatus needs. Mr. White asked Chief Pierson what units are used by neighboring departments, North Sea, Hampton Bays and Bridgehampton use Scott packs. Mr. White in visions that in less than 10 years mutual aid from neighboring departments is going to be more and more necessary. A benefit to matching neighboring departments would be that during mutual aid all fire fighters would be trained on the same equipment and be able to refill on any truck. There is a high trade-in value at this time; the department anticipates good value (\$154,000) for their trade-ins. Scott packs are steel as opposed to the plastic parts on Interspiro. For the department to replace their packs it would be approximately \$428,406.46. One additional

expense would be a pack tracker so that the Chiefs would be able to pinpoint the location of all fire fighters in a building. The Village is in complete support and wanted the Chiefs to make the Commissioners were aware and hopefully in support. This is a safety issues and the most important is to keep the men safe. Mr. Price asked about the accessibility of RIT packs. The Chiefs explained these are specialty equipment used to rescue trapped fire fighters only. 70 of the 116 firefighters are interior qualified and have face units. At this time there is an outside agency that will come refill bottles on site. The bottles go back to the Fire House to be refilled. FIT tests are given every year to interior qualified men, this testing equipment is owned by the department and the new masks will be adaptable to this. The Chiefs have given the numbers, including all necessary parts, to the board. The Board is waiting for the Village numbers but will support the purchase of equipment by the department.

Mr. Grisnik thanked Chief Corr for his service to the Fire Service on behalf of the Board and Town.

The Chiefs congratulated Mr. White on his re-election.

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

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Andrews | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye | |
| Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | | <u>VW5-85</u> |

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:

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Andrews | Aye | Mr. Steudte | |
| Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | <u>VW5-86</u> |

The Secretary submitted a credit card policy for the Commissioners to look over for a discussion next month.

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

Committee Reports-

Fire District Budget – Budget was approved and submitted to the Town Clerk, over with until next year.

Fire Protection Contract – Mr. Grisnik still does not have numbers from the Village; the reason given was that proposed numbers can not be finished until information is received from the Chiefs. Chief Wines said there has been a miscommunication with vendors, he

has now given an educated guess and forwarded numbers to the Village. Hopefully we will come to an agreement on an extension and an RFP will be done.

Long Range Planning – Chinairi property has been waiting for response from the Health department. We are now waiting for an updated title, on commercial property a title is only good for 14 days. Discussion of difficulty getting in touch with appropriate people. The individual who is assigned to this step is only available every other Friday. Mr. Price feels we need to proceed with a site plan, there is a possibility Obama administration will provide funds for government projects. We need to be ready to move forward. Mr. Steudte would like to engage Chaleff and Rogers to begin work. A site plan is needed for final approval. A basic structure with size is needed for wastewater studies, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. White to go ahead with site plan preparation. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Andrews | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye |
| Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | <u>VW5-87</u> |

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – Three hydrants in the village which look like they have been struck. The Chiefs will investigate. The secretary will contact North Sea Fire Department in reference to who they use for snow removal around hydrants. There was discussion to the advantage of putting hydrant markers either in the asphalt or painting markers (like East Hampton) on the asphalt. Chief Wines said there is mapping features in the current trucks, but markers would be helpful.

Old Business – N/A

New Business – Kraszewski Barn, no fire protection needs.
Greek Orthodox Church, final site plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Steudte and seconded by Mr. White at 8:25 PM to recess as Executive Session was not necessary. The motion was passed by the following vote.

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| Mr. Grisnik | Aye | Mr. Andrews | Aye | Mr. Steudte | Aye |
| Mr. Price | Aye | Mr. White | Aye | | <u>VW5-88</u> |

Chairman Grisnik declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin White, Secretary