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MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2012

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Rob Russell and Al Vigliotti, Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso and Somers Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Jody Leverich reported on the following:

2 Verona Court – Another fire alarm call was responded to at 2 Verona Court. Mr. Premuroso has spoken with the owner. The alarm company is working on the problem and they will secure a Fire Alarm permit.

Somers High School – A fire alarm call was responded to at the High School about two weeks ago. School personnel in attendance pressured the Fire Department volunteers to let the students and staff back in the building. In addition, they could not reset the system and took it off line. A request was made to inform the Fire Department when the system was up and running again. To date a call has not been received. Two follow up calls were made to the School District and they have gone unanswered. Mr. Premuroso will contact the administrators.

83 Heritage Hills – Earlier today, there was a brush fire at 83 Heritage Hills that was caused by a cigarette that was improperly disposed of. A 10' by 6' area burned.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Directional Signs – Mr. Russell has prepared a list of roads in Town where there are intersections that need directional signs in terms of the order in which the house numbers run. They will be mapped out and sent with a memo to the Town Board.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Kennedy Catholic High School – Mr. Premuroso has been notified that the Kennedy Catholic High School will be working on the roof drainage issue over the summer to prevent future ice damming.

OLD BUSINESS

Angle Fly Preserve Trail Maps – The Somers Land Trust has issued trail maps for Angle Fly Preserve to the Fire Department.

80 Route 6 - Somers Commons (Stop and Shop) – No parking or standing signs are still needed around the parking lot of the Somers Commons located at 80 Route 6, especially in front of Stop and Shop. This has to be incorporated into the Town Code.

Old Tomahawk Street – The Town Board approved installing “No Parking or Standing” signs on Old Tomahawk Street. Unfortunately the wrong signs have been installed. The Highway Department is waiting for new signs. This has to be incorporated into the Town Code as well. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

Twin Knolls – The Fire Department is requesting directional signs in Twin Knolls as it is very confusing as to where the side roads are, as well as the order in which the house numbers run. A map of the development has been secured and Mr. Russell will provide Mrs. Schirmer with the proposed locations so a memo can be sent to the Town Board.

130 BOCES Drive – Two recent calls have been responded to at 130 BOCES Drive. In both instances, the Fire Department had to cut the chain on the gate to access the property and then had to use forcible entry to access the building. Keys have now been secured by the Fire Department. Mr. Premuroso met with their maintenance supervisor and gave him a Knox box application.

80 Route 6 - Somers Commons (Home Goods) – Two calls were responded to at Home Goods located at 80 Route 6 (Somers Commons). The alarm panel indicated

that the problem was in the Zone 2 pull station, and in fact it was actually with the duct detector. The problem has been rectified.

24 – 26 Clayton Boulevard (The Mews at Baldwin Place) – The number of false activations at The Mews at Baldwin Place located at 24 – 26 Clayton Boulevard has lessened, but it would still be helpful if the Fire Department could have a list of residents and their phone numbers so that if a call comes into the 911 Dispatch Office they can call the resident and verify that it is in fact an emergency. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

All but one of the keys has been put in the Knox box. The Fire Department will follow up.

The emergency phone in the elevator at 26 Clayton Boulevard has been connected.

The Maintenance Supervisor still has to speak to the contractor about putting the unit numbers on the molding of the sliding glass doors of each unit. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

Arrangements still have to be made by the Fire Department to bring a ladder truck to The Mews at Baldwin Place to test out the concrete pads.

Stonewall Farm (159 Mahopac Avenue) – The Fire Department has tested the two drafting hydrants at 159 Mahopac Avenue.

Proposed Elevator Key Law – Both the fire and emergency medical departments would benefit greatly if there was a requirement that all elevators in Town be operable by the same key. It has been determined that NYC uses an Otis 1520 key. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

42 Mekeel Street – A fire alarm was responded to on the 26th of March 2011 at 42 Mekeel Street and it was reported that the owners did not have a required Fire Alarm Permit. The owners received four notifications and a final attempt letter. A permit was not secured. A court appearance ticket was prepared and 11 attempts were made by the Town Police to deliver it. No one was home. A second court appearance ticket was prepared and 12 attempts were made to deliver it. Again, no one was home. The ticket will now be sent certified return receipt for a June 11 court date.

128 Route 100 – On September 3, 2011, a fire alarm was responded to at 128 Route 100 and it was reported that the owners did not have a required Fire Alarm Permit on file. Between September and January, three letters and an application were sent to the owner requesting that they secure a permit. A permit application and fee was never received. A final letter was sent requesting that an application and fee be returned by March 31. This was not done, so a court appearance ticket has been prepared for a June 11 court date.

The meeting was adjourned. The June meeting will be held on Monday, the 11th at 5:00

p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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