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MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 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, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

The Green at Somers – On March 22, 2012, the Bureau of Fire Prevention sent a memo to the Planning Board regarding The Green at Somers. The most current site plan received does not reflect the request of adding a 5th hydrant behind Building 2 or placing two stand pipes per building in the parking garages. The Bureau also wanted to know the location of the siamese connections on the outside of the buildings. Another memo will be sent, formally requesting a meeting with both the applicant and engineer for this project to discuss fire protection, at either the Bureau's August 13 or September 10 monthly meeting. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board with a copy to the Town Planner.

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. A permit has been secured. Mr. Leverich would like Mr. Premuroso to follow up to be sure that their system has been serviced.

Somers High School – A meeting has taken place regarding a fire alarm call that was responded to last month, with regard to two issues: school personnel in attendance pressured the Fire Department volunteers to let the students and staff back in the building, and the system could not be reset and was taken off line. The Fire Department asked that they be notified when it was back on line and that never happened. It was reported at the meeting that the system is back on and operating.

289 Route 100 – There was an appliance malfunction at Seasons restaurant located at 289 Route 100.

IBM – IBM was having problems with their water flow alarms. All has been resolved.

Old Tomahawk Street – There was a vehicle fire on Old Tomahawk Street.

11 Harris Court – An oven caught fire at 11 Harris Court.

15 Loomis Drive – There was a grill fire at 15 Loomis Court.

Heritage Hills Activity Center – A mulch fire, caused by a cigarette, was extinguished in the front of the Heritage Hills Activity Center.

4 Fieldstone Drive – On two different occasions, calls were responded to at 4 Fieldstone Drive. The 911 Dispatch Office did not have a fire alarm permit on file, but the homeowner claimed they did have one. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

6 Manor Lane – The alarm malfunctioned twice at 6 Manor Lane.

Open Burn – Mr. Leverich happened to notice smoke while in the area of King Kone. Upon investigating, it was determined that the contractors doing work on the Muscott Inn restaurant were burning debris between the restaurant and house that is on the property. They were advised that open burns were not permitted. Mr. Leverich put the fire out.

Dry Hydrant on Londonderry Lane – A question came up as to why the dry hydrant on Londonderry Lane was removed. It was not functioning, so the builder acquired permission from the Planning and Engineering Department, as well as the Bureau of Fire Prevention to remove it.

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 with the help of Principal Engineering Technician Steve Woelfle and sent with a memo to the Town Board.

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.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

80 Route 6 - Somers Commons (Stop and Shop) – No parking or standing signs are needed in the fire lanes of the parking lot of the Somers Commons located at 80 Route 6, especially in front of Stop and Shop. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

Old Tomahawk Street – The Town Board approved the installation of “No Parking or Standing” signs on Old Tomahawk Street and they have been put in place by the Highway Department.

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. The Fire Department has requested and received 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.

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

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.

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 was sent certified return receipt for a June 11 court date and it was signed for. Mr. Premuroso will follow up in terms of the outcome.

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 and will be issued for a court date in July.

The meeting was adjourned. The July meeting will be held on Monday, the 9th 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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