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MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2013

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. Russell made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

The Green at Somers – Members reviewed the most recent site plans for The Green at Somers. The Bureau would like to meet with Dan Holt, the engineer of the project, to look at floor plans and discuss locations of fire department connections, as well as the width of the roadway. Mrs. Schirmer will call Mr. Holt to see if he can attend the April meeting.

2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

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

211 Briarwood Drive – The Fire Department responded to a call at 211 Briarwood Drive. Food caught fire on the stove. It was also determined that the owner did not have a Fire Alarm Permit.

The Mews at Baldwin Place – A meeting took place with the owner and management of The Mews at Baldwin Place to discuss some issues with the existing units, as well as those to be built. The meeting was quite productive. The central monitoring system

now has the names and phone numbers of all unit occupants. If the alarm system in the unit is pulled, a call will be made to the occupant first. If no one answers or an answer indicates a true emergency, 911 will respond. There have been numerous issues with those alarms being pulled when there was not an emergency.

A stretcher can fit in the elevators at a diagonal by raising the head piece by about 15 degrees. Backboards can fit with no problems. The owner said he is willing to see if can purchase elevators that are a bit larger for the new buildings.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chiefs Russell and Vigliotti had nothing new to report.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Heritage Hills – There was a recent situation with an electric heating register in one of the older units in Heritage Hills. An article will be written for the Heritage Hills Reporter on the importance of cleaning these registers before each winter season and instructions on how to do so.

Somers Commons – A large pile of snow was blocking the back entrance to The Mews at Baldwin Place. The pile will be removed.

243-247 Route 100 – It was reported that there is a lot of empty space in some of the buildings located 243-247 Route 100. What is occupied is being used as office space. Most of the plastics and flammables have been removed from the buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

Directional Signs at Major Intersections – Mr. Russell is still researching grants to purchase directional signs for the major intersections in town in an effort to make the 911 numbering directions more clear.

BOCES – Hopefully the Knox box being built by the students at BOCES will be installed soon as spring is around the corner.

Overcrowding Parking Concerns – The Fire Department will make arrangements to drive a rig around the buildings located at 267 Tomahawk Street and 250 Mahopac Avenue to see if fire lanes need to be added.

Proposed Elevator Key Law – A memo was sent to the Town Board regarding a proposed elevator key law. It was referred out to the Town Police Chief and if he is in agreement, the Town Board should make a decision as to whether or not they want to approve the request.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned. The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 10th at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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