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MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 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 Captain Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

Mr. Russell made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

FIRE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Somers Fire Captain Jody Leverich reported on the following:

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. Mr. Premuroso will follow up with the owners, Urstadt Biddle.

Old Tomahawk Street – The Town Board approved installing “No Parking or Standing” signs on Old Tomahawk Street. The Highway Department has the signs, they are just waiting for posts to put the signs on.

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 memo will 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. Efforts have been made to no avail to get copies of their keys since they re-keyed their system. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

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 store manager said they would contact the alarm company to straighten the situation out. To date, the alarm company has not been notified. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

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.

The keys are still not in the knox box. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

The emergency phone in the elevator at 26 Clayton Boulevard was never connected. Mr. Premuroso 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.

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

Stonewall Farm (159 Mahopac Avenue) – Shortly, the Fire Department will be testing the two drafting hydrants at 159 Mahopac Avenue to be sure that they are working correctly.

36 Mahopac Avenue – A couple of weeks ago there was a fire at 36 Mahopac Avenue.

2 Verona Court and 13 Hilltop Road – Fire alarm calls were responded to at 2 Verona Court and 13 Hilltop Road. Fire alarm permits were not on file. Notifications will be sent.

Deans Bridge Road – There was a 3 acre brush fire on Deans Bridge Road yesterday. It is under investigation by the State Troopers as it may be suspicious in origin.

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. Research will be done as to the type of key that the County and NYC use. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Directional Signs – Mr. Russell will give Mrs. Schirmer 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. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Chapter 158 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Town Code – The Bureau members are in the process of reviewing the No Parking Areas; Fire Lanes section of Chapter 158 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Town Code for updates required. The physical addresses have to be added to the Town Code. The following items need attention and follow up memos have to be done as well:

189 Route 100 (Somers Manor Nursing Home) – The word “hospital” in the Town Code has to be changed to “facility”. The lines on the fire lanes have to be repainted and the no parking or standing signs cleaned/touched up as they are difficult to read. No parking or standing signs have to be installed on the back driveway.

Towne Centre at Somers – The no parking or standing signs have to be cleaned/touched up as they are difficult to read. There are no fire lanes around the building that the bagel store is in and Chase Bank. No parking or standing signs have to be installed behind the bakery, as well as the west side of the CVS building.

Kennedy Catholic High School – The no parking or standing signs have to be cleaned/touched up as they are difficult to read. On the roadway to the side of the school, the curb where all the no parking or standing signs are needs to be painted yellow. At the rear of the building, there should be directional signs to the rectory, etc. for emergency vehicle purposes.

49 Route 138 (Former Guerlain Property) – This property is now Best Plumbing and the Town Code needs to be changed to indicate so.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

13 Heritage Hills Drive – Heritage 202 Center (Imperial Wok) – Imperial Wok has reopened and they have a hood system in their kitchen that automatically controls the temperature. Mr. Premuroso would like to do a semi-walkthrough of this new system with the Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

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. Several procedural attempts were made to the owners to secure a permit. As the requirement was not met, a court appearance ticket was prepared. Eleven attempts were made by the Town Police to serve the ticket and no one was home. A new court appearance ticket has been prepared for a court date on May 2.

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 will be prepared.

The meeting was adjourned. The May meeting will be held on Monday, the 14th 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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