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MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2016

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Rob Russell and Al Vigliotti, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich.

Mr. Leverich was congratulated on being elected as the new Chief of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

The Crossroads at Baldwin Place – The Bureau met with Rich Williams of Insite Engineering to review and discuss the site plan provided for The Crossroads at Baldwin Place. The location of the fire hydrants has not yet been determined. The Bureau would like a dry stand pipe installed in the commercial building, as it is not required to be sprinkled. They would also like stand pipes added in the interior corridor stairwells of the multiple residential buildings. In addition, a request was made for floor plans of all structures.

Anthony Boniello Subdivision – The Bureau reviewed and discussed an updated plan provided by the Planning and Engineering Department for the Anthony Boniello Subdivision. There were no comments.

Verizon Wireless Co-locator (Heritage Hills) – A plan for a wireless Verizon co-

locator at Heritage Hills submitted by the Planning and Engineering Department was reviewed and discussed. There were no comments.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Jody Leverich reported on the following:

Brush Fires – On April 20, there was a large brush fire in the woods between David Road and Lovell Street. There was evidence of fire pits and quad trails, as well as piles of fire wood. A letter will be sent to neighboring residents with the sections of the Code of the Town of Somers that address open burns and quad activity.

Days after the large brush fire, there was one smaller in nature at 243 Route 100. A larger amount of compiled brush below a cell tower caught fire.

99 Route 118 – A call was responded to at 99 Route 118. There was a wooden bridge on the property that posed a concern with regard to having a firetruck cross it to get closer to the dwelling as the weight capacity was not known. A letter will be sent to the owner.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Shared Driveways – Deputy Chief Russell prepared an extensive report that he presented to the Town Board at their May 5 Work Session meeting proposing that moving forward any road servicing three or more houses should be named a private road for easily identifiable emergency vehicle access. Chief Citarella attended as well. A Resolution of Support will be authorized by the Town Board at their May 12 meeting. Deputy Chief Russell and Supervisor Morrissey will meet on Friday to discuss this concept further.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti did not have a report this evening.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Stop & Shop – Last month, the Fire Department responded to a call at Stop & Shop. They were cleaning their floors with a propane operated floor cleaner. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was in touch with the store manager the next day. They completed the job using an electric cleaner. A request was made for the Fire Department to have access to the store's exhaust system. Mr. Premuroso continues to work on this situation.

Imperial Wok – A call was responded to by the Fire Department at Imperial Wok last month. They were running new plumbing without appropriate permits. Mr. Premuroso continues to monitor what is going on there.

307D Heritage Hills – The Fire Department responded to a call at 307D Heritage Hills. A resident fell through the ceiling of the garage. Attic stairs had been illegally installed in the unit. The situation has been rectified. A fire rated, self-closing, self-latching hatch door has been installed.

Anglebrook Golf Course – There is a three story white house with a fire escape at the end of a long driveway next to the Anglebrook Golf Course. The house is vacant and the front door is open. The Code Enforcer did a site visit and a letter sent to the owner.

Somers Manor Nursing Home – There have been numerous calls responded to by the Fire Department in the Alzheimer's unit. All were false in nature and being done by the patients. A discussion took place about installing key stations in the unit to prevent this from happening in the future. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso spoke with CIA Security. They recommended a positive alarm signaling system known as PASS or pull stations located at the nursing station. This continues to be a problem. Chief Leverich will provide Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso with the statistics on these calls and an inquiry will be made to the State as to how this can be handled.

New York Sports Club – Since CIA Security took over the alarm system at the New York Sports Club, there have been no calls. All were reminded that Urstadt Biddle has agreed to provide fire watches in the future.

Open Gate – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso conducted his annual inspection last week at Open Gate and all was in order.

Somers Pub – Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers reported a concern about the walk in cooler behind the Somers Pub. An investigation was done. The gas regulator has to be 5' in either direction from the source of ignition. The owner of the Somers Pub has been informed and will secure a permit to rectify the situation. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

Shenorock Post Office – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso wanted all to be aware that he was denied access to the Shenorock Post Office to conduct a routine fire inspection.

Somers Pointe Country Club/Pinnacle Restaurant – The sprinkler system at the Pinnacle restaurant has been fixed, the alarm is back on line and the kitchen is up to code. Chief Leverich asked if they can be instructed to add a small heater in their sprinkler control room at the back of the restaurant. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

Top Asian – Mr. Premuroso responded to a complaint made about the back hallway of the Top Asian restaurant at 80 Route 6. There is evidence of people sleeping in that area and the door is almost never closed. This situation was addressed with the owner.

Lincoln Hall – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso conducted his annual inspection last week at Lincoln Hall and all was in order.

OLD BUSINESS

Changing Day of Bureau Meeting – Last month it was suggested that the day of the Bureau meeting be changed to the 1st Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in an effort to meet and discuss Planning and Engineering Department submissions before they meet for the month. A discussion ensued and all agreed to leave the meeting day and time as is.

NEW BUSINESS

Condos and Mansion in Angle Fly Preserve – The Preserve is checked on a regular basis and the condos and mansion are boarded up as needed.

Evacuation Plan – Mr. Premuroso submitted an update to the Evacuation Plan for the Town House that addressed the carbon monoxide alarms.

Gas Leak – Chief Citarella was called to Heritage Hills just before the meeting. Landscapers were digging along a unit and smelled gas. The gas meter was leaking and will be replaced by Con Edison.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8 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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