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MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2013

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, 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 April 10, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this month.

2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

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

Car Fire – There was a car fire at the intersection of Route 100 and 139.

Fieldstone Lane – An excavator caught fire at a residence on Fieldstone Lane.

Lincoln Hall – The Fire Department responded to two calls within a 24 hour period at Lincoln Hall. There was a problem with the smoke head on the 2nd floor of the school. When the alarm company reported this situation they only gave a zone and location in the building, not the building location, which is an issue as there are 26 buildings on the property. In addition, while the Fire Department personnel were at the site, there was a report of a fire extinguisher discharged in the electrical room in the basement.

6 Valley Pond Road – A call was responded to at 6 Valley Pond Road and the owner did not have a fire alarm permit on file. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

267 Tomahawk Street – There has been an ongoing concern with overcrowding parking at 267 Tomahawk Street, especially on the weekends. If an emergency vehicle had to access the building, it would be impossible during these times. Numerous attempts have been made to resolve the situation to no avail. Mr. Citarella will now issue a notice of violation for parking and site plan misuse.

26 Clayton Boulevard – The Fire Department responded to a call at 26 Clayton Boulevard. Evidently a resident notified his neighbors that he burnt something on his stove and told them they didn't have to evacuate. Mr. Premuroso met with the manager about this situation and reviewed their evacuation plan.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Directional Signs at Major Intersections – Mr. Russell was unable to locate a grant to purchase directional signs for the major intersections in town in an effort to make the 911 numbering directions more clear. It was suggested that he contact the Boy Scout Leaders in Town to see if anyone might be interested in working on this as an Eagle Scout project.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Somers Commons – Building 7 – There is a bad duct detector in Building 7 of the Somers Commons. CIA Security has ordered a new one.

6 Myrtle Drive – An open burn was responded to at 6 Myrtle Drive on May 3. The owner was told they are not permitted.

289 Route 100 – Their fire alarm system is now operable again. Mr. Premuroso will have them complete a new Fire Alarm Permit as it is a new business, but the same owner.

Lyndy Jewelers – A violation has been issued to Lyndy Jewelers in the Somers Commons for having a propane tank larger than 2 ½ pounds inside a building where the public goes.

Heritage Hills Transfer Station – The manager of the Heritage Hills Transfer Station would like to talk to the Fire Department about their operation.

Greenbriar – Notification was received from Greenbriar that they are repainting their water tank resulting in their hydrant system being temporarily off line. In case of a fire, water can be taken from their pool or pond.

Somers Chase – A violation will be issued because they never had their hydrants

tested as required.

The Willows – There was a gas leak in The Willows as a result of a bad regulator.

OLD BUSINESS

BOCES Knox Box – The new Knox box at BOCES should be completed soon, as the school year is almost over.

Overcrowding Parking Concerns – Arrangements still have to be made by the Fire Department to try and drive a rig around 250 Mahopac Avenue to see if fire lanes need to be added, as overcrowding at this building continues to be a concern.

Proposed Elevator Key Law – A Public Hearing for the proposed Elevator Key Law is scheduled for May 9.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned. The June meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 12th 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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