

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2010

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efreem Citarella, Fire Deputy George Wahlers, and Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

MINUTES

Mr. Wahlers made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

There was no Fire Chief's Report since Somers Fire Chief John Meeker was not present.

DEPUTIES REPORT

Deputy Wahlers reported on the following:

There was a fire in one of the outbuildings at Schwartz's Horse Farm on Mahopac Avenue. A worker was sweating the pipes and a fire started.

Two weekend incidences occurred in condos at Heritage Hills that were electric and appliance related. The Dispatch Office left messages at the Building Department and they weren't received until the following Monday morning. Specific instructions have been given as to how to contact the Bureau Chief. Mr. Citarella will speak to them again.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso's Report was covered under Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Somers Sport and Fitness - An exterior exit has been installed on the second floor.

School District - Mr. Premuroso will speak to Joe Bernardi about striping and signage. At the May 12 School Board meeting, a resolution was passed to allow the Town to pursue ticketing cars parked illegally after schools hours, on

weekends and school holidays. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Properties with Multi Dwellings - There are a few properties in Town with multi dwellings. There has been past concern over numbering and signage of the buildings on these properties, as it relates to a fire or medical call.

Mr. Premuroso met with Barry Daniels who oversees the maintenance of all the buildings at the Schwartz's Horse Farm. All eighteen buildings have been identified on a Google Map of the property. Signs still have to be made and installed on the buildings, as well as their four gates. Mr. Premuroso and Mr. Meeker will continue to work on this project. A Google map will be obtained for Stuart's Farm and the Amawalk Farm on Wood Street, and procedures will be the same for those properties.

Mr. Citarella visited the Tennis Academy on Orchard Hill Road and their signs have been hung higher.

Truss Construction Identification - Signs have been made and received for the Granite Springs Realty building (day care center), the North County building (still under construction) and the sewer plant at Lincoln Hall. The signs will be placed by the main entrance or near a fire department connector. Mr. Premuroso will give the signs to the owners of the buildings and ask them to hang them. Mr. Meeker asked that as the signs get posted, he be provided with the address and location of the signs so the Dispatch Office can be notified.

1 Maple Avenue - The Fire Department responded to a call at 1 Maple Avenue. They had some equipment and a minimal amount of gas cans being stored on the property. Mr. Premuroso ordered flammable materials stickers. Mr. Wahlers will make arrangements with Mr. Premuroso to conduct a site visit.

Lovell Street - There has been an ongoing problem on Lovell Street in the area of Lakeshore Drive North and South with brush fires. It is believed that the wires throw off sparks on a windy day, which is starting the brush fires. Some of the plastic sheathing on the wires is missing. A letter was sent to New York State Gas and Electric about this situation, with a copy to the owner of the property. This situation has not been resolved. Another letter will be sent.

Heritage 202 Center - The water flow alarm continually goes off at the Heritage 202 Center and upon arrival, the Fire Department determines that there is no problem. This situation has been rectified as they have installed a new flow switch.

Fire Alarm Permit Stickers - Mr. Premuroso has secured prices from a company in California for fire alarm stickers. The minimum order is 500 and the cost is \$.67 each, plus shipping and handling for a 3 inch, reflective sticker. He has to submit a drawing first to start the process.

Fire Alarm Permits - It was reported by the Fire Department, that there were thirty one residents that had an unregistered fire alarm system, which is against Town Code. All had been sent a letter on two different occasions regarding the situation. They were given 30 days in which to respond by submitting a provided Fire Alarm Permit Application. No one responded. On April 7, a third violation letter was sent out, by both certified return receipt and regular mail, informing all that they will be issued a court appearance ticket if they didn't respond within 5 days. To date, two never claimed the certified return receipt letter and six did, but didn't submit a Permit. Court order appearance tickets will now be issued. Mr. Citarella will take care of doing so.

Town Code – In 2007, Chapters 4, 26, 62, 98 and 116 of the Town Code were reviewed and changes made, and noted. Chapter 158 still has to be reviewed. Since the Town committee created to review the Town Code in its entirety has not met in quite some time, this item is not urgent. The Bureau will review Chapter 158 in the near future, and at that time, will address the following: fire lanes at commercial sites in Town, and deciding which chapter should include the topic of dry hydrants and fire hydrants, to include color coding of all fire hydrants. Once completed, all changes will be forwarded to the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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