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MEETING MINUTES

July 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 2nd Assistant Chief Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mr. Russell 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:

Dry Hydrant on Londonderry Lane – A question came up as to why the dry hydrant on Londonderry Lane was removed. Not only was it not functioning, but no one was taking on the responsibility for it, so the builder acquired permission from the Planning and Engineering Department, as well as the Bureau of Fire Prevention to remove it. A request has been made by the Fire District for a copy of that letter. Mrs. Schirmer will send it to Mr. Leverich.

Old Tomahawk Street – About two weeks ago, there was an issue with not being able to get the ladder truck on Old Tomahawk Street due to the excessive amount of cars parked on both sides of the street by the Penny Lane Dance Academy. A memo will be sent to the Police Chief regarding this issue.

Primrose Elementary School – Two calls have been responded to at the Primrose Elementary School. Mr. Premuroso has been asked to follow up to be sure that the problem has been rectified and the system is in working order.

64 Watergate Drive – The Fire Department responded to two calls at 64 Watergate Drive last night. The owner did not have a Fire Alarm Permit on file. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

44 Londonderry Lane – A call was responded to at 44 Londonderry Lane. The oil burner malfunctioned.

Independence Day Celebration – There were several people, including children at the site of where the fireworks were being launched at the Independence Day Celebration on June 30 in Reis Park. In the future, Mr. Premuroso will inform the company that any guests that the fireworks company has watching the fireworks have to sit in the park to do so, not the site of the launching.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chiefs Russell and Vigliotti had nothing to report this month.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Most of Fire Inspector Premuroso's report was covered under Old Business.

Solar Panels – Mr. Premuroso wanted the Fire Department to know that solar panels are being installed on the roof of Somers Commons located at 80 Route 6. He has learned that once they are installed, they stay energized unless they are covered or there is no sun light. This would be important to remember if ever responding to a call in that area.

OLD BUSINESS

The Green at Somers – Last month, the Bureau sent a letter requesting a meeting to discuss The Green at Somers. A letter was received back and plans will be made to meet on September 10 at 5:15 p.m. in the Building Department.

2 Verona Court – The system at 2 Verona Court has been serviced and is in working order. At the request of Mr. Premuroso, the homeowner was asked to keep a copy of the work order on file, just in case the alarm goes off again due to a malfunction.

289 Route 100 – There was an appliance malfunction at Seasons restaurant located at 289 Route 100. It was determined that the fryer had a damaged valve stem.

4 Fieldstone Drive – On two different occasions, calls were responded to at 4 Fieldstone Drive. The 911 Dispatch Office said they did not have a fire alarm permit on file, but the homeowner claimed they did have one. Mrs. Schirmer followed up and it was determined that there are two names on the permit and it was not filed

alphabetically. This situation has been resolved.

6 Manor Lane – The alarm malfunctioned twice at 6 Manor Lane. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

Directional Signs – Mr. Russell has prepared 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. They will be mapped out with the help of Principal Engineering Technician Steve Woelfle and sent with a memo to the Town Board.

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. Principal Engineering Technician Steve Woelfle is working designating those areas on a map of the development has been secured. Upon completion, the map will be sent to the Town Board with the a memo.

80 Route 6 - Somers Commons (Stop and Shop) – No parking or standing signs are needed in the fire lanes of the parking lot of the Somers Commons located at 80 Route 6, especially in front of Stop and Shop. Mr. Premuroso has obtained a copy of the site map and will work on this.

24 – 26 Clayton Boulevard (The Mews at Baldwin Place) – All but one of the keys has been put in the knox box. The Fire Department 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. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

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

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. It has been determined that NYC uses an Otis 1520 key. A memo was sent to the Town Board. Mrs. Schirmer received a follow up email requesting the location and number of elevators, as well as the procedure to institute the new system. Mr. Citarella and Mr. Leverich provided the location and number of elevators and Mrs. Schirmer will follow up on the procedure.

42 Mekeel Street – The homeowners did appear in Town court for not having a Fire Alarm Permit on file. They reported that their system has been disconnected and they paid the appropriate fine.

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 has been prepared and will be issued for a court date in July or August.

15 Mancini Drive – The Fire Department reported to an automatic fire alarm in February. It was reported that a Fire Alarm Permit was not on file. Three letters have been sent to the homeowner with no response. A final letter will be prepared.

The meeting was adjourned. The August meeting will be held on Monday, the 13th 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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