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MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2016

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Robert Russell and Al Vigliotti, and Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Towne Centre at Somers Renovation – Rogerio Franco of Franco Designs, Robert Aiello and Craig Von Ohlsen of JMC, as well as Andy Albrecht and Robert Weeks of Urstadt Biddle Properties, Inc. presented a renovation proposal for the Towne Centre at Somers located at 325 Route 100. Plans for the breezeway area were reviewed and discussed. Nine parking spaces will be added. The Bureau had no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

Somers Crossing – The Bureau received the site plan for Somers Crossing and would like to meet with a representative of Bibbo Associates, LLP. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

Tamarack and Vine Subdivision – At our March 9, 2016 meeting the site plan for the Tamarack and Vine Subdivision was reviewed and discussed. A memo was already sent to the Planning and Engineering Department. There are no further comments.

Best Plumbing Supply, Inc. – The Bureau reviewed the request from Best Plumbing Supply, Inc. to modify restrictions on their Special Exception Use Permit. There were

no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

Greenbriar-Somers Corp. – A preliminary subdivision was received for Greenbriar-Somers Corp. There were no objections by the Bureau. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich was not present.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported that a resident in Lincolndale who gets their mail delivered to their house has been having numerous problems as someone in Mahopac has the same exact address. Supervisor Morrissey has been in touch with the White Plains Postmaster in an effort to resolve this issue. He has solicited Deputy Chief Russell's assistance.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti did not have a report this evening.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Bonfire at Somers High School – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso received a Bonfire Permit application from the Somers High School for their annual bonfire on September 18. The application will be reviewed with Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich.

Mexican Shack – On July 21, the Fire Department responded to a call at Mexican Shack. There was an electric motor burning up on the polishing machine in the basement. Fire Chief Leverich requested that Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso follow up. The grinding wheel on the machine overheated. Use will be discontinued until it is repaired or replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

Somers Pub – A couple of months ago, former Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers reported a concern about the walk in cooler behind the Somers Pub. The gas regulator has to be 5' in either direction from the source of ignition. In addition, the shrubs between the air conditioner compressor and the building wall have to be removed. This situation has been corrected.

The Willows – The hydrants in The Willows had been out of service. They are now functioning and have been tested. The plumbing for the fire pump had to be reworked to be able handle the pressure it produced. This situation has been resolved and the fire pump tested. Repair of the levy that was breached in the pond is still a work in progress by the HOA of The Willows and Steven Woelfle, Town of Somers Principal Engineering Technician.

AvalonBay Somers – Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Leverich, Bureau Deputy Chiefs Russell and Vigliotti, as well as Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will meet with the AvalonBay Somers construction team on August 18.

Top Asian – Another violation will be issued to the Top Asian restaurant because their hood exhaust system has an unsafe buildup of grease on the roof.

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 was sent to the owner on May 17, they called Bureau Chief Citarella indicating that they were going to try to locate the original engineer to get a load rating for the bridge, and if they were not successful they would secure another engineer. As there were no additional communications, a second letter was sent on July 27 indicating that effective immediately, the Somers Volunteer Fire Department will not allow any of their emergency vehicles, including an ambulance to cross the bridge until an engineer's report is completed and the load rating of the bridge determined.

Shared Driveways – Deputy Chief Russell prepared an extensive report that he presented to the Town Board on May 5 and the Planning Board on June 22 proposing that moving forward any road servicing three or more houses should be named a private road for easily identifiable emergency vehicle access. A Resolution of Support was issued by the Town Board and the Planning Board gave their support as well in a memo dated June 27, 2016.

Imperial Wok – A call was responded to by the Fire Department at Imperial Wok a couple of months ago. They were running new plumbing without appropriate permits. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

Somers Manor Nursing Home – There have been numerous calls responded to by the Fire Department in the ahlzheimer'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.

Post Office Inspections – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso has made arrangements to conduct routine fire inspections at both the Lincolnale and Somers Post Offices.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 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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Principal Engineering Technician
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