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MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2013

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief 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 12, 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:

14 Hunter Lane – There was a deck fire at 14 Hunter Lane. The grill was left on and caught the deck railing on fire.

19 Fieldstone Lane – The fire alarm at 19 Fieldstone Lane went off twice and there was not a Fire Alarm Permit on file. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

Knox Box Keys – Mr. Premuroso is assisting with obtaining miss keys in the shopping center knox boxes.

Lincoln Hall – The head in the parlor of the Pine Cottage has been having issues. When the alarm company is putting the call out, they are not indicating the building, which is posing a problem as there are 26 buildings with fire alarms in them on the campus.

Urstadt Biddle – Mr. Leverich would like Mr. Premuroso to send a letter to Urstadt Biddle requesting that they send a letter to their tenants reminding them that if they have a fire alarm system, when the alarm sounds, they must immediately evacuate, wait for the Fire Department to come regardless of the situation and to never touch the Fire Alarm panel. He will do so.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chief Vigliotti asked if Police Chief Driscoll might be able to attend the September 11 meeting to train the Deputies in writing tickets. Mr. Citarella will contact him.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Somers Schools – At the request of the 911 Dispatch Office, Mrs. Schirmer will contact the school district to have a Fire Alarm Permit completed on each school with an accurate call list attached. Recently a call came in for Somers High School and no one was able to be reached. The fee for these permits will be waived.

Somers High School Bonfire Permit Request – A Bonfire Permit Application was processed for the Somers High School Homecoming Football Game in September. Mr. Premuroso has to contact NYS DEC about their requirements before he can process the permit.

Truss Signs – Truss signs have been posted in all buildings in Bailey Court with the exception of the original Bailey House. They have also been erected at the Somers Mobil Mart.

Miscellaneous Signs – Electric panel signs have been posted in various commercial buildings around town. Propone signs will be ordered and erected where necessary as well. An oxygen sign is required in the sleep disorder clinic in Bailey Court, as well as in the Mexican Shack. They will also need an acetylene sign.

OLD BUSINESS

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 is waiting for a deposition from Somers Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief Jody Leverich so he can issue a notice of violation for parking and site plan misuse.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Budget – The proposed budget is due to the Supervisor by August 23. It includes Mr. Premuroso and Mrs. Schirmer's salaries as well as contractual. A request for an increase in contractual will be made for this year to cover items that were over budgeted this year.

The meeting was adjourned. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 11th at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk
Planning Board
Principal Engineering Technician
Somers Fire District