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MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2016

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Robert Russell and Al Vigliotti, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso and Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Somers Crossing – The Bureau reviewed the site plan for Somers Crossing with the developer Gus Boniello and Tim Allen of Bibbo Associates, LLP. All were very pleased with what was presented and had no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

The Crossroads at Baldwin Place – Rich Williams of Insite Engineering met with the Bureau to review and discuss the site plan for The Crossroads at Baldwin Place, as well as items that will be part of the Building Permit review process. There were no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department.

Frank and Rosemarie DiSiena – The Bureau reviewed the preliminary subdivision for Frank and Rosemarie DiSiena. Both proposed driveways must be paved, 12 feet wide with a one foot clear shoulder on either side. If constructing stone pillars at the entrance, they must be at least 20 feet wide. The Bureau would also like to review the proposed names for the roadway. The suggestion is that the road name end in “Commons” as a way to identify it as a road with common driveways. A memo will be

sent to Planning and Engineering.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich reported on the following:

Lincoln Hall – The fire alarm was activated in the Linden Cottage in Lincoln Hall as a result of a resident pulling a pull station. The alarm did not transmit due to a bad telephone line, which has since been fixed. There was also an issue with a dirty head that the security company repaired.

IBM – There was an elevator call at IBM. Not only was the key in the Knox box unable to operate the elevator, but the card in the Knox box didn't work either. Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso will follow up.

Heritage Hills Attic Access – Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Leverich was unhappy with the State's fire inspector's decision to allow a fire rated door that automatically closes in the units at Heritage Hills. In most instances, access to these areas is illegal. Many are now using those areas for storage, which poses to be dangerous for the fire fighters.

Stop & Shop – Some renovations are taking place outside of Stop & Shop in the Somers Commons and Fire Chief Leverich asked if Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso would remind them that the exterior of the building must be clear so that emergency apparatus could access the building.

68 Krystal Drive – There was an incident at 68 Krystal Drive in July. Gasoline was doused around the main floor of the dwelling. The residents were instructed to evacuate until a professional cleaning service was contracted to clean the floor. In addition, the electric and gas was shut off. To date, the floors have not been cleaned.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Shared Driveways – After receiving full support from both the Town and Planning Boards that any road servicing three or more houses should be named a private road for easily identifiable emergency vehicle access, Deputy Chief Russell suggested that these road names end in "Commons" as a way to identify it as a road with common driveways.

Mailing Addresses – Deputy Chief Russell has been in communications with Town Supervisor Morrissey regarding an issue that someone who is living in Lincoln Dale is having with their home mail delivery. Their mailing address is 4 Daisy Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541, which is getting confused with a resident in Mahopac who has the same mailing address. Supervisor Morrissey has been in contact with both the US Postal Office Address Administration and Westchester County 911 System in an effort to resolve this issue. A proposal has been prepared and he is asking for input from the

Fire and Police Departments as well. The proposal reads that moving forward, for those wishing to do so, permission will be granted to change their home mail delivery address for a more effective and efficient process. Using the above example, the address would be changed to 4 Daisy Drive, Somers, NY 10541. This will alert the Mahopac Post Office that the home address is in the Lincolndale section of Somers by using the Mahopac Post Office zip code of 10541. Selecting this option will not in any way affect the Westchester County 911 System, nor a timely response to one's home in an emergency.

45 Minute Fire Break – The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code has reduced the fire break limitations. It was 45 minutes. At their September 8, 2016 meeting, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing for October 13, 2016 to amend Chapter 74 entitled “Building Construction” of the Code of the Town of Somers to retain a 45 minute fire break. The Bureau will send a memo in favor of doing so.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti did not have a report this evening.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Top Asian – Another violation was issued to the Top Asian restaurant because their hood exhaust system has an unsafe buildup of grease on the roof. The issue was supposed to be resolved by today and it wasn't. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will follow up. In addition, Urstadt Biddle has been asked to label all exhaust fans.

2 Old Tomahawk Street – Keller Williams Realty had a situation with their alarm and they didn't vacate. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso did a site visit today to speak with them and also received confirmation from Somers Security that the bad head was repaired.

Fire Prevention Week – October 9 to 15 is Fire Prevention Week. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso has reached out to the Primrose School folks about doing a program with the Kindergarten through 2nd graders. He would also like to show a DVD to the 3rd through 5th graders in the Somers Intermediate School.

OLD BUSINESS

The Willows – 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. In addition, Fire Chief Leverich sent a letter to Mr. Woelfle requesting that the levy be repaired immediately.

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 requesting that they locate the original engineer to get a load rating for the

bridge. That was done, a report submitted and a copy given to the Fire Chief.

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. A permit has been secured and a final inspection completed.

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. Fire 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. In the meantime, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso met with Steve Slater of the Somers Manor Nursing Home. They would like to disguise the ahlzheimer's unit doorway to resemble a book case so they can keep the doors unlocked. The general consensus was that no one was in favor of that idea.

Somers Pointe Country Club/Pinnacle Restaurant – Fire Chief Leverich asked if the Somers Pointe Country Club/Pinnacle Restaurant can be instructed to add a small heater in their sprinkler control room at the back of the restaurant. Mr. Premuroso followed up and they said they would be willing to do so.

Anglebrook Golf Club – At the end of the golf season, the Anglebrook Golf Club will be demolishing an old vacant house on the property. Fire Chief Leverich inquired as to whether or not the firefighters could use the house for training purposes before doing so. Bureau Chief Citarella will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12 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
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Principal Engineering Technician
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