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CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2019

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Ex-Chief Jody Leverich, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, Chief Fire Inspector William Premuroso, and Deputy Chief Robert Russell.

Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

63 Route 6 – Coral Seafood Restaurant – The Bureau reviewed and discussed a site plan for Coral Seafood Restaurant located at 63 Route 6. They would like the asphalt drive between the existing concrete walkway at the street and the building front walkway for the entire length of the existing concrete walkway at the street designated as “fire lane no parking or standing”; a Knox box installed; and two bollards placed at the east elevation exit of the building. A copy of the site plan with the aforementioned marked will be attached to a memo sent to Planning and Engineering.

Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District – A review and discussion of a site plan submitted for the extension of the Heritage Hills Sewer District took place. The Bureau would like to know the location of the generator, its approximate dimensions, and make as well as model if applicable. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

Paramount at Somers – After numerous attempts since August 21, 2017, architect plans and a scope of work for interior work that was done at Paramount at Somers (three offices were built and a dining room was turned into a rehab area) to determine whether or not Building Permits and/or electrical inspections were needed were not secured. A Notice of Violation was issued with a compliance date of November 27, 2018. Bureau Chief Tooma had called the administrator and sent an email with no response. A Court Appearance Ticket has been issued.

Portable Generators in Heritage Hills – Building Inspector Tooma had a conversation with one of the Heritage Hills Condo Presidents about allowing portable gasoline generators. Although a permit is not required, an electrical inspection has to be done for the installation of a transfer switch. Deputy Chief Russell suggested that portable propane generators be used instead. He drafted a letter which was shared, as well as discussed last month. It was also sent to the Town Supervisor for his review and comment.

247 Route 100 – Deputy Chief Russell spoke with the manager of 247 Route 100. In the spring they will install gray x pavers, move the conex boxes and test the 10,000 gallon well to be sure it is functioning. 1st Assistant Chief Mackey checked the access to their dry hydrant. It is about 10' off the road and since the hose lengths are 10' he doesn't think the pavers are necessary. A discussion ensued and Deputy Chief Russell reminded everyone that the installation of pavers was a requirement of the original site plan. All agreed that moving forward, pavers should be required for these types of projects. Deputy Chief Russell will follow up over the next month to see that all was completed.

Testing of Pressure Reducing Valves in Heritage Hills – As of today, all nine pressure reducing valves in Heritage Hills have been tested. Flushing of the hydrants will take place in the spring.

Open Burns Guidelines – 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey continued to research the current fire codes regarding open burns and drafted a document that he would like feedback on so it can be distributed to the members of the Fire Department. All were given a copy of the draft.

Driveway Gates Discussion – Bureau Chief Tooma would like to draft a local law to address driveway gate requirements. Information was received from Bedford, Lewisboro, New Castle, North Castle and North Salem as to their policies. There was no response from Yorktown.

3 Greenlawn Road – Last month, an automatic alarm was responded to at 3 Greenlawn Road and the Code Enforcement Officer sent a letter requesting that he be contacted with regard to the situation. Assistant Building Inspector Dennis Drogan met with the caretaker earlier today and reported the following: the baseboard heater broke

and damaged the hardwood floors in the master bedroom; and insulation as well as drywall in the garage. He will discuss the situation further with the Building Inspector to determine if any Building Permits are required to make the repairs.

15 Annarock Drive – Last month, the daughter of the owners of 15 Annarock Drive came to check on her parent’s house and found it to be flooded as a result of a broken pipe. The Code Enforcement Officer sent a letter requesting that he be contacted to discuss the issue further and there has not been a response.

White Plains Hospital – The plans submitted to secure a Building Permit for White Plains Hospital who is taking over where the M&T Bank and GNC were at 325 Route 100 were reviewed and discussed. All agreed that it might make sense to have a parking spot dedicated for ambulances in the back of the building. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey conducted a site visit. A discussion ensued. The Bureau would like a curb cut and a ramp constructed at the back of the building. In addition, they would like signage installed indicating “no parking at any time” to accommodate the need for ambulance access. Mr. Tooma will speak to the applicant and consult the Town’s Planning Department regarding this request.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF’S REPORT

1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey reported on the following:

545B Heritage Hills – There was a dryer fire at 545B Heritage Hills.

11 Cobbling Rock Drive – A steam leak occurred at 11 Cobbling Rock Drive.

188 Mahopac Avenue – There was a chimney fire at 188 Mahopac Avenue. The owner had a chimney company look at the damage and the chimney, needs to be replaced.

31 Cortlandt Manor Road – A problem with a kitchen oven caused a fire at 31 Cortlandt Manor Road.

DEPUTY CHIEF’S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell did not have anything to report this evening and Deputy Chief Vigliotti was absent.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported the following:

There is a temporary propane tank at the Heritage Hills Sewer Plant and temporary traffic bollards will be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Artis Senior Living – Recent plans of Artis Senior Living to be constructed at 51 Clayton Boulevard were reviewed and discussed. The Bureau would like an updated

site plan reflecting the items discussed at the March 14, 2018 Bureau meeting. Mrs. Schirmer will reach out with the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th 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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