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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2019

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, Deputy Chief Robert Russell, and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti as well as Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Artis Senior Living – Rich Williams of Insite Engineering met with the Bureau to discuss a revised fire access road off Mahopac Avenue for the proposed Artis Senior Living project on Route 6. The first 3' will be flared and paved. A Knox pad lock will be placed on the tubular barrier double gate. A question came up as to who is responsible for supplying the pad lock. The owner is. Bureau Chief Tooma suggests possibly seeking a grant to purchase pad locks for future needs and to retrofit those existing. The changes are reflected on the site plan and an updated version will be submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – As soon as the documents in the two conex boxes are shredded, they will be removed from the property and the gray x pavers will be installed. Deputy Chief Russell will follow up. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey conducted a site visit and confirmed that the roadway to the cell tower is accessible. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will visit again to be sure that the wood pallets and miscellaneous gym equipment were disposed of. The situation with the expired fire extinguishers and exit

lights have been taken care of.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – The flushing of the hydrants in Heritage Hills and the painting of the bonnets of the hydrants controlled by the pressure reducing valves is still a work in progress.

Driveway Gates Discussion – The Bureau updated a draft of a local law to address driveway gate requirements. It was sent to the Town Board on July 3rd along with the original memo and gate information from neighboring Towns.

White Plains Hospital – After a review of plans submitted for the White Plains Hospital who is moving into the space where the M&T Bank and GNC were at 325 Route 100, all agreed that it might make sense to have a parking spot dedicated for ambulances in the back of the building. Bureau Chief Tooma met with Urstadt Biddle's Greg Bedell to discuss this further and he said it could be addressed as part of the next site plan approval with the Planning Board. The Bureau does not want to wait so Mr. Tooma will revisit with a Bureau member to implement a plan.

186 Route 202 – The chimney from a pellet stove set the deck on fire at 186 Route 202. On April 26th, the owner met with the Building Inspector about securing a Building Permit for the pellet stove. He was waiting for venting information so that a permit could be issued which to date has not yet been received. A follow up letter will be sent.

Road Signs – Approximately 42 road signs have been posted in the section of Heritage Hills serviced by natural gas. Evidently this was done by Heritage Hills, not Con Edison as originally thought. They were also not part of the original site plan. They have caused much confusion because those roads are not in the 911 and Town's systems. There is concern that they could cause a dangerous situation if a 911 call was not reported properly and some of the road names are similar to those in other parts of Town. A letter will be drafted addressing these concerns.

4 Orchard Hill Road – Bureau Chief Tooma had alerted the members to a very narrow entry between two stone pillars accessing 4 Orchard Hill Road that leads to the main house with an accessory apartment beyond it that cannot be seen from that dwelling. A note will be put in the CAD system regarding this issue.

Heritage Hills Traffic Calming Devices on the East Hill – Traffic calming devices have been installed on the East Hill in Heritage Hills, which as it turns out the Somers Volunteer Fire Chief Paul Jockimo was aware of and found to be minimally intrusive.

Meeting Day Change – A memo has been sent to the Town Board requesting that the Bureau change their meeting night from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd and to also have the opportunity to set the meeting days as well as times at their yearly organizational meeting in January.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey reported on the following:

An open burn was responded to on June 26th at the intersection of Route 202 and Anasville Road.

There was a truck fire at 3 Lake Drive.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

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

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

St. Luke's Church – As reported by 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey, the Fire Department responded to an alarm at St. Luke's Church on June 30th. Upon arrival the building had not yet been evacuated, the alarm had been silenced and there was question as to whether or not there were more people than permitted present. Fire Chief Inspector Premuroso contacted the pastor to discuss the situation further and all has been resolved.

New Businesses – There are a few new businesses coming into Town, RJ's Little Treasures on Route 118; the Chicken Coop restaurant in Somers Commons; and a new dance studio at 2 Old Tomahawk Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Cobbling Rock Estates Subdivision – The Bureau is in receipt of the preliminary subdivision for Cobbling Rock Estates Subdivision dated July 15th. They would like assurance that the lollipop turn arounds can accommodate a tower ladder fire truck. In addition, one community well would offer better fire suppression options instead of nine individual wells. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

The New Private School in Somers – A brief initial review took place of the information received on July 2nd from the Town Planner for The New Private School in Somers located at 294 Route 100. The Bureau would like the applicant to provide their emergency services plan for the project. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21st 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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