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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2019

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Deputy Chief Robert Russell, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey.

Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Somers Manor Nursing Home (The Paramount at Somers) – The Bureau reviewed and discussed a site plan for the Somers Manor Nursing Home (The Paramount at Somers) to construct a weather tight main entry vestibule below an existing canopy. The new canopy will extend from the building entry to the vehicle drop off area. The sidewalk/patio area will be upgraded, and the area below and adjoining the new canopy will be landscaped.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – The documents in the two conex boxes still have to be shredded, and as soon as that is done, they will be removed from the property so that the gray x pavers will be installed. Deputy Chief Russell will follow up. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported that the wood pallets have not been removed and more have appeared. Deputy Chief Russell will conduct a site inspection and issue a Violation

Warning.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – The flushing of the hydrants in Heritage Hills has started. In October the bonnets of the hydrants controlled by the pressure reducing valves will be painted. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will request a report next month.

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 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey to implement a plan.

Road Signs – Chief Mackey was able to secure a list of the road signs posted in the section of Heritage Hills serviced by natural gas along with a map indicating their location. They are 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. Some of these road signs are not only similar, but also resemble others in Town. All agreed the safest resolve to this situation is that the road signs be removed.

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. A Public Hearing took place on September 12th and the change was adopted.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey reported on the following:

The Fire Department responded to a call at 24 Annarock Drive due to electric issues caused by a tree that fell down.

Chief Mackey received numerous complaints regarding overcrowding in the Somers High School Cafeteria. New this year is one lunch period for all students. The State Education Department has gotten involved and they are working on resolving the issues. Chief Mackey will stop by on Friday.

Gas powered saws were being used at the new location of Raymond Opticians in the Towne Centre at Somers which caused the building to fill up with carbon monoxide. Two people needed medical attention.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Bureau Chief Tooma reported on the following:

South Lane – There is some concern that emergency personnel may not be able to easily locate a dwelling on South Lane as it splits at one point. Mrs. Schirmer will speak to Steve Woelfle about getting a map of the road and a recommendation will be made as to the location of a directional signal to the Town Board.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Old Farm Court – Deputy Chief Russell was recently in the area of Old Farm Court and noticed that none of the houses on the road had house numbers. Letters will be sent to all.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Green Briar Clubhouse – There continue to be issues with the alarm system in the Green Briar Clubhouse. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will follow up with Heritage Management.

Burke Rehabilitation – Burke Rehabilitation had trouble resetting their alarm due to work going on at a neighboring location.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16th 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
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Planning Board
Principal Engineering Technician
Somers Fire District