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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2020

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Captain Greg Lucia, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, and Bureau Chief Tom Tooma.

Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – A conex box still remains on the property which is preventing gray x pavers to be installed as indicated on the approved site plan. In addition, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported that the wood pallets have not been removed and more have appeared. There is also some other debris collecting. Mr. Russell is working on creating a list of issues so that a Violation Warning can be sent.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – Although the flushing of the hydrants is an ongoing work in progress, there are some concerns about the maintenance of the hydrants, particularly with the caps seizing up. Mr. Premuroso will make arrangements for a meeting that Mr. Lucia and Mr. Mackey would like to be included in as well. The bonnets of the hydrants controlled by the pressure reducing valves have been painted.

Driveway Gates – The Town is still awaiting the legislation to be sent down from the State regarding driveway gate requirements that were approved by the Town Board as a result of a Public Hearing held on December 12th.

South Lane – On November 21, 2019, a memo was sent to the Town Board requesting the installation of a directional sign on South Lane as 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. This item was on the December 5, 2019 Work Session agenda. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up and if necessary, another memo will be sent.

Artis Senior Living – On Friday, January 17th, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jockimo and Mr. Tooma will meet with the folks from Artis Senior Living located at 51 Route 6 to review the emergency access plan while the site is under construction.

Anglebrook Golf Club – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso spoke with the owner of Anglebrook Golf Club with regard to a call that the Fire Department responded to there. The gas valve on the kitchen stove was stuck in open position. The gas has been turned off and when they reopen for the season, the system will be checked and maintained. Depending on the issue, they may need to secure a Plumbing Permit for this work.

Kennedy Catholic High School – Mr. Premuroso will organize a meeting with Tom Foltin, the Safety Director at Kennedy Catholic High School to discuss an issue that happened in the fall when EMS responders were not able to get near the football field as parked vehicles were in the way. Mr. Lucia and Mr. Mackey would like to attend the meeting as well.

DeCicco & Sons – Mr. Russell remembered that when the Bureau reviewed the plans for DeCicco & Sons, the new traffic pattern wasn't allowing for a left-hand turn onto Route 202, but one can still do so. Mrs. Schirmer received confirmation from the Town Planner that the State wasn't in favor of that change, therefore it wasn't implemented.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

1st Assistant Chief Mackey reported on the following:

On December 30th, there was a storm resulting in lightning strikes at 8 Chalmers Boulevard and 17 Lake Shore Drive South. Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello conducted site inspections and spoke with both owners. There was electrical damage at 8 Chalmers Boulevard, which an electrician is rectifying, and at 17 Lake Shore Drive South an electrician had to follow up, and there was no damage.

The Fire Department responded to a dryer fire at 3 Londonderry Lane and a chimney fire at 65 Route 139. Confirmation as to whether or not a wood stove permit exists for 65 Route 139 will be determined.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Bureau Chief Tooma had no report this evening.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Young Road – There are some houses at the end of Young Road that have a shared driveway, which may require the request of a directional sign in case of an emergency. Mr. Russell will research further and report back.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti was not present.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso wanted everyone to be aware of new businesses that have opened up at 80 Route 6 – Chicken Coop, and 325 Route 100 – Oscar's II. By the end of February, Moriarty Physical Therapy will be occupying space at 250 Mahopac Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Somers Academy – A special Town Board meeting was held on January 14th regarding the Somers Academy at the old IBM site. The Somers Volunteer Fire Department had distributed a report outlining their concerns, with the main one being the increase in fire and EMS calls. Mr. Mackey spoke and reminded all that both the Fire Department and the Bureau of Fire Prevention need to be involved at the appropriate juncture in the process. The Town Board did adopt the report presented as an appendix to the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19th 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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