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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Captain Greg Lucia, 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 January 15, 2020 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Cobbling Rock Estates – The updated preliminary site plan for Cobbling Rock Estates was reviewed and discussed. The Bureau has still not received confirmation from the last correspondence sent that the cul-de-sacs have a minimum diameter of 96' to be compliant with the 2015 International Fire Code Appendix D. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – There have been ongoing property maintenance issues at 247 Route 100, as well as site plan amendment concerns. Mr. Russell will make arrangements for him and Mr. Premuroso to meet with the manager Greg Bidwell.

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.

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 February 10th, Supervisor Morrissey asked Highway Superintendent DeVito to install 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.

Kennedy Catholic High School – A meeting took place between Mr. Premuroso, Mr. Mackey, and Tom Foltin, the Safety Director at Kennedy Catholic High School, as well as another representative from the 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. They have agreed to keep the pathways clear; to stop the game if there is an incident and to make sure that someone at the site always has a key to the gate to allow the EMS responders to have access.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Captain Lucia reported on the following:

A call was responded to at 131 Route 139 for a fire in an improperly installed wood burning stove. The stove is not currently being used and Mr. Tooma has been in touch with the homeowner, who will be securing a building permit for the stove.

There were oil burner malfunctions at 22 Annarock Drive and 12 Wellington Lane.

A small kitchen fire with no structural damage happened at 329A Heritage Hills.

Open burns were responded to at Old Tomahawk Street and Anita Drive, as well as Deans Bridge Road and Bonny Drive.

There was a structure fire at 3 Elide Road as a result of construction being done on the chimney while a fire was burning. Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello will follow up.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

There were two incidents with lighting at CVS. Mr. Tooma requested that CVS have a Westchester County licensed electrician evaluate all the lighting in an effort to prevent future occurrences. They had an electrician do this, but an issue was discovered. Corrections were made and a work order has been submitted to replace components on much of the ceiling lighting.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

The owners of 291 Route 100 have placed orange cones along the road in the front of their store to prevent vehicles from parking in that area. Mr. Russell questioned whether that area is designated as no parking or should be. He will pull their file to see what he can determine.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti was not present.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

A Notice of Violation is being issued to the owners of 154 Route 202 as a result of housekeeping issues.

Bobo's Café at 249 Route 202 is expanding into the two stores next door. Bobo's Café at 57 Route 6 and Margaret's Grooming at 2 Old Tomahawk Street will be opening soon. Fairway Independent Mortgage Company will be opening at 137 Mahopac Avenue and Audiology Association of Westchester at 325 Route 100.

NEW BUSINESS

Organizational Meeting – All agreed to continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday monthly at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18th 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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