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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2021

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Greg Lucia, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jon Mackey, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Driveway Gates – The Town Clerk continues to work with the State about the driveway gate requirements legislation that was approved by the Town Board, but has still not been added to the e-code.

Named Roads in Heritage Hills – There are named roads in Heritage Hills that residents are using as their address when calling 911 which is leading to much confusion as those roads are not in the 911 cad system and were never approved by the Town. Another incidence occurred again just recently. Mr. Tooma will follow up with Supervisor Morrissey.

Crossroads at Baldwin Place – Mr. Tooma spoke with a representative of the owner of Crossroads at Baldwin Place about placing identification signs on the back doors of the retail spaces. There were no objections and the signs have been ordered. Mr. Russell conducted a site visit and the identification signs have still not been placed on the back doors of the retail spaces. Mr. Tooma will follow up.

Identification Memo – Mr. Russell drafted a memo to the Town Board with regard to adopting a policy that moving forward the back doors of retail spaces must be identified in case of the need for emergency access. The memo will be placed on letterhead and given to Mr. Tooma and Mr. Russell for one last review.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

The following was reported by Chief Mackey:

Chief Mackey reported that there have been ongoing problems with Heritage Hills Security. The residents are being told if their carbon monoxide or smoke detectors are going off, they are to call Heritage Hills Security and if they think the situation requires the Fire Department, they will call 911. Since Security doesn't have the equipment and training to determine if there is in fact a problem, they should not be making that decision. The residents should be told to call 911, then Security. If Security determines everything is okay, then they can call 911 back. In the near future, Chief Mackey will meet with the security folks in an effort to resolve this issue.

A call was responded to at 118 Pines Bridge Road on February 9th for a chimney fire. A burning piece of cardboard got caught in the chimney. In addition, the fire truck couldn't make it up the long driveway because it was snow covered. Mr. Tooma would like a letter sent to the owners requiring that the chimney be cleaned and inspected before it is used again.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Tooma had nothing new to report this evening.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell asked that someone from the Building Department conduct a site inspection at the Coral Seafood Restaurant to see if the as required bollards and knock box were erected. Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello will be asked to do so.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present at the meeting however he will be asked for an update on the following:

2 Old Tomahawk Road – separate fire alarms in each building
Heritage Hills Hydrant Flushing – update on flushing the hydrants
Artis Senior Living – inspection of fire alarm system

NEW BUSINESS

Elevator Keys – It was confirmed for Fire Chief Mackey that the required elevator keys, as indicated in the Code are a Yale 2642 or Otis 1520. He will let the folks at Artis Senior Living know.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk
Planning Board
Principal Engineering Technician
Somers Fire District